

# BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, MAJOR IN COMMUNICATION STUDIES

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Code	Title	Hours
<b>Bachelor of Science, 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)	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) <sup>2</sup>	3
	Component Area IX (Component Area Option) <sup>3</sup>	4
<b>Degree Specific Requirements</b>		
	MATH, STAT, or COSC Elective	3
	Natural Sciences (in addition to Core)	8
<b>Major: Foundation</b>		
COMS 1361	Public Speaking <sup>3</sup>	3
COMS 2331	Intro - Comm Theory & Research	3
COMS 2386	Interpersonal Communication <sup>2</sup>	3
COMS 4381	Communication Theory	3
<b>Major: Prescribed Electives</b>		
	COMS Advanced Electives	12
	COMS Non-Advanced Electives	6
<b>Electives: General</b>		
	General Electives	19
<b>Minor: Required <sup>4</sup></b>		
	Minor	18
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>120</b>

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

<sup>2</sup> If COMS 2386 (<http://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2023-2024/search/?P=COMS%202386>) is used to fulfill Core Curriculum requirements additional hours will be needed to reach the minimum total semester credit hours of 120.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> All minors can be paired with this degree program.

## Notes

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**First Year**

<b>Fall</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Hours</b>
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 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
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 1361 <sup>2</sup>		3 COMS 2331	3
ENGL 1301 <sup>3</sup>		3 ENGL 1302 <sup>3</sup>	3
HIST 1301 <sup>4</sup>		3 HIST 1302 <sup>4</sup>	3
		<b>16</b>	<b>14</b>

**Second Year**

<b>Fall</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Hours</b>
Component Area IV ( <a href="http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiiv">http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiiv</a> )		3 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
COMS 2386 <sup>5</sup>		3 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> )	3
General Electives		3 MATH, STAT, or COSC Elective	3
Natural Sciences (in addition to Core)		4 Natural Sciences (in addition to Core)	4
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>
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 COMS Advanced Electives	6
COMS Advanced Electives		6 COMS 4381	3
General Electives		3 Minor <sup>7</sup>	6
Minor <sup>7</sup>		3	
		<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>

**Fourth Year**

<b>Fall</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Hours</b>
COMS Electives		6 General Electives	3
General Electives		3 General Electives	4
Minor <sup>7</sup>		6 General Electives	3
		Minor <sup>7</sup>	3
		<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>

**Total Hours: 120**<sup>1</sup> MATH 1332 or MATH 1342 is recommended<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup> Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area I (Communication).<sup>4</sup> Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for requirement for Component Area VI (U.S. History).<sup>5</sup> If COMS 2386 (<http://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2023-2024/search/?P=COMS%202386>) is used to fulfill Core Curriculum requirements additional hours will be needed to reach the minimum total semester credit hours of 120.<sup>6</sup> Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for requirement for Component Area VII (Political Science/Government).

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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.