# Bachelor of Science, Major in Communication Studies

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### Degree Specific Requirements

MATH, STATS, or COSC elective 3
Natural Sciences 8

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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.

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**First Year Total Hours** 16

### Second Year

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**Second Year Total Hours** 14
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| General Elective | 3 MATH, STAT, or COSC Elective | 3 |
| Natural Sciences | 4 Natural Sciences | 4 |
| POLS 2305<sup>4</sup> | 3 POLS 2306<sup>4</sup> | 3 |
| | **16** | **16** |

**Third Year**

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

**Fourth Year**

| Minor | 3 | 3 |
| © | 3 | 3 |
| General Electives | 3 COMS Advanced Elective | 3 | 7 |
| Minor | 6 | | 6 |
| **15** | **15** | |

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1. MATH 1332 or MATH 1369 is recommended
2. 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.