

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

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

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

<b>CORE CURRICULUM COURSES: 42 HOURS ♦</b>		<b>HRS</b>	<b>FPC</b>
<b>Communication (Core 10)</b>			
ENGL 1301 Intro. to Academic Writing & Argumentation OR ENGL 1311 Writing About Ideas		3	
See University Core Requirements below		(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>			
ANTH 2351, ENGL 2321*, 2326*, 2331*, 2341*, 2343*; HIST 2311, 2323, 2372; MCOM 1307; PHIL 1301, 2374; SPAN 2311*, 2312*/**, 2313*, 2315*, or 2371 <b>Choose 1</b>		3	
<b>Creative Arts (Core 50)</b>			
ARTS 1301, 1303, 1304; DANC 2303; MUSI 1306, MUSI 1307 (for music majors), MUSI 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*, <b>COMM 2377****</b> ; 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; 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>SPEECH (GRADES 7-12) CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: 60-63 HOURS***** A grade of "C" or better and a 2.75 GPA is required.^</b>			
<b>UNIVERSITY CORE REQUIREMENTS: 3 HOURS ♦</b>			
<b>CORE 10</b> COMM 1318 Interpersonal Communication			FPC 3
<b>COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS: 30-33 HOURS (A grade of "C" or better and a 2.75 GPA is required.^)</b>			
COMM 2178 Forensics (may be repeated)	1,1,1	3	
COMM 2335 Argumentation		3	
COMM 2341 Oral Interpretation of Literature		3	
COMM 2376 Communication Theory		3	
COMM 2377 Intercultural Communication (if not taken for Core 80)		0-3	
COMM 3301 Advanced Public Speaking		3	
COMM 4330 Creative Narrative Communication		3	
COMM 3315* Research Methods		3	
COMM 3341 Persuasion		3	

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COMM 3342 Introduction to Rhetorical Criticism	3	
COMM 4373 Methods in Competitive Speech	3	
<b>EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS: 27 HOURS (A grade of "C" or better and a 2.75 GPA is required.^)</b>		
EDPD 4340* Classroom Management	3	
EDRD 4386 Secondary Reading in Content Area	3	
EDPD 4330 Educational Methodology and Diverse Learners	3	
EDPD 4348 Data-Informed Instruction and Assessment	3	
EDPD 4398 Clinical Teaching - All	3	
EDPD 4398 Clinical Teaching - Secondary	3	
EPSY 4341 Educator Readiness and Performance	3	
EPSY 3341* Educational Psychology	3	
EPSY 3350 Children with Special Needs	FPC 3	
<b>BACHELOR OF SCIENCE REQUIREMENTS: 6 HOURS FPC OPTION</b>		
Six hours chosen from biology, chemistry, geology, geosciences, mathematics, physics and natural sciences.	6	
<b>ELECTIVES: 12-15 HOURS—SEE NOTE</b>		
ELECTIVES ♦	12-15	
<b>MINIMUM HOURS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE DEGREE</b>	<b>120</b>	

♦ 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 French or German.

\*\*\*\* Recommended.

\*\*\*\*\* All students will compile and submit a Senior Portfolio to fulfill requirement for this degree.

NOTE: 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.

^Transfer & WT GPA combined must be 2.75.

**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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**2022-2023 Curriculum Guide**

Major: Communication Studies, BS, Speech Certification (Grades 7-12)

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First Year			
Fall		Spring	
CORE 10—ENGL 1301	3	COMM 2178	1
CORE 10—COMM 1318	3	CORE 80—COMM 2377	3
CORE 20—MATH	3	CORE 30—SCIENCE	4
CORE 40—MCOM 1307*	3	CORE 60—HISTORY	3
COMM 2335	3	CORE 90—ENGL 1302 or 2311	3
COMM 2178**	1	COMM 2341	3
<b>Semester Hours</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Semester Hours</b>	<b>17</b>

Second Year			
Fall		Spring	
CORE 50—CREATIVE ARTS	3	CORE 60—HISTORY	3
CORE 70—POSC 2305	3	CORE 70—POSC 2306	3
CORE 90—ENGL 1102	1	COMM 3341	3
COMM 2376	3	ELECTIVE	3
ELECTIVE	3	CORE 30—SCIENCE	4
B.S. Requirement	3	COMM 2178	1
<b>Semester Hours</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Semester Hours</b>	<b>17</b>

Third Year			
Fall		Spring	
ELECTIVE	3	COMM 3315	3
B.S. Requirement	3	COMM 3301	3
EPSY 3341	3	EDPD 4348	3
ELECTIVE	3	EPSY 3350	3
COMM 4330	3	EDRD 4386	3
		ELECTIVE	3
<b>Semester Hours</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Semester Hours</b>	<b>18</b>

Fourth Year			
Fall		Spring	
EDPD 4330	3	EDSE 4341	3
EPSY 4341	3	EDPD 4398	3
EDPD 4340	3		
COMM 3342	3		
COMM 4373	3		
<b>Semester Hours</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Semester Hours</b>	<b>6</b>

**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.

\*All students in the Department of Communication should enroll in the majors-only sections of MCOM 1307 if possible.

\*\*Three 1-hour classes can be spread across multiple semesters and combined to count toward your required hours for the major.

<b>Identified Marketable Skills</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Written communication skills</li> <li>• Presentation skills</li> <li>• Teaching/training</li> <li>• Leadership</li> </ul>

<b>Top 3 Employers/Industries</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• teaching speech in grades 7-12</li> <li>• ministry</li> <li>• corporate and nonprofit communication</li> </ul>

<b>Other Degree Notes:</b>
<p>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 coursework may be taken the semester a student enrolls in student teaching. Students will complete a COMM portfolio their senior year.</p>