

# BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH A MAJOR IN COMMUNICATION (BA)

## Degree Requirements

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## Hours Required

120 semester credit hours (SCH): 45 hours must be advanced, with fulfillment of degree requirements as specified in the "Requirements for Graduation (<https://catalog.tamiu.edu/undergraduate-information/academic-regulations/>)" section of this catalog.

## Requirements

Code	Title	Semester Credit Hours
<b>[University Core Curriculum] (<a href="https://catalog.tamiu.edu/appendix-a-core-curriculum-optional-course-information/">https://catalog.tamiu.edu/appendix-a-core-curriculum-optional-course-information/</a>)</b>		
Select 42 SCH as outlined in the suggested plans and as specified in the "Requirements for Graduation"		42
<b>Life &amp; Physical Science Lab</b>		
Select 1 SCH compatible with Life & Physical Science course		1
<b>Foreign Language/Study Abroad</b>		
Students must complete 6 SCH to fulfill the foreign language requirement/study abroad requirement. This may be met by completing one of the following options:		6
1. Foreign Language Coursework: Students may take up to 6 SCH of foreign language* coursework (not credit by exam).		
2. Study Abroad: Students may take up to 6 SCH in any subject through a TAMIU-approved study abroad program, provided they live in another country for at least 2 weeks.		
3. Foreign Language/ Study Abroad Coursework: Students may combine 3 SCH of study abroad with 3 SCH of foreign language coursework, following the guidelines previously provided.		
<b>Major</b>		
COMM 1311	Fundamentals of Comm	3
COMM 3300	Intro to Theo Prin of Comm	3
COMM 3310	Methods of Inquiry:Quant Rsch	3
COMM 3312	Methods of Inquiry:Qual Rsch	3
COMM 4350	Internship	3
COMM 4360	Comm Theory&Practice	3
<b>Restrictive COMM Electives</b>		
Select 6 SCH from the following:		6
COMM 3102 & COMM 3202	Digital Filmmaking I Lab and Digital Filmmaking I	
COMM 3132 & COMM 3232	Digital Filmmaking II Lab and Digital Filmmaking II	
COMM 3223 & COMM 3123	Video Editing and Post Prod and Video Editing & Post Prod Lab	

COMM 3327	Media Writing	
COMM 3331	Photojournalism	
COMM 3332	Multimedia Production I	
COMM 3333	Multimedia Production II	
COMM 4330	Special Issues in Comm (if the topic has a media focus)	
Select 12 SCH from remaining COMM courses		12
<b>Minor</b>		
Select a minimum of 18 SCH from one discipline at least twelve of which must be at the 3000-4000 level. See Appendix C. Instead of a minor, students may complete 18 SCH of electives, 12 SCH of which must be at the 3000-4000 level, from any discipline, except the major field, outside the College of Nursing and Health Sciences.		18
<b>General Electives</b>		
Select 17 SCH, at least 12 SCH of which must be at the 3000-4000 level. Students who do not elect to have a minor curriculum may use up to 9 hours of the resulting general electives in their major curriculum		17

**Total Semester Credit Hours** 120

Note: Certain courses (COMM 3309, COMM 3324, and COMM 4330) may be taken more than once for credit within the degree program when topic changes.

\*Foreign Language/Study Abroad: For Spanish courses, a Spanish placement exam must be taken before course enrollment to identify competency level.

## Four-Year Degree Plan

Following is a suggested four-year degree plan. Students are encouraged to see their advisor each semester for help with program decisions and enrollment; responsible for reviewing the **Program of Study Requirements**, meeting all course prerequisites, and **writing intensive course (WIN)** requirements for graduation. See Academic Regulations-Undergraduate online. (<https://catalog.tamiu.edu/undergraduate-information/academic-regulations/>)

Freshman		Semester Credit Hours
Fall		
ENGL 1301	English Composition I	3
HIST 1301	The US to 1877	3
MATH 1342	Introductory Statistics	3
UNIV 1201	Learn a Global Context I	2
Creative Arts		3
COMM Elective		3
<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>17</b>
Spring		
COMM 1311	Fundamentals of Comm	3
ENGL 1302	English Composition II	3
HIST 1302	The US Since 1877	3
UNIV 1302	Signature Course	3
Social/Behavioral Science		3
<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
Sophomore		
Fall		
PSCI 2305	American National Government	3
COMM Elective		3

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Language, Philosophy & Culture	3
Life & Physical Science	3
Life & Physical Science Lab	1
<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>16</b>

**Spring**

PSCI 2306 American State Government	3
General Elective	3
Life & Physical Science	3
Life & Physical Science Lab	1
Foreign Language/Study Abroad	3
Minor/General Elective	3
<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>16</b>

**Junior**

**Fall**

COMM 3300 Intro to Theo Prin of Comm	3
Adv General Elective	3
Minor/General Elective	3
Adv Minor/General Elective	3
Foreign Language/Study Abroad	3
<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>

**Spring**

COMM 3310 Methods of Inquiry:Quant Rsch	3
COMM Elective	3
General Elective	3
Adv General Elective	2
Adv Minor/General Elective	3
<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>14</b>

**Senior**

**Fall**

COMM 4360 Comm Theory&Practice	3
COMM 3312 Methods of Inquiry:Qual Rsch	3
Restrictive COMM Elective	3
Adv Minor/General Elective	3
Adv General Elective	3
<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>

**Spring**

COMM 4350 Internship	3
Restrictive COMM Elective	3
Adv General Elective	3
Adv Minor/General Elective	3
<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>12</b>

**Total Semester Credit Hours 120**

*Some courses may require prerequisites not listed.*

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*Actual degree plans may vary depending on availability of courses in a given semester.*