

UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN COMMUNICATION FOR LEGAL AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROFESSIONALS

The Undergraduate Certificate in Communication for Legal and Criminal Justice Professionals is an 18-hour certificate program that builds upon the department's undergraduate program. The curriculum consists of six required classes that best suit students who are interested in pursuing careers in criminal justice, law enforcement, and the legal profession.

Additional Information: Reference the Program Landing Page (<https://shsu.edu/programs/undergrad-certificate/communication-legal-cj-professionals/>) for additional information, such as cost, delivery format, contact information, or to schedule a visit.

Code	Title	Hours
Undergraduate Certificate in Communication for Legal and Criminal Justice Professionals		
Required Courses		
COMS 2386	Interpersonal Communication	3
COMS 3370	Intercultural Communication	3
COMS 3371	Conflict, Negotiatn & Resolutn	3
COMS 3375	Strategic Organizational Communication	3
COMS 3379	Freedom of Speech and Civic Communication	3
COMS 4366	Deceptive Communication	3
Total Hours		18

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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 Undergraduate Certificate in Communication for Legal and Criminal Justice Professionals is designed to provide graduates with the following marketable skills:

- Identify communication theories and principles applicable to criminal justice professionals.
- Apply strategic communication principles related to criminal justice professionals.
- Synthesize information and present different viewpoints related to communication.
- Demonstrate intercultural communication competence in legal settings.
- Develop argumentation skills from a communication perspective needed for legal settings.
- Demonstrate effective conflict management skills in legal settings.
- Gather and evaluate information critically.