

**COMMUNICATIONS, CONCENTRATION: COMM 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 you 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.

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 COMM1040, COMM2200, and THTR 1020. Students receiving “D” or “F” grades in major and concentration core courses must repeat those course to obtain a “C” or better. 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: Advance Placement Program, American Council of Education (ACE) Military Credit, American Council on Education (ACE) other Assessed 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 (615) 963-7001.

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Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 1	Hrs.	Semester 1
ENGL 1010	3	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before ENGL 1020, and HIST 2010, HIST 2020, HIST 2030, HIST 2050 or HIST 2700; Minimum grade “C” Required
UNIV 1000*	1	
MATH 1013 <u>or</u> MATH 1110**	3	
Natural Science w/lab ***	4	
THTR 1020	3	
Total hours	14	

*An orientation course taken at another university does NOT meet this requirement. Students with less than 60 transfer credit hours must take UNIV 1000 at TSU

**See Catalog for complete list of qualifying courses.

***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. See Catalog for complete list of qualifying courses.

****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 ENGL 1020, and HIST 2010, HIST 2020, HIST 2030, HIST 2050 or HIST 2700; Minimum grade "C" Required
COMM2200	3	Minimum grade of "C" required
COMM1040	3	Minimum grade of "C" required
HIST2010	3	
Natural Science II w/lab*	4	
Total hours	16	

*Natural Science-Students must have 8 credit hours which includes the appropriate labs. Recommended courses are: BIOL 1020/1021, CHEM 1040/1041, PHYS 1040/1041, or ASTR 1020. See Catalog for complete list of qualifying courses.

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Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 3	Hrs.	Semester 3
ENGL Literature*	3	
Humanities and/or Fine Arts**	3	
COMM 2100 ***	3	Minimum grade of "C" required
HIST2020	3	
Social/Behavior Science **** SOCI2010	3	
Total hours	15	

*ENGL 1012-2322 will meet this requirement; must have three hours in this discipline.

**ART 1010, MUSC 1010, RELS 2010, PHIL 1030, HIST 1210, 1220 will meet this requirement

***Communication Studies Concentration Core

****Recommend SOCI 2010. See Catalog for complete list of qualifying courses.

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Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 4	Hrs.	Semester 4
Social/Behavior Science *	3	
Humanities and/or Fine Arts**	3	
COMM2300***	3	Minimum grade of "C" required
HIMA1010****	3	
HCAP2010/2011****	3	
Total hours	15	

* AFAS 2010, ANTH2300, ECON2010-2020 (Recommended), HPSS1510, POLI 1010-2010, PSYC 2010, HIST 1210, HIST 1220, WMST 2010 will meet this requirement. See Catalog for complete list of qualifying courses.

** ART1010, MUSC 1010, PHIL 1030, RELS 2010 will meet this requirement.

***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.

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Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 5	Hrs.	Semester 5
COMM4210*	3	
COMM3150*	3	
HCAP2011****	3	
SOCI3450**	3	Minimum grade of "C" required
COMM4220	3	
Total hours	15	

*Communication Studies Concentration Core, COMM Major Core

**Health Communication Track

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

Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 6	Hrs.	Semester 6
COMM3100*	3	Minimum grade of "C" required
HCAP 3310**	3	Minimum grade of "C" required
COMM3335	3	
COMM4230**	3	Minimum grade of "C" required
COMM3340**	3	Minimum grade of "C" required
Total hours	15	

*Communication Studies Concentration Core

**Recommended Health 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
Semester 7	Hrs.	Semester 7
COMM4500*	3	Minimum grade of "C" required
COMM4250**	3	Minimum grade of "C" required, COMM3520 may substitute
COMM4245***	3	Minimum grade of "C" required
COMM4255***	3	
Any upper level COMM Elective****	3	
Total hours	15	

*Major Core

**Communication Studies Concentration Core

***Health Track

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

Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 8	Hrs.	Semester 8
		Take Senior Exit Exam and Apply for Graduation
COMM4500	3	Minimum grade of "C" required
Any Upper or Lower Level Elective Courses*	12	
Total hours	15	

*Chosen in consultation with advisor

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 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.

This map is not intended to be a contract; either expressed or implied, between the University and the students, but represents a flexible program of the current curriculum which may be altered from time to time to carry out the academic objectives of the University. TSU specifically reserves the right to change, delete or add to any MAP at any time within the student's period of study at the University.
