



COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

POSITION: Adjunct Instructor, Communication and Media Studies

The Department of Communication and Media Studies seeks an individual who can teach one to two undergraduate courses on a part-time basis in the fall 2026 semester.

QUALIFICATIONS:

A Ph.D. from a Communication and/or Media-related program is preferred. At a minimum, this position requires a master's degree from a regionally accredited university with at least 18 graduate hours in Speech or Communication. Candidates should have a strong commitment to innovative teaching, a creative approach to pedagogical design and implementation, and a strong commitment to all aspects of diversity in our learning-centered community. Teaching experience, including teaching-assistant duties in graduate school, is strongly preferred. Applicants should also demonstrate excellence in teaching undergraduates in both general and specialized areas of communication, using a variety of effective teaching strategies. Applicants must already be authorized to work in the U.S.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

This position involves designing and teaching one or two face-to-face courses in mass media, communication ethics, intercultural communication, or other communication and/or media-related subjects in the candidate's specialty. Teaching assignments may include courses for the University's General Education Curriculum, including Writing Enhanced courses.

STIPEND:

Stipend is competitive and proportional to the number of classes taught.

STARTING DATE: August 10, 2026

APPLICATION:

Applicants must supply the following materials for initial consideration: 1) cover letter detailing how the applicant's education, professional accomplishments, and experiences meet the requirements of the position; 2) curriculum vitae; 3) an indication of the candidate's general availability, and 4) a recent representative syllabus and corresponding teaching evaluations, if available. In the cover letter, candidates are encouraged to highlight skills and experiences that demonstrate a commitment to social justice, diversity, and inclusion. As a part of the hiring process, the candidate should be prepared to provide (when requested) a transcript from the institution awarding the highest degree earned and names with contact information for two non-Stetson references, at least one of whom has done a recent teaching observation or can address the applicant's performance as a teacher.

All information may be submitted electronically to Dr. Jelena Petrovic, search committee chair, at communicationstudies@stetson.edu. While electronic submissions are preferred, alternatively application materials may be mailed to:

Dr. Jelena Petrovic, Search Committee Chair
Department of Communication and Media Studies
Stetson University
421 N. Woodland Blvd. Unit 8377
DeLand, FL 32723

Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. Candidates interested in being considered for multiple departmental openings are welcome to submit applications for each relevant position.

THE DEPARTMENT:

The Department of Communication and Media Studies (<https://www.stetson.edu/other/academics/undergraduate/communication-and-media-studies.php>) takes an interdisciplinary approach to undergraduate liberal arts education and communication research. We are a thriving department within the Humanities Division of the College of Arts and Sciences with approximately 90 majors and minors. Our students take courses in three disciplinary traditions and methodological approaches: qualitative communication theory and research, rhetorical theory and criticism, and media theory and analysis. Across all three program perspectives, our department's mission centers on challenging students to better understand culture, meaning, and symbolic activity—especially as they relate to democracy, citizenship, and equality within our global and digital age. Through the study of communication and media, we seek to prepare graduates who are adept at interpreting the world and ready to offer energetic and innovative leadership as citizens and in their professions. We offer a major and minor in Communication and Media Studies as well as an interdisciplinary minor in Journalism. Our focus is exclusively on undergraduate students who desire rigorous training in becoming creators and critics of communication in mediated, public, and relational contexts within the framework of a liberal arts education. Our students learn through dynamic, discussion-rich classes as well as through internships, field experiences, and a year-long Senior Project sequence.

THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES:

Stetson's College of Arts and Sciences (<https://www.stetson.edu/artsci/>) is the largest and most diverse of the University's colleges and schools; it includes the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, education, and creative arts. With nineteen academic departments and nine interdisciplinary programs, the College is the liberal arts core of the University. A great strength of the College is its faculty of approximately 140 full-time teacher-scholars. The College offers 31 undergraduate majors and 34 undergraduate minors; seven graduate degrees are offered in Education, Counselor Education, and Creative Writing. Every undergraduate major requires a senior research project, allowing students the opportunity to design and carry out independent research under faculty mentorship. Our academic programs are shaped by the values of social justice and civic responsibility. All of our courses and programs of study promote engaged learning, whereby students create connections between the classroom or lab and the local,

regional, and global community. The academic programs of the College of Arts and Sciences prepare students to live significant lives, to interact with and positively affect the world around them.

THE UNIVERSITY:

Founded in 1883, Stetson University (<http://www.stetson.edu>) is a private, selective university comprised of a rich array of liberal arts and professional academic programs. Collectively, Stetson's faculty works with nearly 3,700 students in undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs. The University's historic main campus, located in DeLand, enrolls approximately 2,400 students in undergraduate programs in the College of Arts and Sciences, the School of Business Administration, and the School of Music. Stetson University College of Law, Florida's first law school, moved from the main campus to Gulfport in 1945, and, with the addition of the Tampa Law Center, serves approximately 1,000 students working full-time or part-time toward J.D. or LL.M. degrees. Graduate programs based at the main campus in DeLand include Business, Accounting, Education, Counseling, and Creative Writing, with Educational Leadership cohorts also offered at the Gulfport campus. Florida's oldest private institution of higher learning, Stetson has regularly been ranked among the best regional universities in the Southeast and was the first private college in Florida to be granted a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. Stetson University provides an inspiring education that engages students with rigorous academic and creative study grounded in liberal learning and promotes civic values of personal and social responsibility. Working closely with faculty and with one another, students cultivate abilities to explore issues deeply, think critically, reason empirically, speak persuasively, and connect ideas creatively. Firmly committed to inclusive excellence, our vibrant community of teacher-scholars nurtures the potential of individual students to lead lives of significance and prepares each to meet the challenges of shaping the future—locally, nationally, and globally.

THE COMMUNITY:

DeLand is a picturesque residential community of 38,000 located 20 miles west of Daytona Beach and 35 miles northeast of Orlando. The area offers extensive cultural as well as recreational activities.

Stetson University is an Equal Opportunity Employer that affirms inclusive environments and engaging across differences as a core value of academic excellence at Stetson University. We are committed to achieving equal access in education, employment, and participation through the recruitment and retention of outstanding faculty, staff, and students from a tapestry of diverse backgrounds, and to meaningful academic and intellectual transformation in curriculum, research and service. We are dedicated to actions and policies that foster a community in which individuals with various identities, cultures, backgrounds, and viewpoints work together to create opportunities for engagement through rewarding and fulfilling careers and personal experiences in an increasingly diverse society and a globalized world. We encourage qualified candidates across all backgrounds and identities to apply for employment, including members of historically underrepresented groups. Stetson University is an EEO, ADA, ADEA, and GINA employer.