

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN COMMUNICATION STUDIES ROADMAP

120 Total Units Required

Minimum Number of Units in the Major: 38

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 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
Second 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
Third Semester		
Introductory Course (6 units) – Select One ⁵		3
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 - Take Two		6
Units		15-16
Fourth Semester		
Introductory Course (6 units) – Select One ⁵		3
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 Two		6
Units		15
Fifth 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 One or Two ⁶	4
GE Area 5UD or 2UD: Upper-Division Sciences or Upper-Division Mathematical Concepts	3
SF State Studies or University Elective - Take Two	6

Units 17

Sixth Semester

Social Contexts and Interaction in Communication (8 units total) – Select One or Two ⁶	4
Rhetoric and Performance in Communication (8 units total) – Select One or Two ⁷	4
GE Area 3UD: Upper-Division Arts or Humanities	3
SF State Studies or University Elective	3

Units 14

Seventh Semester

Communication Inquiry – Select One ⁸	4
Rhetoric and Performance in Communication (8 units total) – Select One or Two ⁷	4
GE Area 4UD: Upper-Division Social and Behavioral Sciences	3
SF State Studies or University Elective	3

Units 14

Eighth Semester

COMM 670	Seminar in Communication Studies (Major Capstone)	2
Major Electives (6 units) ⁹		6
SF State Studies or University Elective - Take Two		7

Units 15

Total Units 120-122

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)**

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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 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)