Degrees and Programs

Degrees Offered

In the Moody College of Communication, seven undergraduate degrees are offered: Bachelor of Science in Advertising, Bachelor of Science in Communication and Leadership, Bachelor of Science in Communication Studies, Bachelor of Journalism, Bachelor of Science in Radio-Television-Film, and Bachelor of Science in Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences. In addition to the core curriculum, the requirements of each degree consist of special requirements, requirements common to all Moody majors, and major requirements; these are given within the section associated with each degree.

A student may not earn more than two undergraduate degrees from the Moody College of Communication. A student may not earn both the Bachelor of Science in Advertising and the Bachelor of Science in Public Relations. A student may not earn both the Bachelor of Science in Communication and Leadership and the Bachelor of Science in Communication Studies. A candidate for a degree must have an officially declared major in the Moody College of Communication at the time the degree is awarded.

Moody College Success Scholars

The Moody College Success Scholars program is a program in the Moody College of Communication that seeks to provide eligible incoming freshmen with a supportive and community-based foundation in order to promote strong academic performance, engagement in the Moody College community, and a timely graduation.

Membership in the Moody College Success Scholars program is by invitation only and exclusive to first- and second-year students within Moody College.

Semester in Los Angeles (UTLA)

UTLA is an experiential learning program that provides registered UT Austin students the opportunity to live, work, and learn in Los Angeles. For more information, visit: https://utla.utexas.edu/.

Semester in New York (UTNY)

UTNY is an experiential learning program that provides registered UT Austin students the opportunity to live, work, and learn in New York City. For more information visit: https://utny.utexas.edu/.

Applicability Of Certain Courses

Internship Credit

Some communication degree programs require an internship; in other programs, students may elect to complete an internship. Up to, but no more than, six semester hours of credit in internship courses may be counted toward the student’s degree.

Physical Activity Courses

Physical activity (PED) courses are offered by the Department of Kinesiology and Health Education. No more than one hour of PED coursework may be counted toward a degree in the Moody College of Communication. This hour shall be counted as a non-major elective and the grade earned will be included in the grade point average.

Music Performance Courses

Music performance courses are offered by the College of Fine Arts under the fields of study ensemble, music, and as individual instruction in a particular instrument. No more than one hour of music performance coursework may be counted toward a degree in the Moody College of Communication. This hour shall be counted as non-major elective and the grade earned will be included in the grade point average.

Transfer Coursework

No more than 12 semester hours of transfer credit may be counted toward a student’s major requirements. Transfer credit may be counted towards degree requirements common to all Moody majors and the University Core Curriculum.

Courses Taken on the Pass/Fail Basis

Moody College courses taken on the pass/fail basis cannot be counted toward the degree, unless they are offered only on the pass/fail basis. No course required for a specific degree requirement, whether taken in residence or in transfer, may be counted if taken on the pass/fail basis, unless the course is offered only on that basis. However, a student may elect to count up to 15 hours of free elective coursework taken on the pass/fail basis. Credit earned by examination is not counted toward the total number of hours that the student may take pass/fail.

Courses Taken in other Fields of Study

No more than 36 semester hours in a field of study other than the field of study in which the student is majoring may be counted toward a degree in the Moody College.

ROTC Courses

Unless a student is completing the Military Leadership minor, no more than nine semester hours of credit for air force science, military science, or naval science courses may be counted toward any degree in the Moody College of Communication. Such coursework may be counted only as lower-division electives in degree programs that have room for such electives, and only by students who have completed the third and fourth years of the ROTC program. ROTC courses may not be substituted for any specific required course.

Only students who complete the Military Leadership minor can count more than nine semester hours of air force science, military science, or naval science toward a Moody College degree.