## Bachelor of Science, Major in Communication Studies

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1. MATH 1332 or MATH 1342 is recommended.
2. If COMS 2386 is used to fulfill Core Curriculum requirements additional hours will be needed to reach the minimum total semester credit hours of 120.
3. If COMS 1361 is used to fulfill Core Curriculum requirements additional hours will be needed to reach the minimum total semester credit hours of 120.
4. All minors can be paired with this degree program.

### Notes

- Students must earn a 2.0 minimum overall GPA in all coursework.
- Students must meet a 2.0 minimum overall major GPA in all major coursework.
- Students must earn a 2.0 minimum SHSU GPA in all coursework.
- Students must meet a 2.0 minimum SHSU major GPA in all major coursework.
- Minor and Elective hours should be chosen with the university requirement of 42 advanced hours in mind.
### First Year

**Fall**
- Component Area II ([link](http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaii))
  - Hours 3
- Component Area III ([link](http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiii))
  - Hours 4
- COMS 1361
  - Hours 3
- ENGL 1301
  - Hours 3
- HIST 1301
  - Hours 3

**Spring**
- 3 Component Area IX ([link](http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiix))
  - Hours 1
- 4 Component Area III ([link](http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiii))
  - Hours 4
- COMS 2331
  - Hours 3
- ENGL 1302
  - Hours 3
- HIST 1302
  - Hours 3

**Total Hours:** 16

### Second Year

**Fall**
- Component Area IV ([link](http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareav))
  - Hours 3
- COMS 2386
  - Hours 5
- General Electives
  - Hours 3
- Natural Sciences (in addition to Core)
  - Hours 4
- POLS 2305
  - Hours 6

**Spring**
- 3 Component Area VIII ([link](http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareavii))
  - Hours 3
- COMS Advanced Electives
  - Hours 6
- General Electives
  - Hours 3
- Minor
  - Hours 3

**Total Hours:** 16

### Third Year

**Fall**
- Component Area V ([link](http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareav))
  - Hours 3
- COMS Advanced Electives
  - Hours 6
- General Electives
  - Hours 3
- Minor
  - Hours 3

**Spring**
- 6 COMS 4381
  - Hours 3
- General Electives
  - Hours 3
- Minor
  - Hours 3

**Total Hours:** 15

### Fourth Year

**Fall**
- COMS Electives
  - Hours 6
- General Electives
  - Hours 3
- Minor
  - Hours 3

**Spring**
- General Electives
  - Hours 3
- Minor
  - Hours 3

**Total Hours:** 13

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1. MATH 1332 or MATH 1342 is recommended
2. If COMS 1361 are used to fulfill Core Curriculum requirements 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).
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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.