Communication Studies Majors

...is not the same as:

• Mass Communication
  (Journalism, Advertising, Electronic Media, Public Relations)

• Communication Disorders
  (Health Professions)

• Communication Design
  (Art)
Department Contact Information

Centennial Hall 205
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Repeat Policy & Third Attempt

• If you repeat a course for the second time at Texas State the GPA for the second grade will replace the GPA for the first grade EVEN if the second grade is lower.

• A third grade/third attempt (and all subsequent grades) for the course will be averaged into the GPA along with the second grade.

• The third time a non-repeatable course is attempted, the state of Texas will charge a fee that is equivalent to out of state tuition rates. Attempted hours include courses where a “W” or an “F” is recorded on the transcript. Courses that are repeatable for credit are exempt.
Excessive Hours

• If a student attempts EXCESSIVE hours beyond the minimum number of hours required for her/his degree, the state of Texas will charge a fee that is equivalent to out of state tuition rate for every hour in excess. This law applies to all courses that are attempted and receive a grade, including courses where a “W” and “F” is recorded on the transcript as well as repeated courses that are not repeatable for credit.

• Students enrolled in college in the fall semester of 1999 are allowed 45 hours beyond the minimum.

• Students enrolled in college for the first time in the fall of 2006 and later are only allowed 30 hours beyond the minimum.
What is FERPA?

A Federal law, Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), which protects the privacy of the student education records and guarantees students’ access to their own records.
How to obtain full major status

You must have

- Completed 45 overall hours
- Earn a 2.5 Overall GPA
Degrees offered

• Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies
  With optional concentrations in
  • Interpersonal Communication
  • Organizational Communication
  • Persuasive Communication

• Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies
  with Secondary Teaching Certification in a single field or two fields
Graduation Requirements

• Minimum 120 hours of coursework
• Minimum 36 Advanced hours (3000-4000 level courses)
• 33 hours in Communication Studies coursework
• Must complete a minor
• 2.0 TX State GPA, 2.25 Major GPA, 2.0 Minor GPA
Important!

Make advising appointments early!

Call 512.245.1932 to schedule an appointment.

- Check your Registration Eligibility & Holds each semester.
  This determines when and if you can register.
Communication Studies
Clubs & Societies

• Comm. Club
  • Open to all majors
  • Contact
    • Dr. Michael Cornett, mcornett@txstate.edu
    • Mr. Dennis Payne, dtpayne@txstate.edu

• Lambda Pi Eta
  • Communication Honor Society
  • Contact
    • Mr. Jeremy Hutchins for info, jh200@txstate.edu
    • Dr. Rebekah Fox, rf4@txstate.edu

• LBJ Speech and Debate Society
  • Competes in debate, public address, and oral interpretation events
  • Contact Wayne Kraemer for info, wk02@txstate.edu