

Bachelor of Science in Communication Studies

To be awarded the degree of Bachelor of Science in Communication Studies, the candidate must complete 120 semester hours of coursework and must fulfill the University's General Requirements for graduation, the college graduation requirements, the requirements and policies listed in Academic Policies and Procedures, and the requirements given in Degree Requirements Common to All Moody Majors, Major Requirements, and Special Requirements of the Major, below.

A candidate for a degree must have an officially declared major in the Moody College of Communication at the time the degree is awarded.

Degree Requirements Common to All Moody Majors

- a. Core curriculum[†]
- b. Six semester hours of coursework focusing on communication foundations: Communication 301E and 302E
- c. Students must satisfy a language and culture requirement in one of the following ways: (a) Demonstrating intermediate proficiency in a single language other than English; (b) Demonstrating beginning-level proficiency in a language other than English and taking one approved culture course in a culture that is relevant to the language. A list of approved culture and language courses and combinations is posted on the Student Advising website. An extensive language testing program is available at the University. Students with knowledge of a language other than English are encouraged to take appropriate tests both to earn as much credit as possible and to be placed at the proper level for further study. Students should consult with an academic advisor for information on testing.
- d. Enough additional coursework to make a total of 120 semester hours.

Major Requirements

At least 36, but no more than 48, semester hours of communication studies of which at least 18 hours must be upper-division. Students must take the following coursework:

- a. Communication Studies 306M
- b. Communication Studies 332K
- c. Three semester hours chosen from the following Methods courses:
 - i. Communication Studies 330, 330D, 338L, 339L, 346, 347S, 348, 348K, 350C, 352D, 354, 355S, 357, 358, 359T, 367P (Topic 1), 367P (Topic 2), 371D, 371K, 372K, 377K, or 378K. The course selected may not be counted toward any additional communication studies major requirement.
- d. Three semester hours chosen from the following Career Preparation courses:
 - i. Communication Studies 307K, 310K, 313M, 316L, 330P, 339K, 364M, 370K, or Communication 350. The course selected may not be counted toward any additional communication studies major requirement.
- e. Twelve hours of communication studies coursework.
- f. Twelve additional semester hours, chosen from one of the following tracks:
 - i. *Corporate Communication*
 1. Communication Studies 313M
 2. Nine semester hours chosen from the following courses:

1. Communication Studies 310K, 316L, 337, 339K, 339L, 341, 346, 350C, 350M, 352D, 353C, 353S, 356T, 367C, 372K, and 372T. The courses selected may not be counted toward any additional communication studies major requirement.

ii. *Global and Intercultural Communication*

1. Communication Studies 314L
2. Nine semester hours chosen from the following courses:
 1. Communication Studies 323R, 346C, 355K, 356C, 358C, 359, 362D, 364K, 366C, 366M, 367 (Topic 10), 367G, 367I (Topic 1), or 371D. The courses selected may not be counted towards any additional communication studies major requirement.

iii. *Human Relations Communication*

1. Communication Studies 315M
2. Nine semester hours chosen from the following courses:
 1. Communication Studies 314L, 330, 334K, 344K, 354, 355K, 355T, 357, 358, 358C, 364K, 367I, 371D, and 371K. The courses selected may not be counted toward any additional communication studies major requirements.

iv. *Political Communication*

1. Communication Studies 317C
2. Nine semester hours chosen from the following courses:
 1. Communication Studies 320, 322E, 332, 333, 338L, 340K, 342C, 342K, 345, 345G, 345N, 345P, 345V, 360P, 362E, 364K, 367P, 372D, and 373D. The courses selected may not be counted toward any additional communication studies major requirement.

v. *Strategic and Risk Communication*

1. Communication Studies 318L
2. Nine semester hours chosen from the following courses:
 1. Communication Studies 310K, 322E, 330, 330D, 330P, 335, 337, 342K, 345, 345G, 345P, 353C, 353S, 354, 356C, 360P, 367S, 367I (Topic 2), 371D, and 371K. The courses selected may not be counted toward any additional communication studies major requirement.

Special Requirements of the Major

A student may not earn both the Bachelor of Science in Communication and Leadership and the Bachelor of Science in Communication Studies.

Courses

Because prerequisites are subject to change, students should consult the Course Schedule before registering.

[†] Effective April 2025, UT Austin no longer requires Skills and Experience flags.