

# BACHELOR OF ARTS, MAJOR IN COMMUNICATION STUDIES

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Bachelor of Arts, Major in Communication Studies</b>		
Core Curriculum ( <a href="http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/">http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/</a> )		
Component Area I (Communication)		6
Component Area II (Mathematics) <sup>1</sup>		3
Component Area III (Life and Physical Science)		8
Component Area IV (Language, Philosophy, and Culture) <sup>2</sup>		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
<b>Degree Specific Requirements</b>		
PHIL elective		3
Fine Arts Course		3
Foreign Language (one field) <sup>2</sup>		14
<b>Major Core</b>		
COMS 1361	Public Speaking <sup>3</sup>	3
COMS 2331	Intro - Comm Theory & Research	3
COMS 2386	Interpersonal Communication <sup>3</sup>	3
COMS 4381	Communication Theory	3
<b>Major</b>		
COMS Electives (Advanced)		12
COMS Electives (Non-advanced)		6
<b>Minor</b>		
Minor (required)		18
Electives		16-19
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>120</b>

<sup>1</sup> MATH 1332 or MATH 1342 is recommended.

<sup>2</sup> The 2000 level Foreign Language courses satisfy the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area IV (Language, Philosophy, and Culture) as well as 3 hours of the the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area IX (Component Area Option).

<sup>3</sup> If COMS 1361 and/or COMS 2386 are used to fulfill Core Curriculum requirements additional hours may be needed to reach the minimum total semester credit hours of 120.

**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 ( <a href="http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaii">http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaii</a> ) <sup>1</sup>		3 COMS 2331	3
COMS 1361 <sup>2</sup>		3 ENGL 1302 <sup>3</sup>	3
ENGL 1301 <sup>3</sup>		3 Foreign Language 1412 <sup>4</sup>	4
Foreign Language 1411 <sup>4</sup>		4 General Elective	3
HIST 1301 <sup>5</sup>		3 HIST 1302 <sup>5</sup>	3
	<b>16</b>		<b>16</b>

**Second Year**

<b>Fall</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Hours</b>
Component Area III ( <a href="http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiii">http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiii</a> )		4 Component Area III ( <a href="http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiii">http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiii</a> )	4
COMS 2386 <sup>2</sup>		3 Component Area V ( <a href="http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareav">http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareav</a> )	3
Foreign Language 2311 <sup>4</sup>		3 COMS Elective	3
General Elective		3 Foreign Language 2312 <sup>4</sup>	3
POLS 2305 <sup>6</sup>		3 POLS 2306 <sup>6</sup>	3
		<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>

**Third Year**

<b>Fall</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Hours</b>
COMS Advanced Elective		6 COMS Advanced Elective	6
Fine Arts Course		3 COMS 4381	3
Minor		3 Minor	6
PHIL Elective		3	
		<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>

**Fourth Year**

<b>Fall</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Hours</b>
Component Area VIII ( <a href="http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaviii">http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaviii</a> )		3 General Advanced Electives	10
Component Area IX ( <a href="http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaix">http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaix</a> )		1 Minor (Advanced hours)	3
COMS Elective		3	
Minor (Advanced hours)		6	
		<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>

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- <sup>2</sup> If COMS 1361 (<http://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2021-2022/search/?P=COMS%201361>) and/or COMS 2386 (<http://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2021-2022/search/?P=COMS%202386>) are used to fulfill Core Curriculum requirements additional hours may be needed to reach the minimum total semester credit hours of 120.
- <sup>3</sup> Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area I (Communication).
- <sup>4</sup> Four courses in one language required. In addition, the 2000 level Foreign Language courses satisfy the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area IV (Language, Philosophy, and Culture) as well as 3 hours of the the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area IX (Component Area Option).
- <sup>5</sup> Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VI (U.S. History).
- <sup>6</sup> Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VII (Political Science/Government).

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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.