

2025-2026 Degree Map-Bachelor of Arts in Communication

This map is a term-by-term sample course schedule. The milestones listed to the right of each term are designed to keep you on course to graduate in four years. The Sample Schedule serves as a general guideline to help you build a full schedule each term. See course descriptions and prerequisites at <https://catalog.atu.edu/>

#Prerequisite Courses: ENGL 0303 _____ MATH 0803 _____ MATH 0903 _____

Sample Schedule	Milestones/Notes		
Semester 1	Hrs.	Grade	Semester 1
ENGL 1013-Comp I (ACTS=ENGL 1013)	3	#	Draft a résumé to upload to Handshake
U.S. History/Government	3		Create a LinkedIn profile
Science with Lab	4		
COMM 1003- Intro to Communication	3		
TECH 1001- Orientation to the University	1		
COMM OR JOUR 1023-Exploration of Media and Communication	3		
Total hours	17	GPA	

Semester 2	Hrs.		Semester 2
ENGL 1023- Comp II (ACTS= ENGL 1023)	3	#	Attend a career fair to observe
Social Sciences	3		
Mathematics	3	#	Note 1: Student may enroll in Debate or Individual Events Practicums to earn COMM or General Electives.
General Elective See Note 1	3		
General Elective	3		
Total hours	15	GPA	

Semester 3	Hrs.		Semester 3
Science with Lab	4		
COMM 2003- Public Speaking	3		Attend a career fair and explore part-time or volunteer options
COMM Elective (any level)	3		
General Elective	3		
General Elective	3		
Total hours	16	GPA	

Semester 4	Hrs.		Semester 4
Fine Arts & Humanities	3		Meet with faculty about career paths to determine if graduate school is required
Social Sciences	3		
COMM 3123-Argumentation OR COMM 3133-Digital Civility	3		
General Elective	3		See catalog for Certificates and/or minors to consider
General Elective	3		
Total hours	15	GPA	COMM ADVISOR ASSIGNED

The Arkansas Course Transfer System (ACTS) is designed to assist in planning the academic progress of students. This system contains information about the transferability of courses within Arkansas public colleges and universities. The Arkansas Course Transfer System can be accessed by searching keyword "ACTS" at <https://adhe.edu/>

Fine Arts and Humanities ART 2123 Experiencing Art (ACTS=ARTA1003) MUS 2003 Survey of Music History (ACTS=MUSC1003) TH 2273 Introduction to Theatre (ACTS=DRAM 1003) ENGL/JOUR 2173 Introduction to Film ENGL 2003 Introduction to World Literature (ACTS=ENGL2113) ENGL 2013 Intro. to American Literature (ACTS=ENGL2653) PHIL 2003 Introduction to Philosophy (ACTS=PHIL1103) PHIL 2053 Introduction to Critical Thinking (ACTS=PHIL 1003) 1013 from SPAN, FR, GER, or JPN 1023 from SPAN, FR, GER, JPN, or CHIN LEAD 2003 Ethics in Leadership	U.S. History & Government HIST 1903 Survey of American History HIST 2003 U.S. History to 1877 (ACTS=HIST2113) HIST 2013 U.S. History since 1877 (ACTS=HIST2123) POLS 2003 American Government (ACTS=PLSC2003) Science with Lab BIOL 1014- Intro. to Biological Science (ACTS= BIOL1004) BIOL/PHSC 1004- Principles of Environmental Science GEOL 1014- Physical Geology (ACTS= GEOL 1114) University Honors students should consult Course Catalog for appropriate Fine Arts/Humanities, US History/Government and Social Science options for University Honors Curriculum.
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Possible Careers: Sales, Customer Service, Public Relations, Advertising, Non-Profit, and Media

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Semester 5	Hrs.	Grade	Semester 5
COMM 3003- Interpersonal Communication	3		
COMM 3513-Media Criticism	3		Research grad school or post-grad options and do a mock interview utilizing Career Services
COMM Elective (3000-4000 level)	3		
General Elective	3		
General Elective	3		
Total hours	15	GPA	

Semester 6	Hrs.		Semester 6
Fine Arts & Humanities	3		
COMM Elective (3000-4000 level)	3		Complete an internship or field-related experience
General Elective	3		
General Elective (3000-4000 level)	3		
General Elective (3000-4000 level)	3		
Total hours	15	GPA	APPLY FOR GRADUATION

Semester 7	Hrs.		Semester 7
COMM 4823-Communication Capstone	3		
General Elective (3000-4000 level)	3		Finalize résumé, cover letter, and references and complete a senior check-in with Career Services
General Elective (3000-4000 level)	3		
General Elective (3000-4000 level)	3		
General Elective (3000-4000 level)	3		
Total hours	15	GPA	

Semester 8	Hrs.		Semester 8
COMM Elective	3		See Note 1
COMM Elective (3000-4000 level)	3		Graduation Requirements: Min. hours 3000-4000 level courses: 40 No more than 4 PE activity hours Min. hours required:120 2.00+ GPA
General Elective (3000-4000 level)	1		
General Elective	3		
General Elective	2		
Total hours	12	GPA	

indicates a "C" or better is required

General Electives: 32 hours (1000-4000 level); 19 hours (3000-4000 level) (Student may need less UD electives, if more than 12 hrs. of 3000-4000 level COMM electives are earned)

Social Sciences HIST 1503 World History to 1500 (ACTS=HIST1113) HIST 1513 World History since 1500 (ACTS=HIST1123) HIST 2003 U.S. History to 1877 (ACTS=HIST2113) HIST 2013 U.S. History since 1877 (ACTS=HIST2123) HIST 1903 Survey of American History POLS 2003 American Government (ACTS=PLSC2003) ECON 2003 Principles of Macroeconomics (ACTS=ECON2103) ECON 2013 Principles of Microeconomics (ACTS=ECON2203) SOC 1003 Introductory Sociology (ACTS=SOC11013) PSY 2003 General Psychology (ACTS=PSYC1103)	ANTH 1213 Intro. to Anthropology (ACTS=ANTH1013) ANTH 2003 Cultural Anthropology (ACTS=ANTH2013) GEOG 2013 Regional Geography of the World (ACTS=GEOG2103) AMST 2003 American Studies FIN 2013 Personal Finance LEAD 1003 Introduction to Leadership Communication Courses COMM 1003 Intro to Speech Comm COMM 2003 Public Speaking COMM 2173 Business and Professional Speaking
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