

2026-2027 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

Semester 1	Hrs.	Grade	Milestones/Notes	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.	Grade	Milestones/Notes	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	3			
General Elective	3			
Total hours	15	GPA		

Semester 3	Hrs.	Grade	Milestones/Notes	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.	Grade	Milestones/Notes	Semester 4
Fine Arts & Humanities	3			Consider Accelerated AB2M Degree Program. See Catalog BEFORE Junior Year. See AB2M Note below.
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/>

AB2M Note: Students admitted to the Accelerated Bachelor's to Master's Degree Program can take up to 9 credit hours at the 5000-level and 6000-level that can count towards elective hours.

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

Possible Careers: Sales, Customer Service, Public Relations, Advertising, Non-Profit, and Media

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Semester 5	Hrs.	Grade	Milestones/Notes	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.	Grade	Milestones/Notes	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.	Grade	Milestones/Notes	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.	Grade	Milestones/Notes	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	Communication Courses
HIST 1503 World History to 1500 (ACTS=HIST1113)	COMM 1003 Intro to Speech Comm
HIST 1513 World History since 1500 (ACTS=HIST1123)	COMM 2003 Public Speaking
HIST 2003 U.S. History to 1877 (ACTS=HIST2113)	COMM 2173 Business and Professional Speaking
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=SOC1013)	
PSY 2003 General Psychology (ACTS=PSYC1103)	