

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

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NAME: _____ WT ID: _____ DATE: _____

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

CORE CURRICULUM COURSES: 42 HOURS ♦		HRS	
Communication (Code 10)			
ENGL 1301 Introduction to Academic Writing and Argumentation	3		
COMM 1315, 1318, or 1321	3		
Mathematics (Code 20)			
MATH 1314*, 1316*, 1324*, 1325*, 1332**/**, 1350**/**, 2412*, or 2413* (extra MATH hour moves to Code 90)	3		
Life and Physical Sciences (Code 30)			
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		
Language, Philosophy and Culture (Code 40)			
ANTH 2351, ENGL 2321*, 2326*, 2331*, 2341*, 2343*; HIST 2311, 2323, 2372; PHIL 1301, 2374; SPAN 2311*, 2312**/**, 2313*, or 2315* Choose 1	3		
Creative Arts (Code 50)			
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		
American History (Code 60)			
HIST 1301, 1302, 2301, 2381 Choose 2	6		
Government/Political Science (Code 70)			
POSC 2305 and 2306	6		
Social and Behavioral Sciences (Code 80)			
AGBE 2317*; COMM 2377; CRIJ 1301; ECON 2301, 2302; PSYC 2301; SOCI 1301 Choose 1	3		
Component Area Option (Code 90)			
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		
BROADCAST JOURNALISM MAJOR REQUIREMENTS: 43 HOURS****			
A grade of "C" or better must be earned in all courses required for major.			
MASS COMMUNICATION CORE: 28 HOURS			
MCOM 1307 Introduction to Mass Communication	3		
MCOM 2310 Media Design	3		
MCOM 2315 Writing for the Media	3		
MCOM 2376 Mass Communication Theory	3		
MCOM 3305* New Media	3		
MCOM 3314 Public Relations & Advertising Research OR COMM 3315* Research Methods	3		
MCOM 3327 Mass Media Law	3		
MCOM 3379 Media Management MCOM 2327 Advertising Principles MCOM 3331 Media History Choose 1	3		
MCOM 4191* Portfolio & Professional Development	1		
MCOM 4302* Mass Communication Ethics	3		

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BROADCAST JOURNALISM REQUIREMENTS: 15 HOURS		
MCOM 3309* Multimedia Journalism	3	
MCOM 4398 Media Internship	3	
Take 9 hours from:		
MCOM 1319 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		9
MCOM 3330 Audio Journalism		
MCOM 3331 Media History		
MCOM (or COMM) 4300 Communication Study Abroad		
MCOM 4309 International Journalism		
MCOM 4390* Senior Project		
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE REQUIREMENTS: 6 HOURS		OPTION
Six hours chosen from biology, chemistry, geology, geosciences, mathematics, physics and natural sciences.	6	
ELECTIVES: 29 HOURS BY ADVISEMENT—SEE NOTES I & II		
ELECTIVES (NON-MCOM) ♦		29
MINIMUM HOURS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE DEGREE		120

♦ 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 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 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. **Broadcast Journalism majors may not count more than 43 hours of MCOM courses toward the degree**; and no more than 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 Northern 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-ENGL 1301	3	H o u r s 15
	CORE 10-COMM 1315, 1318 or 1321	3	
	MCOM 1307 MCOM Core	3	
	CORE 20-MATH See * in Notes	3	
	CORE 90 See * in Notes	3	
	MCOM 2310 MCOM Core	3	
	MCOM 2315 MCOM Core	3	
	CORE 60-HIST 1301, 1302, 2301, or 2381	3	
CORE 30-LAB SCIENCE See * in Notes	3	CORE 90 See * in Notes	3

Second Year			
Fall		Spring	
H o u r s 15	CORE 50 See checklist for options	3	H o u r s 15
	CORE 40 See checklist for options	3	
	CORE 80 COMM 2377 Recommended	3	
	MCOM 1319 or 3330 Broadcast Journalism Req.**	3	
	CORE 70-POSC 2305 or 2306	3	
	MCOM 3331 Broadcast Journalism Req.**	3	
	MCOM 2376 MCOM Core	3	
	CORE 30-LAB SCIENCE See * in Notes	3	
CORE 70-POSC 2305 or 2306	3	NON MCOM ELECTIVE	3

Third Year			
Fall		Spring	
H o u r s 15	MCOM 3305 MCOM Core	3	H o u r s 15
	MCOM 3309 Broadcast Journalism Req.**	3	
	NON MCOM ELECTIVE	3	
	BS REQUIREMENT See checklist for options	3	
	CORE 60-HIST 1301, 1302, 2301, or 2381	3	
	MCOM 3327 MCOM Core	3	
	NON MCOM ELECTIVE	3	
	BS REQUIREMENT See checklist for options	3	
NON MCOM ELECTIVE	3	NON MCOM ELECTIVE	3

Fourth Year			
Fall		Spring	
H o u r s 15	MCOM 3379 MCOM Core***	3	H o u r s 15
	MCOM 3314 MCOM Core****	3	
	MCOM 4398 Broadcast Journalism Emph.	3	
	NON MCOM ELECTIVE	3	
	NON MCOM ELECTIVE	3	
	NON MCOM ELECTIVE	3	
MCOM 4191 MCOM Core	1	MCOM 4302 MCOM Core	3
MCOM 3301 or 4309 Broadcast Journalism Req.**	3	NON MCOM ELECTIVE	3
NON MCOM ELECTIVE	3	NON MCOM ELECTIVES	5

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 Broadcast Journalism majors: 1-hour designated section of IDS 1071 for Communication majors is recommended for Core 90.
 ** Broadcast Journalism Requirements: see checklist for all options. These may include 3 hours of MCOM Practicum (2171, 2172, 2173, or 2174), not to exceed a total of 3 hours.
 The number of MCOM hours for this degree is limited to 43.
 *** May also take MCOM 2327 or MCOM 3331 (unless 3331 is taken for Broadcast Journalism Requirements).
 **** May also take COMM 3315.
 All Seniors must enroll in MCOM 4191 during their final semester.