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
Highly refined communication skills enable students to pursue a variety of careers.

| Demonstrated Career Proficiency is a Requirement of all Southeast Students |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| CL001/CL002    | First Semester |
| Complete the FOCUS2 assessment and develop a Career Action Plan. |
| CL03           | Junior Year |
| Students gain information about career planning and job searching resources. |
| CL004          | Senior Year |
| Students demonstrate advanced proficiency by identifying a position in their field, developing a cover letter, and tailoring a resume for the position. Materials are critiqued to ensure preparedness for a successful job search. |

Career Services, located in Academic Hall 057, provides professional career advising to guide students in their career development.

Internship & Employment
Opportunities of Recent Graduates
- Our recent graduates have secured employment in a wide variety of settings, including
  - Caterpillar
  - Childrens’ Charity of St. Louis
  - Cintas
  - Enterprise Rent-A-Car
  - LDiscovery
  - Maritz 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
  - KRKC: 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
This is a guide based on the 2014-2015 Undergraduate Bulletin and is subject to change. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on several factors such as dual enrollment, remediation, and summer enrollment. Students will meet with an academic advisor each semester and use DegreeWorks to monitor their individual progress.

**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 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 483 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):**

UI100 First Year Seminar, EN100 English Composition, Artistic Expression, Written Expression, Literary Expression, Behavioral Systems, Living Systems, Logical Systems, Physical Systems, Development of a Major Civilization, Economic Systems, Political Systems, Social Systems, one additional IU/UI3XX and one IU/UI4XX if not taken in core or major electives.

**SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN**

**Fall Semester** | **Spring Semester**
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| **Course #** | **Hrs** | **Course #** | **Hrs** |
| UI100 | 3 | SC105/SC155 | 3 |
| EN100 | 3 | Behavioral Systems | 3 |
| Artistic Expression | 3 | Physical Systems | 3 |
| Literary Expression | 3 | Social Systems | 3 |
| Dev of a Major Civilization | 3 | Written Expression | 3 |
| **Total** | **15** | **Total** | **15** |

**SECOND YEAR**

| **Course #** | **Fall Semester** | **Hrs** | **Spring Semester** | **Hrs** |
| UI 345 | 3 | Comm Studies Elective | 3 |
| Comm Studies Elective | 3 | Minor Course | 3 |
| Minor Course | 3 | IU/UI XX | 3 |
| General Elective | 3 | General Elective | 3 |
| General Elective | 3 | General Elective | 3 |
| **Total** | **15** | **Total** | **15** |

**THIRD YEAR**

| **Course #** | **Fall Semester** | **Hrs** | **Spring Semester** | **Hrs** |
| UI 425 | 3 | SC 001 | 0 |
| Comm Studies Elective* | 3 | Minor Course | 3 |
| Minor Course | 3 | General Elective | 3 |
| General Elective | 3 | General Elective | 3 |
| General Elective | 3 | General Elective | 3 |
| **Total** | **15** | **Total** | **15** |

**FOURTH YEAR**

*Consider taking SC 483: Internship

**Degree requirements for all students:** a minimum of 120 credit hours, completion of University Studies program, career proficiencies (CL001-004), Writing Proficiency Exam (WP003), and completion of the Measure of Academic Proficiency and Progress (MAPP) at the freshman and senior levels.

Refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin or DegreeWorks for additional graduation requirements (i.e., minimum GPA and coursework) for your program of study.