

Suggested Arrangement of Courses, Communication Studies (BSCommStdS)

Requirements		Hours
1st Semester		
CMS 306M	Professional Communication Skills (Major)	3
Natural Science and Technology, Part I (Core) ⁰³⁰		3
RHE 306	Rhetoric and Writing (Core) ⁰¹⁰	3
COM 301E	Introduction to Communication Foundations (General Education)	3
UGS 302	First-Year Signature Course (Core) ⁰⁹⁰	3
or UGS 303	First-Year Signature Course	
2nd Semester		
Lower-division CMS course (Major)		3
Mathematics (Core) ⁰²⁰		3
Social and Behavioral Sciences (Core) ⁰⁸⁰		3
Natural Science and Technology, Part I (Core) ⁰³⁰		3
E 316L	British Literature (Core) ⁰⁴⁰	3
or E 316M	American Literature	
or E 316N	World Literature	
or E 316P	Masterworks of Literature	
3rd Semester		
CMS 313M	Organizational Communication (Major)	3
or CMS 314L	Language, Communication, and Culture	
or CMS 315M	Interpersonal Communication Theory	
or CMS 317C	Speech in American Culture	
or CMS 318L	Strategic and Risk Communication	
COM 302E	Interdisciplinary Communication Foundations (General Education)	3
GOV 310L	American and Texas Government (Core) ⁰⁷⁰	3
Foreign Language (General Education)		6
4th Semester		
Lower-division CMS course (Major)		3
Natural Science and Technology, Part II (Core) ⁰⁹³		3
GOV 312L	Issues and Policies in American Government (Core) ⁰⁷⁰	3
Foreign Language (General Education)		6
5th Semester		
Upper-division CMS course (Major)		3
Lower-division CMS course (Major)		3
U.S. History (Core) ⁰⁶⁰		3
Language/Culture course (General Education)		3
Free elective (Elective)		3
6th Semester		
CMS 332K	Theories of Persuasion (Major)	3
Upper-division CMS career prep course (Major)		3
Upper-division elective (Elective)		3

Visual and Performing Arts (Core) ⁰⁵⁰	3
U.S. History (Core) ⁰⁶⁰	3

7th Semester	
Upper-division CMS track course (Major)	3
Lower-division CMS methods course (Major)	3
Upper-division Elective course (Elective)	3
Upper-division Elective courses (Elective)	3
Upper-division Non-CMS elective (Elective)	3

8th Semester	
Upper-division CMS course (Major)	3
Upper-division CMS track course (Major)	3
Upper-division Non-Moody electives (Elective)	6
Free elective (Elective)	3

Four-year degree suggestion (for planning purposes only).

Currently enrolled students should meet with their academic advisor.

Course categories: Core, General Education[†], Major, Elective, Opportunity

Core Component Areas: ⁰¹⁰ Communication; ⁰²⁰ Mathematics; ⁰³⁰ Natural Science and Technology, Part I; ⁰⁴⁰ Humanities; ⁰⁵⁰ Visual and Performing Arts; ⁰⁶⁰ U.S. History; ⁰⁷⁰ American and Texas Government; ⁰⁸⁰ Social and Behavioral Sciences; ⁰⁹⁰ First-Year Signature Course; ⁰⁹³ Natural Science and Technology, Part II

Undergraduate Degree Program listing

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