Communication Studies majors develop skills that make them “most likely to succeed.” The Wall Street Journal reports that leaders in corporations and industry consistently rank communication skills among the most needed in the workplace. They identify communication deficiencies as extremely common among employees and responsible for significant problems with efficiency, productivity, and safety. As a result, communication studies majors enter the workforce with an edge, having highly developed communication skills. These skills allow them positive recognition and upward mobility as they excel on the job.

The skills developed simultaneously serve the individual and society. Although many majors train with a specific career in mind, the technical and relational skills associated with the major transfer to a variety of careers, enabling graduates to thrive in today’s marketplace where most professionals can expect to change careers several times. At the same time, training in communication studies provides students the tools to participate meaningfully in social and political life. Majors also benefit from the department’s active membership in the National Communication Association.

Communication Studies students will...

- Interact with well-trained faculty in small-class settings.
- Learn and train in state-of-the-art facilities in Academic Hall.
- Develop skills in oral, written, and visual communication, as well as listening, teamwork, leadership, and more.
- Experience one-on-one advising to determine the best courses and minor (or second major) best suited to personal goals and aspirations.
- Have access to the student organizations COMMrades and Jimmy’s Friends.
- Be poised to try out for Southeast’s award-winning debate team and/or as a tutor in the department’s speaker’s resource center.
- Have the opportunity to oversee public events while earning course credit.

Career Planning

Career preparation is part of the mission of Southeast. 100% of programs offer our students an internship, study-abroad program, clinical opportunity, student teaching or research internship.

The Office of Career Services in Academic Hall 057 can provide students with professional career counseling and coaching, resume critiques, practice interviews, job search strategies, career events, networking opportunities, and more.

| Demonstrated Career Proficiency is a Requirement of all Southeast Students |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| CL001 First Semester        | Students connect academic career planning by completing an online career assessment |
| CL002 Second Semester       | Students learn more about resources available to enhance academic and career planning |
| CL003 Junior Year           | Students learn about continued career planning, job search strategies, and networking |
| CL004 Senior Year           | Students learn about resume development, professional communication, interviewing, and transitioning to the first job from college |

Internship & Employment Opportunities of Recent Graduates

- Our recent graduates have secured employment in a wide variety of settings, including
  - Caterpillar
  - Children’s Charity of St. Louis
  - Cintas
  - Enterprise Rent-A-Car
  - LDiscovery
  - Manitz Motivation Solutions
  - Missouri House of Representatives
  - National Communication Association
  - Roberts, Wooten & Zimmer: Attorneys at Law
  - Timberland
  - Transportation Security Administration
  - U.S. Bancorp

- Recent majors have interned in various settings, including
  - AT&T Mobility
  - Classic Contracting, LLC
  - Farmers Insurance Group
  - Fleishman-Hillard
  - Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation
  - KRCU: A National Public Radio affiliate
  - National Baseball Hall of Fame
  - Office of Prosecuting Attorney (Cape Girardeau)
  - Panama Canal Authority
  - Patty Long Catering, Inc.
  - Republic Services, Inc.
  - Veteran’s Affairs Medical Center

Graduate Programs of Recent Graduates

Our majors have gained entrance to notable graduate programs and law schools, including

- Ball State University
- Clemson University
- DePaul University
- Duke University
- Indiana University
- Northwestern University
- Saint Louis University
- University of Arkansas
- University of Central Florida
- University of Illinois
- University of Mississippi
- University of Missouri
- Washington University


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COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS
Communication Studies
Bachelor of Arts (BA)

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**CURRICULUM CHECKLIST**

30 hours in major. Minor required.

Communication Studies Core – 15 Hours Required

- SC 001 Exit Interview (0)
- SC 105 Fundamentals of Oral Communication (3)
- SC 155 Fundamentals of Interpersonal Communication (3)
- SC 200 Advanced Public Speaking (3)
- SC 320 Group Communication & Decision Making (3)
- UI 345 Nonverbal Communication (3)
- UI 425 Persuasion (3)
- SC 560 Organizational Communication (3)

Choose 15 Hours From:

- SC 215 Intercultural Communication (3)
- SC 301 Foundations of Health Communication (3)
- SC 310 Speechwriting (3)
- SC 314 Argumentation and Problem Solving (3)
- SC 330 Corporate and Professional Communication (3)
- SC 335 Interviewing (3)
- SC 355 Relational Communication Strategies (3)
- SC 360 Experiential Communication Projects (1), (2), or (3)
- SC 406 Negotiation & Conflict Management (3)
- SC 463 Independent Study (3)
- SC 482 Special Problems in Communication Studies (3)
- SC 483 Internship in Speech Communication (3)
- SC 510 Leadership and Teambuilding (3)
- SC 560 Organizational Communication (3)
- UI 301 Managerial Communication (3)
- UI 320 Modern Presidency (3)
- UI 423 Political Communication (3)
- UI 425 Persuasion (3)
- UI 504 Leaders of Social Change (3)

University Studies Requirements (not already listed above):

**SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN**

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**FOURTH YEAR**

*Consider taking SC 483: Internship

Degree requirements for all students: a minimum of 120 credit hours, completion of University Studies program, completion of 39 senior division hours (300-599), career proficiencies (CL001-004), Writing Proficiency Exam (WP003), and completion of the Measure of Academic Proficiency and Progress (MAPP) at the senior level. Refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin or Degree Works for additional graduation requirements for your program.

If you have dual credit or transfer credit, please visit our transfer course equivalencies guide at semo.edu/transfercredit.