Bachelor of Science in Communication and Leadership

To be awarded the degree of Bachelor of Science in Communication and Leadership, the candidate must complete 120 semester hours of coursework and must fulfill the University’s General Requirements for graduation, the Core Curriculum requirements, the college graduation requirements, the requirements and policies listed in Academic Policies and Procedures, and the requirements given in Prescribed Work, 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.

Core Curriculum

All students must complete the University’s Core Curriculum. In some cases, a course required for the Bachelor of Science in Communication and Leadership may also be counted toward the core curriculum.

Prescribed Work

a. Six semester hours of coursework focusing on communication foundations: Communication 301E and 302E.
b. Three courses with a writing flag, one course with a quantitative reasoning flag; one course with a global cultures flag; one course with an ethics flag; and one course with an independent inquiry flag. The same course cannot be used to satisfy the global cultures and cultural diversity flags even if the course carries both flags. Courses that fulfill flag requirements are identified in the Course Schedule. They may also be used to fulfill other degree requirements.
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. Thirty-six hours of coursework, as described in Major Requirements, below.
e. Enough additional coursework to make a total of 120 semester hours.

Major Requirements

The major requires 36 hours of coursework across three designated areas, of which at least 15 hours must be upper-division. Courses that are in multiple lists may only be counted once unless topics vary. Students must earn a C- or better (or CR for courses offered only on a pass/fail basis) in all courses counting toward major requirements:
a. Communication and Leadership 301, 321, 351, 371, and three additional hours of coursework in communication and leadership, which cannot be fulfilled with internship hours.

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.

Order and Choice of Work

First Year Fall

a. Communication and Leadership 301
b. Science and Technology, Part 1 Core
c. 3 hours of Communication Fundamentals
d. Communication 301E
e. Undergraduate Studies 302 or 303

First Year Spring

a. 3 hours of Communication Fundamentals
b. Rhetoric and Writing 306
c. US History Core
d. Science and Technology, Part 1 Core
e. Elective

Second Year Fall

a. Communication and Leadership 321
b. Communication 302E
c. US History Core
d. 6 hours of a language other than English

Second Year Spring

a. 3 hours of Communication Fundamentals
b. Math Core
c. US/TX Government Core  

Third Year Fall

a. Communication and Leadership 351  
b. 3 hours of upper-division Communication Fundamentals  
c. 3 hours of upper-division Social Issues  
d. Language/Culture  
e. Upper-division elective

Third Year Spring

a. 3 hours of Social Issues  
b. Science and Technology, Part 1 or Part 2 Core  
c. US/TX Government Core  
d. Upper-division elective  
e. Upper-division elective

Fourth Year Fall

a. 3 hours of Communication and Leadership  
b. Upper-division elective  
c. English 316L, 316M, 316N, or 316P  
d. Visual and Performing Arts Core  
e. Upper-division elective

Fourth Year Spring

a. Communication and Leadership 371  
b. 3 hours of Social Issues  
c. Social and Behavioral Science Core  
d. Upper-division elective  
e. Upper-division elective