WHY STUDY COMMUNICATION, MASS COMMUNICATION OR JOURNALISM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE?
Interested in how people use communication to shape the world in which we live? Want to document history as it happens or help communities and organizations communicate through technology and media? These are the kinds of things students in communication and journalism do. This department offers opportunities to speak, argue, write, perform, document, narrate and visualize. Students learn about responsibilities, consequences and power dynamics involved in the way societies and cultures communicate.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A DEGREE IN COMMUNICATION, MASS COMMUNICATION OR JOURNALISM?
Graduates work in all forms of organizations — public, private and academic — because communication is a fundamental part of human activity. Recent graduates have taken positions with sports teams, news agencies, businesses, banks, medical centers and nonprofits. Some graduates work in more traditional human resource or public relations areas, while others are involved in event planning, fundraising, political organizing, community development and entrepreneurship. Other students continue their education at graduate school. Our alumni include a Pulitzer Prize winner, directors of human resources at major medical institutions, public school teachers, professors, university administrators, and nationally recognized journalists at NPR and Grantland.

OUR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM
The Department of Communication, which turns 100 in 2015, was one of the first of its kind in the country. Journalism began in 1948 and merged with communication in 1993. These programs are among the most popular on campus; the department is the second largest in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Part of that popularity is because these degree programs are flexible and pair well with many other minors and majors. Majors pursue secondary areas in art; business; English; environmental sciences; foreign languages; history; political science; professional writing; psychology; sociology; women’s, gender, and sexuality studies; and more. Communication is a fundamental part of human activity, and is relevant to any area of interest.

OUR GRADUATE PROGRAM
Founded in the 1940s, the graduate program in communication is one of the first in the nation. The program includes a master’s degree with tracks in communication and mass communication, and an interdisciplinary doctoral program with tracks in communication and mass communication. Master’s graduate students have gone on to careers in healthcare, politics, business and community organizations, or to pursue a doctorate. Doctoral students have accepted positions as faculty members at universities from North Carolina to Alaska.

OUR FACULTY
Communication and Journalism faculty members are nationally and internationally recognized scholars. Kristin Langellier and Eric Peterson are central, founding scholars in the study of personal narrative in communication studies. Media historian Michael Socolow is regularly quoted in national and international stories, most recently for collaborative research that debunked the myth of mass hysteria surrounding the Orson Welles 1938 radio broadcast of War of the Worlds. Laura Lindenfeld, a leader in environmental communication, researches university-
As a journalism student in this department I’m continually challenged to expand my knowledge. I receive instruction in areas that interest me and areas that are necessary for success in my future field of work. Journalism evolves with time, molding itself to fit our current cultural climate. In this department I have been shown how to combine the past, present, and future of this evolving field in order to remain relevant in the world of journalism.”

— Shelby Hartin, English and Journalism Major, Professional and Technical Writing Minor