

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, MAJOR IN INTEGRATED STUDIES: LEGAL WRITING AND COMMUNICATION CONCENTRATION

The BS in Integrated Studies: Legal Writing and Communication Concentration combines the Undergraduate Certificate in Communication for Legal and Criminal Justice Professionals, the Minor in Legal Studies, and the Minor in Technical and Professional Writing to provide graduates with a robust skill set tailored for legal and criminal justice settings. These graduates will be adept at identifying and applying communication theories and strategic principles essential for effective interaction within the criminal justice system. In addition to a career in law assisting lawyers, legislators, and court administrators, students' training in strategic communication principles will position them in public policy, public administration, compliance officers, and non-profit advocacy careers.

Code	Title	Hours
Bachelor of Science, Major in Integrated Studies: Legal Writing and Communication Concentration		
Core Curriculum (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/)		
Component Area I (Communication) ¹		6
Component Area II (Mathematics) ^{2,3}		3
Component Area III (Life and Physical Science) ²		8
Component Area IV (Language, Philosophy, and Culture) ²		3
Component Area V (Creative Arts) ²		3
Component Area VI (U.S. History) ²		6
Component Area VII (Political Science/Government) ²		6
Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Sciences) ²		3
Component Area IX (Component Area Option) ²		4
Degree Specific Requirements		
CHSS Core (Select one course from the following:)		3
ENGL 3330	Introduction to Technical Writing	
ENGL 3377	Argument and Persuasion	
HSTY 3345 or HIST 3373	History of Medicine Topics in the History of Science and Medicine	
PHIL 2303	Critical Thinking	
POLS 3379	Research and Writing in Political Science	
SOCI 2399	Writing in Sociology	
Select 15 advanced elective hours (3000-4000) from related subject areas ⁴		15
Major: Foundation		
INTG 3301	Critical Approaches to Integrated Studies	3
INTG 4301	Integrated Studies Capstone ⁵	3
Minor: Required		
Minor Area I: Communication for Legal and Criminal Justice Professionals		
COMS 2386	Interpersonal Communication	3
COMS 3370	Intercultural Communication	3
COMS 3371	Conflict, Negotiation, and Resolution	3
COMS 3375	Strategic Organizational Communication	3
COMS 3379	Freedom of Speech and Civic Communication	3
COMS 4366	Deceptive Communication	3
Minor Area II: Legal Studies		
POLS 3334	Judicial Systems	3
POLS 4334	Constitutional Law I: Civil Rights and Liberties	3
POLS 4335	Constitutional Law II: Gov Powers & State-Federal Relations	3
Select one law-related skills elective from the following:		3
PHIL 2303	Critical Thinking	
PHIL 2352	Introduction to Contemporary Logic	
Select two substantive legal content courses from the following:		6

BUAD 3338	Entrepreneurial Law	
BUAD 3355	Business Law	
BUAD 3360	Human Resources Management Law	
BUAD 4340	International Business Law	
CRIJ 4330	Law And Society	
CRIJ 4332	Legal Aspects Of Corrections	
CRIJ 4394	Constitutional Issues In Law Enforcement	
HSTY 3373	Black Civil Rights Movement	
KINE 3365	Sport Law	
PHIL 4336	Philosophy of Law	
POLS 3338	Victims' Rights, Politics, and Policy	
POLS 3372	Contemporary Political Theory	
POLS 3385	International Law and Organizations	
POLS 4081	Problems in Political Science	
POLS 4383	International Human Rights	
PSYC 3383	Psychology And The Law	
REAL 3365	Real Estate Law	
SCST 3380	Law and Ethics in Homeland Security	
Minor Area III: Technical and Professional Writing		
ENGL 3330	Introduction to Technical Writing	3
ENGL 3377	Argument and Persuasion	3
ENGL 3378	Document Design	3
ENGL 4330	Writing in the Professions	3
ENGL 4335	Studies in Rhetoric	3
ENGL 4340	Professional Style and Editing	3
Total Hours		120

¹ Taken first year.

² Taken first or second year.

³ MATH 1332 is recommended.

⁴ These courses are in addition to major/minor requirements.

⁵ Students must have senior hours, be in good academic standing, and have completed the required CHSS Core course and INTG 3301 before registering for INTG 4301.

Notes

Students must earn a 2.0 minimum overall GPA in all coursework.

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Core Component Areas II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, and IX (including the one credit hour requirement) could double dip from the core and the minors.

Each minor must have 18 unique credits. Students may have to take more than 18 credits to complete the minor.

Graduation requirements include completing all course requirements along with completing at least 120 hours, 42 advanced hours, 24 advanced in-residence hours, and INTG 4301. Students may need to take general electives and/or advanced general electives outside of courses outlined on their degree plan to meet those requirements.

Students must earn a grade of "C" or better in INTG 3301 and INTG 4301.

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 IV (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiiv)	3
Component Area V (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareav)		3 Component Area IX (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaix)	3
Component Area VIII (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaviii)		3 ENGL 1302 ²	3
ENGL 1301 ²		3 HSTY 1302 ³	3
HSTY 1301 ³		3 POLS 2305 ⁴	3
		15	15

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
Component Area IX (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaix)		1 INTG 3301	3
CHSS Core ^{5,6}		3 Minor Area I: Communication for Legal and Criminal Justice Professionals	3
Minor Area I: Communication for Legal and Criminal Justice Professionals		3 Minor Area II: Legal Studies	3
POLS 2306 ⁴		3 Minor Area III: Technical and Professional Writing	3
		14	16

Third Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Minor Area I: Communication for Legal and Criminal Justice Professionals		6 DSR Advanced Electives ⁷	3
Minor Area II: Legal Studies		6 Minor Area I: Communication for Legal and Criminal Justice Professionals	3
Minor Area III: Technical and Professional Writing		3 Minor Area II: Legal Studies	6
		Minor Area III: Technical and Professional Writing	3
		15	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
DSR Advanced Electives ⁷		6 DSR Advanced Electives ⁷	6
Minor Area I: Communication for Legal and Criminal Justice Professionals		3 INTG 4301 ⁸	3
Minor Area II: Legal Studies		3 Minor Area I: Communication for Legal and Criminal Justice Professionals	3
Minor Area III: Technical and Professional Writing		3 Minor Area III: Technical and Professional Writing	3
		15	15

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² Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area I (Communication).

³ Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VI (U.S. History).

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4 Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VII (Political Science/Government).

5 CHSS Core (Select one of the following courses): ENGL 3330, ENGL 3377, HSTY 3345 or HIST 3373, PHIL 2303, POLS 3379, SOCI 2399.

6 The course chosen in this block may also satisfy a requirement for a minor.

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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 Integrated Studies: Legal Writing and Communication Concentration is designed to provide graduates with the following marketable skills:

- Integration of diverse fields and perspectives.
- Innovative problem-solving abilities.
- Flexibility and adaptability.
- Legal and policy communication expertise.
- Strategic advocacy writing.
- Information synthesis and legal research.