

BACHELOR OF ARTS, MAJOR IN COMMUNICATION STUDIES

Code	Title	Hours
Bachelor of Arts, Major in Communication Studies		
Core Curriculum (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/)		
	Component Area I (Communication)	6
	Component Area II (Mathematics) ¹	3
	Component Area III (Life and Physical Science)	8
	Component Area IV (Language, Philosophy, and Culture)	3
	Component Area V (Creative Arts)	3
	Component Area VI (U.S. History)	6
	Component Area VII (Political Science/Government)	6
	Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Sciences)	3
	Component Area IX (Component Area Option)	4
Degree Specific Requirements		
	PHIL elective	3
	Fine Arts Course	3
	Foreign Language (one field)	14
Major Core		
COMS 1361	Public Speaking	3
COMS 2331	Intro - Comm Theory & Research	3
COMS 2386	Interpersonal Communication	3
COMS 4381	Communication Theory	3
Major		
	COMS Electives (Advanced)	12
	COMS Electives (Non-advanced)	6
Minor		
	Minor (required)	18
	Electives	10-19
	Total Hours	120

¹ MATH 1332 or MATH 1369 is recommended.

Note: Minor and elective hours should be chosen with the university requirement of 42 advanced hours in mind.

First Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Component Area II (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaii) ¹		3 Component Area IX (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaix)	1
COMS 1361		3 COMS 2331	3
ENGL 1301 ²		3 ENGL 1302 ²	3
Foreign Language 1411 ³		4 Foreign Language 1412 ³	4
HIST 1301 ⁴		3 HIST 1302 ⁴	3
		16	14

Second Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Component Area III (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiii)		4 Component Area III (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiii)	4

Component Area IV (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiv)	3	Component Area IX (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaix)	3
COMS 2386	3	COMS Advanced Elective	3
Foreign Language 2311 ³	3	Foreign Language 2312 ³	3
POLS 2305 ⁵	3	POLS 2306 ⁵	3
	16		16
Third Year			
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
COMS Advanced Elective		3 COMS Advanced Elective	3
COMS Elective		3 COMS Elective	3
Fine Arts Course		3 COMS 4381	3
Minor		3 Minor	6
PHIL Elective		3	
	15		15
Fourth Year			
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Component Area VIII (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaviii)		3 General Electives	10
COMS elective		3 Minor	3
General Electives		3	
Minor		6	
	15		13

Total Hours: 120

- 1 MATH 1332 or MATH 1369 is recommended
- 2 Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area I (Communication).
- 3 Four courses in one language required.
- 4 Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VI (U.S. History).
- 5 Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VII (Political Science/Government).

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The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) marketable skills initiative is part of the state's **60x30TX plan** and was designed to help students articulate their skills to employers. Marketable skills are those skills valued by employers and/or graduate programs that can be applied in a variety of work or education settings and may include interpersonal, cognitive, and applied skill areas.

The BA in Communication Studies is designed to provide graduates with the following marketable skills:

- Competent oral and written communication.
- Multi-cultural and diversity competencies.
- Conflict management.
- Ethical communication.
- Teamwork.