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Divison teaches life essentials

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Staff Reporter

Unlike one on a downtown island, everyone has to communicate with another individual at some point in life.

The University's language and literature disciplines provide the ability to communicate on a higher level.

Freshman Tasia Humphrey, a communication and English double major, said the classes within the division enhance people's ability to communicate to one another.

"It's human interest," she said. "It's definitely something that can bridge the gap between people. People enjoy it."

Humphrey chose her majors because her interest in words led her to her job, and she said students should pay attention to their interest in certain fields.

Her job involves helping students prepare for and take their degrees.

"You have to always help students prepare for and take their degrees. Unless one is on a deserted island, everyone has to communicate with another individual at some point in life."

The communication discipline has changed significantly during recent years.

"I think magazines are more or less style because it's ever-changing," she said. "You have to be in the thick of it all, and it's ever-changing. You just have to be in it, one project for a really long time."

Mary Shapiro, associate professor of English, said students who are majoring in English would not be the same if the classes within the division were not being taught.

"The classes within the division enhance people's ability to communicate because it's an ever-changing profession."

The communication discipline is necessary in every aspect of life.

"It really does make you sound more human," she said. "It's human interest. It's human values. It's human behavior."

Humphrey said she had thought about becoming a magazine editor or becoming a book editor but now is leaning toward becoming a magazine editor.

She currently is reading their work and investigating the written and spoken word.

Diane Johnson, assistant professor of English, said language is important to her.

"I decided to minor in linguistics, said language is important to her."

Her job involves communicating with students and making them appreciate language.

"It's really just very fascinating," she said. "I enjoy reading and writing."