

**West Texas A&M University  
Advising Services  
Degree Checklist  
2015-2016**

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

**Communication Studies—Graduate School Preparation  
Department of Communication  
FAC 103 651-2798**

CORE CURRICULUM COURSES: 42 HOURS ♦		HRS	
<b>Communication (Code 10)</b>			
ENGL 1301 Introduction to Academic Writing and Argumentation	3		
COMM 1315, 1318, or 1321	3		
<b>Mathematics (Code 20)</b>			
MATH 1314*, 1316*, 1324*, 1325*, 1332/**, 1350/**, 2412*, or 2413* (extra MATH hour moves to Code 90)	3		
<b>Life and Physical Sciences (Code 30)</b>			
Take two courses from (extra lab hours move to Code 90): ♦			
ANSC 1319; BIOL 1406 or 1408, 1407* or 1409*, 1411, 1413; CHEM 1405* or 1411*, 1412*; GEOL 1401 or 1403, 1402, 1404; PHYS 1401*, 1402*, 1411, 1412, 2425*, 2426*; PSES 1301, 1307	6		
<b>Language, Philosophy and Culture (Code 40)</b>			
ANTH 2351, ENGL 2321*, 2326*, 2331*, 2341*, 2343*; HIST 2311, 2323, 2372; PHIL 1301, 2374; SPAN 2311*, 2312*/**, 2313*, or 2315* Choose 1	3		
<b>Creative Arts (Code 50)</b>			
ARTS 1303, ARTS 1304; DANC 2303; HUMA 1315; MUSI 1306 or 1208 and 1209* (extra MUSI hour moves to Code 90); OR THRE 1310 Choose 1	3		
<b>American History (Code 60)</b>			
HIST 1301, 1302, 2301, 2381 Choose 2	6		
<b>Government/Political Science (Code 70)</b>			
POSC 2305 and 2306	6		
<b>Social and Behavioral Sciences (Code 80)</b>			
AGBE 2317*; COMM 2377; CRIJ 1301; ECON 2301, 2302; PSYC 2301; SOCI 1301 Choose 1	3		
<b>Component Area Option (Code 90)</b>			
Take six hours from: ♦			
AGRI 2300; BIOL lab hours (from Code 30); BUSI 1304; CHEM lab hours (from Code 30); CIDM 1301 or 1315; CS 1301; ENGL 1101 (pending approval), 1302*, 2311*; FIN 1307; GEOL lab hours (from Code 30); IDS 1071 (1-3 hours); extra MATH hours (from Code 20); extra MUSI hour (from Code 50); PHIL 2303; PHYS lab hours (from Code 30)	6		
<b>COMMUNICATION STUDIES—GRADUATE SCHOOL PREPARATION MAJOR REQUIREMENTS: 36 HOURS****</b> A grade of "C" or better must be earned in all courses required for major.			
<b>COMMUNICATION STUDIES CORE: 18 HOURS</b>			
COMM 1318 Interpersonal Communication If 1318 is taken to fulfill University core requirements, then 1315 or 1321 must be taken to satisfy the 18-hour COMM core requirement.	3		
COMM 2376 Communication Theory	3		
COMM 2377 Intercultural Comm. OR COMM 3370 Gender Communication	3		
COMM 3315* Research Methods	3		
COMM 3341 Persuasion	3		
COMM 4301 Introduction to Rhetorical Criticism	3		
<b>GRADUATE SCHOOL PREPARATION OPTION: 18 HOURS</b>			
COMM 4305* Research Practicum	3		
COMM 4393* Senior Thesis	3		

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COMM 4398 Communication Internship	3		
COMMUNICATION STUDIES ELECTIVES (9 HOURS BY ADVISEMENT). COMM/MCOM 4300 Communication Study Abroad is an option.	9		
<b>BACHELOR OF ARTS REQUIREMENTS: 12 HOURS</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>OPTION</b></span>			
Six hours of foreign language.	(6-8)		
Six hours chosen from art, English, history, modern languages, music, philosophy and theatre.	6		
<b>ELECTIVES: 28-30 HOURS BY ADVISEMENT—SEE NOTE</b>			
<b>ELECTIVES ♦</b> Nine or more hours for B.A. requirements and/or electives must be 3000- or 4000-level to total 39 advanced hours at WTAMU.		28-30	
<b>MINIMUM HOURS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE DEGREE</b>		<b>120</b>	

♦ NOTE: 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 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 communication studies majors will compile and submit an e-portfolio that demonstrates required competencies. See catalog for details.

NOTE: At least 39 hours of advanced work (3000- or 4000-level courses) for which tuition is paid must be earned at WTAMU, and 30 of the final 36 hours counted toward the degree must be earned at WTAMU. A maximum of 60 semester hours in communication studies (COMM), six hours in religion (RELI) and six hours in physical education (PHED) can be counted toward a degree.

**NOTE: This is NOT a degree plan. After completing 30 hours, students are encouraged to request an official degree plan by using the online [Degree Plan Request](#) form. The dean's office of the Sybil B. Harrington College of Fine Arts and Humanities, located in Mary Moody Northen Hall, Room 181 (or call 806-651-2782), can answer questions about the degree plan. Students who have completed 45 hours will not be allowed to progress without requesting a degree plan.**



First Year				
Fall		Spring		
H o u r s  15	CORE 10-ENG 1301	3	H o u r s  15	
	CORE 10-COMM 1315, 1318 or 1321	3		
	CORE 20-MATH	3		
	CORE 80	3		
	CORE 90	3		
	See * in Notes			
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COMM 1318		3		
COMM Core**				
CORE 40		3		
See checklist for options				
CORE 60-HIST		3		
1301, 1302, 2301 or 2381				
CORE 30-LAB SCIENCE		3		
See * in Notes				
CORE 90		3		
See * in Notes				

Second Year			
Fall		Spring	
H o u r s  16	COMM 2376	3	H o u r s  16
	COMM Core		
	CORE 30-LAB SCIENCE	3	
	See * in Notes		
	CORE 70-POSC	3	
	2305 or 2306		
	BA REQUIREMENT	4	
Foreign Language			
COMM ELECTIVE	3		
BA REQUIREMENT		4	
Foreign Language			
CORE 70-POSC		3	
2305 or 2306			
COMM 3341		3	
COMM Core			
BA REQUIREMENT		3	
See checklist for options			
COMM 3370		3	
COMM Core***			

Third Year			
Fall		Spring	
H o u r s  15	CORE 50	3	H o u r s  15
	See checklist for options		
	BA REQUIREMENT	3	
	See checklist for options		
	COMM ELECTIVE	3	
	Grad. Sch. Prep. Emph. ****		
	COMM ELECTIVE	3	
Grad. Sch. Prep. Emph. ****			
CORE 60-HIST	3		
1301, 1302, 2301 or 2381			
COMM 3315		3	
COMM Core			
COMM ELECTIVE		3	
Grad. Sch. Prep. Emph. ****			
ELECTIVE		3	
Upper Division			
ELECTIVE		3	
Upper Division			
ELECTIVE		3	

Fourth Year			
Fall		Spring	
H o u r s  13	COMM 4301	3	H o u r s  15
	Capstone course		
	COMM 4305	3	
	Grad Prep Emph - Required		
	COMM ELECTIVE	3	
	COMM 3399 by application		
	ELECTIVE	3	
COMM ELECTIVE	1		
COMM 2178			
COMM 4398		3	
Grad Prep Emph - Required			
COMM 4393		3	
Grad Prep Emph - Required			
COMM ELECTIVE		3	
COMM 3399 by application			
ELECTIVE		3	
ELECTIVE		3	

**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.

**Notes:**

\* See checklist for options. **Core 90:** Lab hours for 4-hour Core 30 (science) courses and extra hour from 4-hour Core 20 (math) courses must be counted in Core 90.

**All COMM and MCOM majors:** 1-hour designated section of IDS 1071 for Communication majors is recommended for Core 90.

\*\* Or COMM 1315 or 1321 (if 1318 is taken for Core 10).

\*\*\* May also take COMM 2377.

\*\*\*\* Graduate School Preparation Emphasis electives: nine hours of COMM courses by advisement.

COMM ELECTIVE: Recommended COMM courses for electives (if not taken to satisfy Graduate School Preparation Emphasis electives by advisement).