

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, MAJOR IN COMMUNICATION STUDIES

Code	Title	Hours
Bachelor of Science, 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		
MATH, STATS, or COSC elective		3
Natural Sciences (In addition to Core)		8
Major Core		
COMS 1361	Public Speaking ²	3
COMS 2331	Intro - Comm Theory & Research	3
COMS 2386	Interpersonal Communication ²	3
COMS 4381	Communication Theory	3
Major Core		
COMS Electives (Advanced)		12
COMS Electives (Non-advanced)		6
Minor		
Minor (Required)		18
Electives		
General Electives		10
Advanced General Electives		9
Total Hours		120

¹ MATH 1332 or MATH 1342 is recommended.

² 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.

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
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
COMS 1361 ²		3 COMS 2331	3
ENGL 1301 ³		3 ENGL 1302 ³	3
HIST 1301 ⁴		3 HIST 1302 ⁴	3
	16		14

Second Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Component Area IV (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiv)		3 Component Area VIII (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaviii)	3
COMS 2386 ²		3 Component Area IX (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaix)	3
General Elective		3 MATH, STAT, or COSC Elective	3
Natural Sciences (In addition to Core)		4 Natural Sciences (In addition to Core)	4
POLS 2305 ⁵		3 POLS 2306 ⁴	3
		16	16

Third Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Component Area V (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareav)		3 COMS Advanced Elective	6
COMS Advanced Elective		6 COMS 4381	3
General Advanced Elective		3 Minor (Advanced hours)	6
Minor		3	
		15	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
COMS Elective		6 General Advanced Elective	3
General Advanced Electives		3 General Electives	4
Minor		6 General Elective	3
		Minor (Advanced)	3
		15	13

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³ Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area I (Communication).

⁴ Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for requirement for Component Area VI (U.S. History).

⁵ Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for 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 BS in Communication Studies is designed to provide graduates with the following marketable skills:

- Oral and written communication competencies.
- Multi-cultural and diversity competencies.
- Conflict management and teamwork.
- Scientific literacy.
- Ethical communication.