

# GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN COMMUNICATION STUDIES

The Graduate Certificate in Communication Studies is an 18-hour online certificate program that is part of the department's master's program. The certificate consists of three required courses and three elective courses. Full-time students will be able to complete the program in a year. Using summer classes, part-time students will be able to complete the certificate in a year and a half.

Applications to the online Communication Studies Certificate Program are reviewed on a rolling basis, with priority application deadlines of: March 1st for the fall semester; October 1st for the spring semester. We will accept and continue to review applications until all program slots are filled.

Students seeking admission to the graduate program in Communication Studies must submit the following documents to the Office of Graduate Admissions (<https://www.shsu.edu/dept/graduate-admissions/prospective-students.html>):

1. Graduate Application (<https://www.shsu.edu/admissions/apply-texas.html>): The Graduate Application is an institutional application required by SHSU. Students must provide biographical and educational information and information relevant to determining State of Texas residency.
2. Application fee (<https://www.shsu.edu/admissions/apply-texas.html>): An application fee is required for all applications to graduate programs at SHSU.
3. Transcripts documenting the conferral of an undergraduate degree and conferral of a graduate degree from accredited institutions.\*
4. A letter of interest that summarizes the applicant's educational and professional goals, how a Communication Studies certificate will help the applicant obtain his/her professional goals, and how the applicant's personal and professional experiences have prepared him/her for our graduate program.
5. Two letters of recommendation that discuss the applicant's suitability for graduate study.

\*Applicants may submit unofficial transcripts for review by the admissions committee. However, under university policy, admission decisions are contingent upon receipt of official transcripts.

Applicants must submit all application materials directly to the Office of Graduate Admissions (<https://www.shsu.edu/dept/graduate-admissions/transition.html>) by the relevant deadline. A holistic review of each applicant's file will then be completed, with admission to the Graduate Certificate in Communication Studies Program awarded on a competitive basis.

Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

| Code   | Title                          | Hours |
|--|--------------------------------|-------|
| <b>Graduate Certificate in Communication Studies</b> |                                |       |
| <b>Required Courses</b>                              |                                |       |
| COMS 5331  | Comm Studies Methods & Resrch  | 3     |
| COMS 5335  | Advanced Communication Theory  | 3     |
| COMS 5360  | Adv Interpersonal Communicatn  | 3     |
| <b>Prescribed Electives</b>                          |                                |       |
| Select 3 of the following:                           |                                | 9     |
| COMS 5332  | Statistical Methods For Comm   |       |
| COMS 5350  | Computer Mediated Comm         |       |
| COMS 5361  | Dark Side of Communication     |       |
| COMS 5362  | Advanced Intercultural Comm    |       |
| COMS 5363  | Interpersonal Conflict         |       |
| COMS 5370  | Health Communication           |       |
| COMS 5371  | Sex & Gender In Communication  |       |
| COMS 5375  | Grad Readings in Communication |       |
| COMS 5380  | Advanced Family Communication  |       |
| COMS 5381  | Intergenerational Family Comm  |       |
| COMS 5382  | Dark Side of Family Comm       |       |
| COMS 5390  | Seminar In Interpersonal Comm  |       |
| COMS 5391  | Seminar In Family Communicatn  |       |
| COMS 5395  | Social Support and Well-Being  |       |
| COMS 5396  | Risk Communication             |       |
| COMS 5397  | Persuasion & Social Influence  |       |

Total Hours

18