

**COMMUNICATION, CONCENTRATION: COMMUNICATION STUDIES—HEALTH COMMUNICATION**  
**ACADEMIC MAP: DEGREE BA/BS (120 CREDIT HOURS)**

This degree map is a semester---by---semester course schedule for students majoring in **Communications with a concentration in Health Communication**. The milestones listed to the right of each semester are designed to keep a student on track to graduate in four years. The schedule serves as a general guideline to help build a full schedule each semester. Milestones are courses and special requirements necessary for timely progress to complete a major. When one or more milestones are missed, students should consult with an academic advisor to determine if another degree path would be more suitable.

In the Communication Studies major with a concentration in Health Communication, students will be given an overview of the field of health communication with attention to analysis of patient---healthcare provider communication and relationship, health narratives, health promotion and campaigns, etc. The focus is on understanding how communication plays a vital role in shaping individual and societal understandings of various health---related issues.

Students in the Department of Communications must earn grades of “C” or better in all courses used to satisfy requirements for the major. This includes COMM 1040, COMM 2200, and THTR 1020. Students receiving “D” or “F” grades in major and concentration core courses must repeat those course to obtain “C” or better. Graduating Seniors must enroll in COMM 4500 Senior Project as a graduation requirement. COMM 4510 Senior Seminar may only be taken as an elective. Students desiring a BA Bachelor of Arts degree must enroll in 12 hours of foreign language. The Department encourages participation in co---curricular organizations and activities, including WTST Campus Radio, TSU TV News, TSU TV Program Production, TSU News Network, The Meter student newspaper, the student---run advertising/public relations agency, the National Broadcasting Society/Alpha Epsilon Rho, the Forensics team and theatre productions.

Tennessee State University recognizes that students have diverse learning, life, and professional experiences. The University provides opportunities for students to earn college credit toward the degree through a number of assessment options that evaluate their learning experiences. These paths are grouped under the category “Prior Learning Assessment” (PLA). Various means of earning PLA credit at TSU are the following: Advanced Placement Program, American Council of Education (ACE) Military Credit, College Level Exam Program (CLEP), DSST Credit by Examination Program (includes DANTES Examination), Institutional Course Challenge Exams (Departmental Exams), International Baccalaureate Credit, Other Military Service, Portfolio Assessment. To learn more about PLA contact your academic advisor or the Office of Student Support Services for Adult and Distance Learners at (615) 963---7001 or [adultstudentsupport@tnstate.edu](mailto:adultstudentsupport@tnstate.edu).

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<b>Fall Schedule</b>		<b>Milestones</b>
<b>Semester 1</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>	<b>Semester 1</b>
ENGL 1010	3	Pre---Requisite Course: Must be taken before ENGL 1020, and HIST 2010, HIST 2020, HIST 2030, HIST 2060, HIST 2070, or HIST 2700; Minimum grade “C” Required
UNIV 1000*	1	
MATH 1013 or MATH 1110	3	
Natural Science w/lab **	4	
THTR 1020/ Foreign language I***	3	
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>14</b>	

\*An orientation course taken at another university does **NOT** meet this requirement. Students with less than 6 transfer credit hours must take UNIV 1000 at TSU.

\*\*Natural Science---Students must have 8 credit hours which includes the appropriate labs. Recommended courses are: BIOL 1010/1011, CHEM 1030/1031, PHYS 2030/2031 or ASTR 1010.

\*\*\*Four semesters of a single foreign language are required for the BA degree.

Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 2	Hrs.	Semester 2
ENGL 1020	3	Pre---Requisite Course: Must be taken before taking HIST 2010, HIST 2020, HIST 2030, HIST 2060, HIST 2070, or HIST 2700; Minimum grade "C" Required
COMM 2200	3	Minimum grade of "C" required
COMM 1040	3	Minimum grade of "C" required
Humanities*	3	
Natural Science II w/lab**	4	
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>16</b>	

\*Natural Science---Students must have credit hours which includes the appropriate labs. Recommended courses are: BIOL 1020/1021, CHEM 1040/1041, PHYS 1040/1041, or ASTR 1020.

\*\*Students must take a 3 credit hour course from the following list of approved general education Humanities courses: AREN 2310, ART, 1010, HIST 1000, THTR 1020, MUSC 1010, PHIL 1030, or RELS 2010.

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Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 3	Hrs.	Semester 3
ENGL Literature*	3	
Foreign Language II**	3	
COMM 2100 ***	3	Minimum grade of "C" required
HIST 2010****	3	
SOCI 2010*****	3	
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>15</b>	

\*Courses in the series ENGL 2012---2322 will meet this requirement; must have three hours in this discipline.

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\*\*\*Communication Studies Concentration Core

\*\*\*\*The Department recommends HIST 2010; however, HIST 2030, HIST 2060 or HIST 270 satisfy this requirement.

\*\*\*\*\*The department recommends the course cited above; however, the following courses can meet the Social Science elective AFAS 2010, ANTH 2300, ECON, 2010, GEOG 1010, HPSS 1510, POLI 1010 PSYC 2010, WMST 2000, and URBS 2010.

Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 4	Hrs.	Semester 4
Humanities and/or Fine Arts**	3	
COMM 2300***	3	Minimum grade of "C" required
HIMA 1010 ****	3	
HCAP2010****	3	
HIST 2020*****	3	
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>15</b>	

\*The following courses can meet the Social Science requirement: AFAS 2010, ANTH 2300, ECON, 2010, GEOG 1010, HPSS 1510, POLI 1010 PSYC 2010, WMST 2000, and URBS 2010.

\*\*Students must take a 3 credit hour course from the following list of approved general education Humanities courses: AREN 2310, ART, 1010, HIST 1000, THTR 1020, MUSC 1010, PHIL 1030, or RELS 2010. Students must remember not to duplicate course option from a previous semester.

\*\*\*Communication Studies Concentration Core

\*\*\*\*Recommended Health Communication track electives --- others may be chosen in consultation with advisor from all available 3000---4000---level Communications courses. Course prerequisites apply.

\*\*\*\*\*The Department recommends HIST 2020; however, HIST 2030, HIST 2060 or HIST 2700 satisfy this requirement.

Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 5	Hrs.	Semester 5
COMM 4210*	3	
COMM 3150*	3	
HCAP 2011**	3	
SOCI 3450**	3	Minimum grade of "C" required
COMM 4220***	3	
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>15</b>	

\*Communication Studies Concentration Core, COMM Major Core

\*\*Recommended Health Communication Track electives

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Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 6	Hrs.	Semester 6
COMM 3100*	3	Minimum grade of "C" required
HCAP 3310***	3	Minimum grade of "C" required
COMM 3335***	3	
COMM 4230***	3	Minimum grade of "C" required
COMM 3340 **	3	Minimum grade of "C" required
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>15</b>	

\*Communication Studies Concentration Core

\*\*Health Comm. Track required

\*\*\*Recommended Health Comm Track Elective (need 12 hours); others may be chosen in consultation with advisor from all available 3000---4000---level Communications courses. Course prerequisites apply.

Fall Schedule		Milestones
<b>Semester 7</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>	<b>Semester 7</b>
COMM 4500*	3	Minimum grade of "C" required
COMM 4250*	3	Minimum grade of "C" required, COMM 3520 may substitute
COMM 4245**	3	Minimum grade of "C" required
COMM 4255**	3	
Any upper level COMM Elective*** COMM 4230 or Foreign Language III****	3	
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>15</b>	

\*Comm Studies Concentration Core NOTE: COMM 4510 may only be taken as an elective.

\*\*Health Comm. Track required

\*\*\* Recommended Health Comm. Track elective (COMM 3340, 4230, 4240, 4255, 4300, 4500, 4510); others may be chosen in consultation with advisor from all available 3000---4000---level Communications courses. Course prerequisites apply.

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Spring Schedule		Milestones
<b>Semester 8</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>	<b>Semester 8</b>
		Take Senior Exit Exam and Apply for Graduation
COMM 4500*	3	Minimum grade of "C" required
Any Upper or Lower Level Elective Courses**	9 (6)	If Foreign Language III was taken in Semester 7, enroll in upper level COMM elective Enroll in 6 credit hours of upper or lower level electives if taking Foreign Language IV
And/or Foreign Language IV***	3	BA degree requirement
Social/Behavior Science	3	
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>15/15</b>	BA degree requirement

\*Communication studies concentration core

\*\*Recommended health communication track electives (COMM 3340, 4230, 4240, 4255, 4300, 4500, 4510); others may be chosen in consultation with advisor from all available 3000---4000---level Communications courses. Course prerequisites apply.

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#### **Employment Information:**

Students specialize in Communications Studies may seek employment either in business sector or in non---profit organizations. Their studies will also prepare them for graduate programs in Communication Studies.

**Representative Job Titles Related to this Major:** Healthcare company administrative assistant, physician office administrative assistant, Human Resource specialist, Marketing specialist, customer service assistant, community outreach coordinator etc.

**Representative Employers:** Healthcare insurance company, hospital, local, state, and federal government, non---profit organization

**International study is available for all TSU students and may include opportunities for internships or taking course work towards various minors.** International study may have an impact on the academic map; therefore, it is important to consult with the academic advisor for this major before participating in an international Program opportunity. Students interested in study abroad opportunities should contact the Office of International Programs and consult with their academic advisor.

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