

COMMUNICATION STUDIES BA + MA SF STATE SCHOLARS ROADMAP

The San Francisco State Scholars program provides undergraduate students with an accelerated pathway to a graduate degree. Students in this program pursue a bachelor's and master's degree simultaneously. This program allows students to earn graduate credit while in their junior and/or senior year, reducing the number of semesters required for completion of a master's degree.

This roadmap is a suggested plan of study and does not replace meeting with an advisor. Please note that students may need to adjust the actual sequence of courses based on course availability. Please consult your Degree Planner (<https://registrar.sfsu.edu/degreeplanner/>) and an advisor for further guidance.

To avoid taking additional units, it is recommended that you meet the **SF State Studies** (AERM, GP, ESCA, SJ) requirements within your GE or major.

Course	Title	Units
First Year		
Fall Semester		
GE Area 1A: English Composition ¹		3
GE Area 1: English Communication		3
GE Area 3: Arts and Humanities		3
GE Area 4: Social and Behavioral Sciences ²		3
SF State Studies or University Elective		3
Units		15
Spring Semester		
GE Area 1: English Communication		3
GE Area 2: Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning ³		3
GE Area 3: Arts and Humanities		3
GE Area 5: Physical and Biological Sciences ⁴		3-4
SF State Studies or University Elective		3
Units		15-16
Second Year		
Summer Semester		
SF State Studies or University Elective - Take Two		6
Units		6
Fall Semester		
Introductory Course (6 units) – Select Two ⁵		6
GE Area 4: Social and Behavioral Sciences ²		3
GE Area 5: Physical and Biological Sciences ⁴		3-4
SF State Studies or University Elective		3
Units		15-16
Spring Semester		
GE Area 6: Ethnic Studies (https://bulletin.sfsu.edu/undergraduate-education/general-education/areasix/)		3
U.S. and California Government (https://bulletin.sfsu.edu/undergraduate-education/american-institutions/#usg)		3
SF State Studies or University Elective - Take Three		8
Units		14

Third Year

Summer Semester

SF State Studies or University Elective - Take Two	6
Units	6

Fall Semester

COMM 300	Introduction to Communication Studies (Foundation Requirement)	1
COMM 304GW	Writing About Communication - GWAR (Foundation Requirement)	3
Social Contexts and Interaction in Communication (8 units total) - Select Two ⁶		8
Rhetoric and Performance in Communication (8 units total) - Select One ⁷		4
Units		16

Spring Semester

Rhetoric and Performance in Communication (8 units total) - Select One ⁷		4
Communication Inquiry (4 units) - Select One ⁸		4
GE Area 3UD: Upper-Division Arts or Humanities		3
SF State Studies or University Elective		3
Units		14

Fourth Year

Fall Semester

COMM 670	Seminar in Communication Studies (Major Capstone)	2
COMM 700	Introduction to Graduate Study (Graduate Core)	4
Electives (6 units) - Select Two ⁹		6
Graduate Seminars (16 units) - Select One ¹⁰		4
Units		16

Spring Semester

Graduate Research Methods - Select One:		4
COMM 870	Multiple Methods in Communication Research	
COMM 872	Field Research Strategies	
COMM 873	Research Strategies in Language and Social Interaction	
Graduate Seminars (16 units) - Select One ¹⁰		4
GE Area 5UD or 2UD: Upper-Division Sciences or Upper-Division Mathematical Concepts		3
GE Area 4UD: Upper-Division Social and Behavioral Sciences		3
Units		14

Fifth Year

Fall Semester

Graduate Seminars (16 units) - Select Two ¹⁰	8
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Graduate Elective (8 units) - Select One ¹¹	4
Units	12
Spring Semester	
Culminating Experience - Select One:	3
COMM 894	Creative Work Project
COMM 896 & 896EXM	Directed Readings in Communication Studies and Culminating Experience Examination
COMM 898	Master's Thesis
Graduate Electives (8 units) - Select One ¹¹	4
Units	7
Total Units	150-152

units in Rhetoric and Performance to apply towards the electives requirement.

- Only 2 units from a lower-division COMM class may count towards the electives requirement.
- The following courses can also be used to fulfill electives requirements.
 COMM 368 Forensics (2 units)
 COMM 685 Projects in the Teaching of Communication (1-4 units)
 COMM 695 Internship in Communication Studies (4 units)

¹⁰ **Graduate Seminars (16 units)**

Selected on advisement. Must be from COMM 700 to COMM 797.

¹¹ **Graduate Electives (8 units)**

Selected on advisement.

¹ Students should use their Pathway/Category (<https://gatorsmartstart.sfsu.edu/pathways/>) to determine the appropriate GE 1A course option. For directions on how to view your Pathway/Category, visit how to find your pathway (<https://gatorsmartstart.sfsu.edu/howtofindyourpathways/>). Questions? Contact Gator Smart Start. (<https://gatorsmartstart.sfsu.edu/>)

² First-time freshmen must take one lower-division Area 4 course that meets US History (USH).

³ Students should use their Pathway/Category (<https://gatorsmartstart.sfsu.edu/pathways/>) to determine the appropriate GE 2 course option. For directions on how to view your Pathway/Category, visit how to find your pathway (<https://gatorsmartstart.sfsu.edu/howtofindyourpathways/>). Questions? Contact Gator Smart Start. (<https://gatorsmartstart.sfsu.edu/>)

⁴ Consider taking a class combined with a laboratory or a separate lab to fulfill 5C if not already satisfied.

⁵ **Introductory Course (6 units)**

A full list of courses that can fulfill this requirement can be found in the Degree Requirements (<https://bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/liberal-creative-arts/communication-studies/ba-communication-studies/#degreerequirementstext>).

⁶ **Social Contexts and Interaction in Communication (8 units)**

A full list of courses that can fulfill this requirement can be found in the Degree Requirements (<https://bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/liberal-creative-arts/communication-studies/ba-communication-studies/#degreerequirementstext>).

⁷ **Rhetoric and Performance in Communication (8 units)**

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⁸ **Communication Inquiry**

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⁹ **Electives (6 units)**

- Students may only apply up to 4 units for each course in the major, though some courses are repeatable for credit toward electives.
- All upper-division COMM courses between COMM 400-599 may be used as electives only if their corresponding area above is already met with other courses. For example, if a student has completed 8 units of Rhetoric and Performance, they may take additional