

**West Texas A&M University**  
**Advising Services**  
**Degree Checklist**  
**2020-2021**

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

**Journalism (Grades 7-12) Certification**  
**Department of Communication**  
**FAC 103 651-2798**

CORE CURRICULUM COURSES: 42 HOURS ♦		HRS
<b>Communication (Core 10)</b>		
ENGL 1301 Introduction to Academic Writing and Argumentation	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</b> (extra lab hours move to Core 90): ♦ 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, 1302, 2301, 2381 <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 1304; CHEM lab hours (from Core 30); CIDM 1105, CIDM 1301 or 1315; CS 1301; ECON 2331; ENGL 1101, 1102, 1302*, 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>JOURNALISM (GRADES 7-12) CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: 70 HOURS****</b> A grade of "C" or better and 2.75 GPA is required. ^		
<b>UNIVERSITY CORE REQUIREMENTS: 3 HOURS</b>		
MCOM 1307 Introduction to Media Communication	3	
<b>BROADCAST JOURNALISM MAJOR REQUIREMENTS: 45 HOURS</b> (A grade of "C" or better and 2.75 GPA is required. ^)		
<b>MASS COMMUNICATION: 28 HOURS</b>		
MCOM 1336 Basic Video	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 OR COMM 3315* Research Methods	3	
MCOM 3327 Media Law	3	
MCOM 3379 Media Management OR MCOM 2327 Advertising Principles OR MCOM 3331 Media History	3	
MCOM 4191* Portfolio & Professional Development	1	

**Bachelor of Science Degree**  
**Major: Broadcast Journalism**  
**BS.MC.PM.EDS (832) – TexES Exams: 160, 156**

MCOM 4302* Media Ethics	3	
<b>BROADCAST JOURNALISM REQUIREMENTS: 17 HOURS</b>		
MCOM 3309* Multimedia Journalism	3	
MCOM 4398 Media Internship	3	
<b>Take 11 hours from:</b>		
MCOM 1318 Digital Photography		
MCOM 2171 KWTS Practicum (can be repeated)	1,1,1	
MCOM 2172 Eternal Flame Practicum (can be repeated)	1,1,1	
MCOM 2173 Prairie Practicum (can be repeated)	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 2375 1910 PR		11
MCOM 3301 Feature Writing		
MCOM 3310* Advanced Design		
MCOM 3330 Audio Journalism		
MCOM 3331 Media History		
MCOM (or COMM) 4300 Comm. Study Abroad		
MCOM 4309 International Journalism		
MCOM 4390* Senior Project		
MCOM Elective (by advisement)		
<b>EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS: 27 HOURS</b> (A grade of "C" or better and 2.75 GPA is required. ^)		
EDPD 3340 Educational Foundations	3	
EDPD 4340* Classroom Management	3	
EDRD 4386 Secondary Reading in Content Area	3	
EDSE 4320* Teaching in Secondary Schools I	3	
EDSE 4330* Teaching in Secondary Schools II	3	
EDSE 4340*/***** Student Teaching—Secondary	3	
EDSE 4341*/***** Student Teaching—Secondary	3	
EPSY 3341* Educational Psychology	3	
EPSY 3350 Children with Special Needs	3	
<b>BACHELOR OF SCIENCE REQUIREMENTS: 6 HOURS OPTION</b>		
Six hours chosen from biology, chemistry, geology, geosciences, mathematics, physics and natural sciences.	6	
<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, 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 students will compile and submit a Senior Portfolio to fulfill requirement for this degree.

\*\*\*\*\* No additional courses can be taken when students are enrolled in student teaching EDSE 4340 and 4341 during their final semester.

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. **Broadcast Journalism majors may not count more than 48 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.

^Transfer & WT GPA combined must be 2.75.

**NOTE: This is NOT a degree plan. Upon completing 30 credit hours, students must request an official degree plan (using the online [Degree Plan Request form](#)) in order to progress. Students who have questions about their degree plan should contact the office of the Sybil B. Harrington College of Fine Arts and Humanities, which is located in Room 181 of Mary Moody Northen Hall (phone 806-651-2782).**

**WTAMU ADVISING SERVICES**  
**2020-2021 Curriculum Guide**

Major: Journalism (Grades 7-12) Certification, B.S.

Major Code: 832

First Year	
Fall	Spring
CORE 10 3	MCOM 2311 3
COMM 1315, 1318, or 1321	MCOM Core
CORE 40 3	Core 60--HIST 3
MCOM 1307	1301, 1302, 2301, 2381
CORE 20--Math 3	CORE 30--LAB Science 4
CORE 80 3	CORE 90 3
COMM 2377	ENGL 1302 or 2311
MCOM 2310 3	MCOM 2327 3
MCOM Core	MCOM Core
MCOM 2173* 1	MCOM 2173* 1
Broadcast Journalism	Broadcast Journalism
Semester Hours 16	Semester Hours 17

Second Year	
Fall	Spring
MCOM 2173 or 2175 1	MCOM 2376 3
Broadcast Journalism	MCOM Core
Core 90 1	Core 30--Lab Science 4
ENGL 1101	BS Requirement 3
MCOM 1318 3	EDPD 3340 3
Broadcast Journalism	Education Requirement
BS Requirement 3	
CORE 50 3	
See checklist for options	
MCOM 1336 3	
Consult with advisor	
CORE 70 POSC 3	EPSY 3350 3
2305 or 2306	Education Requirement
Semester Hours 17	Semester Hours 16

Third Year	
Fall	Spring
MCOM 3305 3	MCOM 4398 3
MCOM core	Broadcast Journalism
MCOM 3309 3	EDSE 4320 3
Broadcast Journalism	Education Requirement
EPSY 3341 3	EDSE 4330 3
Education Requirement	Education Requirement
CORE 60--HIST 3	MCOM 3301 3
1301, 1302, 2301, 2381	Broadcast Journalism
CORE 70 POSC 3	MCOM 2173* 1
2305 or 2306	Broadcast Journalism
MCOM 3327 3	Core 70--POSC 3
MCOM Core	2305 or 2306
Semester Hours 18	Semester Hours 16

Fourth Year	
Fall	Spring
MCOM 4191 1	EDSE 4340 3
MCOM Core	Student Teaching
MCOM 4302 3	EDSE 4341 3
MCOM Core	Student Teaching
BS Requirement 3	
EDPD 4340 3	
Education Requirement	
MCOM 3314 3	
MCOM Core	
Non-MCOM Elective 1	
Recommend COMM 2178	
Semester Hours 14	Semester Hours 6

**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 teaching High school journalism, copy writing, news reporting, social media management, media design, media sales

**Prerequisites/Important Sequences/Other Degree Notes:** Follow the education sequence of classes as listed above. During the first semester of the senior year, students are expected to participate in paid substitute teaching one day per week. In their junior year, second semester, students must complete 40 hours of observation and take the practice content test. No additional course work may be taken the semester a student enrolls in student teaching. Journalism certification majors will complete the MCOM portfolio assignment their senior year.

\*With permission from your advisor you can opt to take MCOM 2375, a three hour course to satisfy the practicum requirement.