



Simply One of the Best

The University of Alabama College of Communication and Information Sciences – with more than 13,000 graduates, 2,000 majors, top facilities, distinguished faculty (many with national and international reputations) and comprehensive programs – is simply one of the best of its kind in the nation.

- CIS is frequently listed as top 10 in program quality and research, with endowments among the largest in communication schools.
- CIS mass communication programs are accredited by the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications. Recent reviews describe the College as tier-one in every respect. The School of Library and Information Studies houses Alabama's only library education program accredited by the American Library Association.
- A comprehensive study published by *The Media Studies Journal* ranked the College in the top 20 among more than 450 mass communication programs. *U.S. News and World Report* ranked two of our graduate programs in the top 15.
- In a 10-year study, the Association for Communication Administration ranked CIS research production sixth in the nation. A *Journalism Quarterly* study put us in the top 10 over a 10-year period.
- The forensic program continues its record as one of the leading championship programs in the country. In 2009, communication studies faculty taught a record number of undergraduate and MA students, while publishing two books and more than 19 research essays/book chapters in distinguished outlets such as the *Quarterly Journal of Speech* and the *Journal of Health Communication*.
- Students in the Department of Journalism routinely place in regional and national student competitions. Journalism students have won two national Hearst overall championships, in addition to scores of collegiate media awards. Graduates hold top positions in local, regional and national media organizations.
- Telecommunication and film's broadcast news teams consistently win professional Associated Press awards, beating out professionals while they are still students.
- PRWeek recently named the public relations program one of the top three in the nation. The student advertising team placed second in the American Advertising Federation National Student Advertising Competition.
- The School of Library and Information Studies is ranked 22nd in the current *U.S. News and World Report* graduate program rankings, advancing eight places from 30th just two years ago. With a record number of graduate students, a world class faculty and staff and exceptional and generous alumni, the School is fast becoming a library school of choice not just in Alabama but nationally and beyond.
- WVUA-TV is one of only a few commercial television stations in the nation owned by an academic unit. It leads the state in winning news awards in its market category, many of which began as student assignments.
- CIS is home of the award-winning Center for Public Television & Radio. The Center produces programs for Alabama Public Television aired nationally by PBS. CPT&R has received four regional Emmys and scores of other awards.
- Half of Alabama's largest daily newspapers, dozens of its weeklies and TV and radio stations have University of Alabama graduates as owner, publisher, general manager or top editor. CIS alumni hold top positions at newspapers, magazines, in broadcasting, library and information centers, cable, online, public relations and advertising throughout the nation.
- Of the five University of Alabama alumni who have won Pulitzer Prizes, four studied in CIS programs — Hazel Brannon Smith, Nelle Harper Lee, Ron Casey and Howell Raines. Another Pulitzer Prize winner in the College is Rick Bragg, a professor in the journalism department.