BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, MAJOR IN COMMUNICATION STUDIES

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Code	Title	Hours
Bachelor of Science, 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)		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) [2]		3
Component Area IX (Component Area Option) [3]		4
Degree Specific Requirements		
MATH, STAT, or COSC Elective [4]		3
Social Sciences (in addition to Core) [5, 6]		6
Major: Foundation		
COMS 1361	Public Speaking [3]	3
COMS 2331	Introduction - Communication Theory & Research	3
COMS 2386	Interpersonal Communication [2]	3
COMS 4381	Communication Theory	3
Major: Prescribed Electives		
COMS Advanced Electives		12
COMS Non-Advanced Electives		6
Electives: General		
General Electives		21
Minor: Required [7]		
Minor		18
Total Hours		**120**

[1] MATH 1332 or MATH 1342 is recommended.

[2] 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.

[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] Course cannot double dip with Core Curriculum.

[5] Choose six hours from the list of Social Sciences courses in the table below.

[6] If course(s) are used to satisfy minor requirements, additional hours will be needed to reach the minimum total semester credit hours of 120

[7] All minors can be paired with this degree program.

Code	Title	Hours
Social Sciences [5]		**6**
Choose two courses from the list below:		
ECON 2300	Introduction To Economics	
PHIL 2303	Critical Thinking	
PHIL 2306	Contemporary Moral Issues	
POLS 2304	Introduction to Political Science	
PSYC 1301	Introduction To Psychology	
PSYC 2315	Psychology Of Adjustment	

PSYC 3334	Human Sexuality
SOCI 1301	Introduction to Sociology
SOCI 3324	Social Inequality
SOCI 3341	Marriage And The Family

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.

COMS 2382 does not count towards the requirement for a major. Students pursuing a major should take COMS 1361.

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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	Component Area IX (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaix)	1
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 1361[2]	3	COMS 2331	3
ENGL 1301[3]	3	ENGL 1302[3]	3
HSTY 1301[4]	3	HSTY 1302[4]	3
	16		**14**

Second Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Component Area IV (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiv)	3	Component Area VIII (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaviii)	3
COMS 2386[5]	3	Component Area IX (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaix)	3
General Electives	3	MATH, STAT, or COSC Elective	3
POLS 2305[6]	3	POLS 2306[6]	3
Social Sciences (in addition to Core)[7]	3	Social Sciences (in addition to Core)[7]	3
	15		**15**

Third Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Component Area V (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareav)	3	COMS Advanced Electives	6
COMS Advanced Electives	6	COMS 4381	3
General Electives	3	Minor [8]	6

	Hours		Hours
Minor[8]	3		
	15		**15**
Fourth Year			
Fall	**Hours**	**Spring**	**Hours**
COMS Electives	6	General Electives	4
General Electives	3	General Electives	4
Minor[8]	6	General Electives	4
		Minor[8]	3
	15		**15**

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[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).

[4] Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for requirement for Component Area VI (U.S. History).

[5] 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.

[6] Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for requirement for Component Area VII (Political Science/Government).

[7] Choose six hours from the list of Social Sciences courses in the table below.

[8] All minors can be paired with this degree program.

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PHIL 2303	Critical Thinking	
PHIL 2306	Contemporary Moral Issues	
POLS 2304	Introduction to Political Science	
POLS 2305	American 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 BS 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.
- Conflict management and resolution.
- Interpersonal communication.
- Leadership and teamwork.
- Problem solving.
- Ethical communication.