

**West Texas A&M University**  
**Advising Services**  
**Degree Checklist**  
**2022-2023**

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ WT ID: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**Broadcast Journalism**  
**Department of Communication**  
**FAC 103 651-2798**

CORE CURRICULUM COURSES: 42 HOURS ♦		HRS	
<b>Communication (Core 10)</b>			
ENGL 1301 Intro. to Academic Writing & Argumentation <b>OR</b> ENGL 1311 Writing About Ideas	3		
COMM 1315, 1318, or 1321	3		
<b>Mathematics (Core 20)</b>			
MATH 1314*, 1316*, 1324*, 1325*, 1332**/**, 1342**/**, 1350**/**, 2412*, or 2413* (2412 & 2413: fourth hr. moves to Core 90)	3		
<b>Life and Physical Sciences (Core 30)</b>			
<b>Take two courses from (extra lab hours move to Core 90): ♦</b> ANSC 1319; BIOL 1406 or 1408, 1407* or 1409*, 1411, 1413; CHEM 1405* or 1411*, 1412*; ENVR 1407*; GEOL 1401 or 1403, 1402, 1404; PHYS 1401*, 1402*, 1411, 1412, 1471, 2425*, 2426*; PSES 1301, 1307	6		
<b>Language, Philosophy and Culture (Core 40)</b>			
See University Core Requirements below	(3)		
<b>Creative Arts (Core 50)</b>			
ARTS 1301, 1303, 1304; DANC 2303; MUSI 1306, 1307 (for music majors), 1310; or THRE 1310 <b>Choose 1</b>	3		
<b>American History (Core 60)</b>			
HIST 1301 or 2381, 1302 or 2382, 2301 <b>Choose 2</b>	6		
<b>Government/Political Science (Core 70)</b>			
POSC 2305 and 2306	6		
<b>Social and Behavioral Sciences (Core 80)</b>			
AGBE 2317*; COMM 2377; CRIJ 1301; ECON 2301, 2302; PSYC 2301; SOCI 1301 <b>Choose 1</b>	3		
<b>Component Area Option (Core 90)</b>			
<b>Take six hours from: ♦</b> AGRI 2300; BIOL lab hours (from Core 30); BUSI 1301, 1304; CHEM lab hours (from Core 30); CIDM 1105, CIDM 1301 or 1315; CS 1301; ECON 2331; ENGL 1101, 1102, 1302*, 1312*, 2311*; ENVR lab hour (from Core 30); GEOL lab hours (from Core 30); IDS 1071 (1-3 hours); extra MATH hours (from Core 20); MUSI 1053; PHIL 2303; PHYS lab hours (from Core 30); SES 1120	6		
<b>BROADCAST JOURNALISM MAJOR REQUIREMENTS: 48 HOURS****</b>			
<b>A grade of "C" or better must be earned in all courses required for major.</b>			
<b>UNIVERSITY CORE REQUIREMENTS: 3 HOURS</b>			
MCOM 1307 Introduction to Media Communication	3		
<b>MEDIA COMMUNICATION CORE: 28 HOURS</b>			
MCOM 1336 Basic Video Production	3		
MCOM 2310 Media Design	3		
MCOM 2311 Media Writing	3		
MCOM 2376 Media Theory	3		
MCOM 3305* New Media	3		
MCOM 3314* Public Relations & Advertising Research <b>OR</b> COMM 3315* Research Methods	3		
MCOM 3327 Media Law	3		
MCOM 3379 Media Management MCOM 2327 Advertising Principles MCOM 3331 Media History <b>Choose 1</b>	3		
MCOM 4191* Portfolio & Professional Development	1		
MCOM 4302* Media Ethics	3		

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BROADCAST JOURNALISM REQUIREMENTS: 17 HOURS		
MCOM 3309* Multimedia Journalism	3	
MCOM 4398 Media Internship	3	
<b>Take 11 hours from:</b>		
MCOM 1318 Digital Photography		
MCOM 2171 KWTS Practicum	1,1,1	
MCOM 2172 Eternal Flame Practicum	1,1,1	
MCOM 2173 Prairie Practicum	1,1,1	
MCOM 2174 Sports Broadcasting Practicum	1,1,1	
(Any combination of practicum hours can be taken up to a total of 3 hrs.)		
MCOM 3301 Feature Writing MCOM 3310* Advanced Design MCOM 3330 Audio Journalism MCOM 3331 Media History MCOM 3335* News One on Air MCOM (or COMM) 4300 Communication Study Abroad MCOM 4309 International Journalism <b>OR</b> COMM/MCOM 3304 Introduction to Buffalo Advertising MCOM 4321 1910 PR MCOM 4390* Senior Project	11	
<b>BACHELOR OF SCIENCE REQUIREMENTS: 6 HOURS OPTIO</b>		
Six hours chosen from biology, chemistry, geology, geosciences, mathematics, physics and natural sciences.	6	
<b>ELECTIVES: 27 HOURS BY ADVISEMENT—SEE NOTES I &amp; II</b>		
ELECTIVES (NON-MCOM) ♦	27	
<b>MINIMUM HOURS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE DEGREE</b>	<b>120</b>	

♦ NOTE I: The core curriculum must total **exactly 42 hours**; excess hours must be moved to the major as an elective or a major requirement and stay within the 120-hour requirement or approved total submitted to the Coordinating Board for degree requirements. Some majors specify particular courses to meet core curriculum requirements when options are available.

\* Indicates prerequisites—see catalog for more information.

\*\* While MATH 1332, 1342 and 1350 will fulfill core math requirements, they will NOT prepare students for higher-level math courses such as Plane Trigonometry (MATH 1316) or Pre-Calculus (MATH 2412).

\*\*\* Or an equivalent course (second year, second semester) in a foreign language.

\*\*\*\* All Broadcast Journalism majors will compile and submit an e-portfolio that demonstrates required competencies. See catalog for details.

NOTE II: At least 36 hours of advanced work (3000- or 4000-level courses) for which tuition is paid must be earned at WTAMU. A maximum of six semester hours in religion (RELI) and six semester hours in physical education (PHED) courses can count toward a baccalaureate degree.

**NOTE: This is NOT a degree plan. All undergraduate students must request an official degree plan from their academic dean's office by the time they have completed 30 credit hours.**

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Major: Broadcast Journalism, BS

Major Code: 234

First Year			
Fall		Spring	
CORE 10-ENGL 1301	3	MCOM 2310	3
		MCOM CORE	
CORE 10-COMM	3	MCOM 2311	3
1315, 1318, 1321		MCOM Core	
CORE 20--MATH	3	CORE 60-HIST	3
		CORE 30--Lab Science	4
MCOM 2376	3		
MCOM CORE		CORE 90	3
CORE 40	3	ENGL 1302 or 2311	
MCOM 1307		Course ID	CR
MCOM Practicum*	1		
2171, 2172, 2173, 2174,			
Semester Hours	16	Semester Hours	16

Second Year			
Fall		Spring	
CORE 50	3	MCOM 3331	3
See checklist for options		Broadcast Journalism Req	
MCOM 1318 or 3330	3	Non-MCOM Elective	1
Broadcast Journalism Req		COMM 2178	
BS Requirement	3	BS Requirement	3
		Non-MCOM Elective	3
Non MCOM Elective	1		
ENGL 1101--CORE 90		MCOM Practicum*	1
MCOM Practicum*	1	2171, 2172, 2173, 2174,	
2171,2172, 2173, 2174		CORE 30--Lab Science	4
MCOM 1336	3		
Consult with advisor			
Semester Hours	14	Semester Hours	15

Third Year			
Fall		Spring	
MCOM 3305	3	MCOM 3327	3
MCOM CORE		MCOM CORE	
MCOM 3309	3	CORE 70--POSC	3
Broadcast Journaism Req		2305 or 2306	
CORE 70-POSC	3	NON-MCOM Elective	3
2305 or 2306		Recommend COMM 3341	
CORE 60--	3	NON-MCOM Elective	3
CORE 80		Recommend COMM 4330	
Recommend COMM 2377	3	NON-MCOM Elective	3
		Recommend COMM 3345	
Semester Hours	15	Semester Hours	15

Fourth Year			
Fall		Spring	
MCOM 3379	3	MCOM 4191	3
MCOM CORE		MCOM Core	
MCOM 3314	3	MCOM 4302	3
MCOM Core		MCOM CORE	
MCOM 4398	3	MCOM 3301 Or 4309	3
Broadcast Journalism Req		Broadcast Journalism Req	
Non-MCOM Elective	3	Non-MCOM Elective	3
Non-MCOM Elective	3	Non-MCOM Elective	2
Semester Hours	15	Semester Hours	14

**Degree Total Hours 120**

**DISCLAIMER:** This curriculum guide should be used in conjunction with the corresponding degree checklist for general planning purposes only. The degree checklist (later a student's official degree plan) should be referred to as the comprehensive list of all courses required for the degree. An official degree plan is required after completing 45 hours. Students should always seek the advice of their academic adviser before scheduling classes.

**Identified Marketable Skills:** ♦ Multimedia Productions skills, producing well written pieces on a variety of platforms; Media Design skills using Adobe Creative Cloud; Media Management Skills for both social and traditional media; Effective writing skills for copy used in print, broadcast and web outlets; Research skills in conducting both primary and secondary research; Leadership skills in completing group projects for a variety of clients.

**Top 3 Local Employers or Industries/Professional Programs/Possible Career Opportunities:** Career opportunities include social media management, writing and reporting for media outlets, media production for non-profits; copywriting and media design

**Prerequisites/Important Sequences/Other Degree Notes:** Broadcast Journalism majors are encouraged to enroll in the Basic Video class (MCOM 1336) prior to taking MCOM 3309. Broadcast Journalism majors should apply for staff positions offered by the Prairie (the University Newspaper.) MCOM 4191 should be taken the final semester of the senior year. \*Broadcast Journalism majors may opt to take the three hour practicum, MCOM 2375 to satisfy the practicum requirements.