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) [2]		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]		3
Component Area IX (Component Area Option) [4]		4
Degree Specific Requirements		
PHIL Elective		3
ARTS, DANC, MUSI, or THEA		3
Foreign Language (one field) [2]		14
Major: Foundation		
COMS 1361	Public Speaking [4]	3
COMS 2331	Intro - Comm Theory & Research	3
COMS 2386	Interpersonal Communication [3]	3
COMS 4381	Communication Theory	3
Major: Prescribed Electives		
COMS Advanced Electives		12
COMS General Electives		6
Minor: Required [5]		
Minor		18
Electives: General		
Electives		13
Total Hours		**120**

[1]   MATH 1332 or MATH 1342 is recommended.

[2]   WOLC 2311 and WOLC 2312 satisfy Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area IV (Language, Philosophy, and Culture).

[3]   If COMS 2386 is used to satisfy the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Science) addition hours will be needed to reach the minimum total semester credit hours of 120.

[4]   If COMS 1361 is used to satisfy 3 semester credit hours of the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area IX (Core Component Option) additional hours will be needed to reach the minimum total semester credit hours of 120.

[5]   All minors can be paired with this degree program.

Notes

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Students must meet a 2.0 minimum overall major GPA in all major coursework.

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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	COMS 2331	3
COMS 1361[2]	3	ENGL 1302[3]	3
ENGL 1301[3]	3	Foreign Language 1412[4]	4
Foreign Language 1411[4]	4	HIST 1302[5]	3
HIST 1301[5]	3		
	16		**13**

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
COMS 2386[6]	3	Component Area V (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareav)	3
Foreign Language 2311[4,7]	3	COMS General Elective	3
POLS 2305[8]	3	Foreign Language 2312[4,7]	3
		POLS 2306[8]	3
	13		**16**

Third Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
ARTS, DANC, MUSI, or THEA	3	COMS Advanced Elective	6
COMS Advanced Elective	6	COMS 4381	3
Minor[9]	3	Minor[9]	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	Electives	13
Component Area IX (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaix)	4	Minor[9]	3
COMS General Elective	3		
Minor[9]	6		
	16		**16**

Total Hours: 120

[1]   MATH 1332 or MATH 1342 is recommended

[2]   If COMS 1361 is used to satisfy 3 semester credit hours of the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area IX (Component Area Option) additional hours will be needed to reach the minimum total semester credit hours of 120.

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

[4]   Four courses in one language required.

[5]   Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VI (U.S. History).

[6]   If COMS 2386 are used to fulfill Core Curriculum requirements additional hours will be needed to reach the minimum total semester credit hours of 120.

[7]   WOLC 2311 and WOLC 2312 satisfy Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area IV (Language, Philosophy, and Culture).

[8]   Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VII (Political Science/Government).
[9]   All minors can be paired with this degree program.

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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:

- Professional oral and written communication.
- Effective Presentation skills.
- Research and analytical skills.
- Evaluation of sources and information validity.
- Data synthesis.
- Critical thinking and the ability to compare and contrast information.
- Multi-cultural and diversity competencies.
- Conflict management and resolution.
- Interpersonal communication.
- Listening skills.
- Leadership and teamwork.
- Problem solving.
- Ethical communication