

Communication Design | Bachelor's Degree

	FIRST YEAR	MIDDLE YEARS	LAST YEAR
ADVANCE your academic journey	<p>Meet with a Fine Arts and Communication Advisor to develop your academic planning.</p> <p>Explore majors with a MyMajors assessment.</p> <p>Take advantage of the Student Learning Assistance Center (Tutoring).</p> <p>Prepare your Communication Design entrance portfolio.</p> <p>Adopt your University Seminar US1100 learning as key for first year success</p>	<p>Meet with the College of Fine Arts and Communications Advising Center for questions about your major.</p> <p>Share your knowledge as a Peer Mentor or Tutor at SLAC.</p> <p>Explore Campus Resources for academic and personal support.</p> <p>Meet with a faculty mentor to select an undergraduate research opportunity.</p>	<p>Check your Degree Audit & meet with your academic advisor.</p> <p>Explore next steps including potential Fine Arts graduate programs.</p> <p>Complement your degree with a micro credential from Alkek One.</p> <p>Consider adding a skill from the TXST Coursera Career Academy.</p> <p>Meet with a faculty mentor or peer advisor.</p> <p>Complete your exit review project.</p>
EXPAND your personal and social development	<p>Review your degree plan for courses that include the Service-Learning Excellence program.</p> <p>Begin expanding your student experience by joining an Art and Design student organization.</p> <p>Find additional events and organizations through the Bobcat Organization HUB.</p> <p>Explore the Study in America for ARTH 2301 in New York City and other Study in America programs.</p> <p>Attend financial literacy workshops (e.g., budgeting, student loans, taxes).</p>	<p>Sharpen your leadership by attending a professional art & design conference or virtual meeting with an organization such as AIGA or the College Art Association of America.</p> <p>Explore opportunities such as the Fulbright Scholarship and education abroad programs, including the School of Art and Design's specially tailored faculty-led study abroad programs.</p> <p>Discover Global Online Learning Experiences for courses with culturally dynamic perspectives.</p> <p>Participate in The Big Event to give back to the regional community.</p>	<p>Select a service activity through Student Involvement to give back to the area community.</p> <p>Seek out a leadership role with the Leadership & Service program.</p> <p>Attend a Student Government Senate meeting to contribute to the TXST community.</p> <p>Revisit financial literacy workshops (e.g., budgeting, student loans, taxes).</p>
ENRICH your practical competence	<p>Connect your schedule to the TXST Galleries throughout each semester to attend exhibitions, workshops, artist lectures, and more.</p> <p>Join the AIGA Texas State Student Group to network with fellow students and professional counterparts in San Antonio and Austin.</p> <p>Visit Alkek 1 in Alkek Library and the Art and Design Multidisciplinary Innovation Lab to learn about maker spaces and digital technologies you can use for your class and personal projects.</p>	<p>Learn the communication design program opportunities before taking the major's internship course.</p> <p>Explore the annual Design Competitions to attend and compete.</p> <p>Attend a conference related to your major (get recommendations from a faculty) or your student organization.</p> <p>Review micro internship opportunities for professional development in which you learn and earn.</p>	<p>Learn about Global Career Accelerator options that give you experience with global companies and in-demand tech skills.</p> <p>Attend a professional conference, such as AIGA Design Conference.</p> <p>Deliver a presentation in a student conference, workshop, seminar or community organization.</p>
ELEVATE your career and professional life	<p>Complete your Career Assessments, such as Focus2.</p> <p>Create your Handshake profile.</p> <p>Create your LinkedIn profile and connect with colleagues and leaders.</p> <p>Develop and review your resume with Career Services.</p>	<p>Build Career & Graduate School Fairs into your schedule to ensure your connection maximum opportunities.</p> <p>Join Employer Information Sessions at Career Services or your department.</p> <p>Prepare to ace your job interviews with Career Services or your academic department.</p>	<p>Develop a full-time employment or graduate school plan with Career Services.</p> <p>Attend employer info sessions at Career Services.</p> <p>Complete your First Destination Survey to share your post-graduation plans.</p> <p>Identify faculty and professional references for future applications and opportunities.</p>

OUTCOMES

Marketable Skills

Think critically

Analyze and solve problems

Communicate clearly and effectively

Ability to apply basic design principles

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[See more marketable skills for this major](#)

Career Opportunities

Product design

Art director

Design director

Creative director

Experience engagement

Identity/brand design

Exhibition design

Packaging design

User interface design

User experience design

Innovation management

Experiences in Communication Design

The communication design major is a dynamic program which combines foundational curriculum in general studies, art foundations, art history, and art and design electives, with courses in interactive design, typography, art direction, corporate identity, sustainable packaging, brand experience, human-centered design, environmental graphics, and design research, all of which prepare the student for professional practice. Students may further their education with independent study courses, job shadowing, and professional internships. Other activities in the student experience may include study abroad, student organization membership, leadership and service, and a wide variety of events.