

BACHELOR OF ARTS, MAJOR IN COMMUNICATION STUDIES

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| Code | Title | Hours |
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| Bachelor of Arts, Major in Communication Studies | | |
| Core Curriculum (https://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 | Introduction - Communication 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) additional hours will be needed to reach the minimum total semester credit hours of 120.

⁴ If COMS 1361 (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/search/?P=COMS%201361>) 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

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.

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Minor and elective hours should be chosen with the university requirement of 42 advanced hours in mind.

[COMS 2382 \(https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/search/?P=COMS%202382\)](https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/search/?P=COMS%202382) does not count towards the requirement for a major. Students pursuing a major should take COMS 1361 (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/search/?P=COMS%201361>).

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First Year

| Fall | Hours | Spring | Hours |
|--|-------|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| Component Area II (https://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 HSTY 1302 ⁵ | 3 |
| HSTY 1301 ⁵ | | 3 | |
| | | 16 | 13 |

Second Year

| Fall | Hours | Spring | Hours |
|--|-------|--|-----------|
| Component Area III (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiii) | | 4 Component Area III (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiii) | 4 |
| COMS 2386 ⁶ | | 3 Component Area V (https://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 |
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| Component Area VIII (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaviii) | | 3 Electives | 13 |
| Component Area IX (https://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 |

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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 (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/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.
- ⁷ WOLC 2311 (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/search/?P=WOLC%202311>) and WOLC 2312 (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/search/?P=WOLC%202312>) satisfy Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area IV (Language, Philosophy, and Culture).
- ⁸ Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VII (Political Science/Government).
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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.