

**West Texas A&M University**  
**Advising Services**  
**Degree Checklist**  
**2024-2025**

(For assistance completing this form, contact Advising Services at 806-651-5300)

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

**General Studies**  
**Office of General Majors**  
**Student Success Center (CC 110) 806-651-5300**

CORE CURRICULUM COURSES: 42 HOURS ♦	HRS	
<b>Communication (Core 10)</b>		
ENGL 1301 Intro. to Academic Writing & Argumentation OR 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 1308, 1407* or 1309*, 1411, 1413; CHEM 1305* or 1411*, 1412*; ENVR 1407*; GEOL 1301 or 1403, 1302, 1404; PHYS 1401*, 1402*, 1311, 1312, 1371, 2425*, 2426*; PSES 1301, 1307 <small>- BIOL 1406, 1407, 1411, 1413; CHEM 1411, 1412; GEOL 1403, 1404; PHYS 1401, 1402, 2425, 2426: 4<sup>th</sup> hr. moves to Core 90</small>	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, 1307 (for music majors), 1310; or THRE 1310 <b>Choose 1</b>	3	
<b>American History (Core 60)</b>		
HIST 1301, 1302, 2301, 2381, 2382 <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; GEOG 1302; PSYC 2301; SOCI 1301 <b>Choose 1</b>	3	
<b>Component Area Option (Core 90)</b>		
<b>Take six hours from: ♦</b>		
AGRI 2300; BUSI 1301, 1304; CIDM 1105, CIDM 1301 or 1315; CS 1301; ECON 2331; EDUC 1300; ENGL 1101, 1102, 1302*, 1312*, 2311*; IDS 1071 (1-3 hours); MUSI 1053 (1-2 hours); PHIL 2303; SES 1120;	6	
Also, extra 4 <sup>th</sup> -hour credits from Core 20 and Core 30 (MATH, BIOL, CHEM, ENVR, GEOL, PHYS)		
<b>GENERAL STUDIES DEGREE REQUIREMENTS (SEE MIN/MAX HOURS)</b>		
<b>ADVANCED ELECTIVES (3000- or 4000-level): 36 HOURS</b>		
<small>• All 36 advanced hours must be earned at WTAMU. • A grade of "C" or better is required.</small>		
ADVANCED ELECTIVE (IDS 3355 recommended)	3	
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**Bachelor of General Studies Degree**  
**BGS.GEN.STUDIES (136)**

ADVANCED ELECTIVE	3	
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<b>ANY-LEVEL ELECTIVES: 42 HOURS (to total 120 degree hours)</b>		
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<b>MINIMUM HOURS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE DEGREE</b>	<b>120</b>	

**NOTATIONS:**

- \* 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.

**MINIMUM HOURS:** For the B.G.S. degree, students must complete, in addition to the core curriculum, a minimum of 78 hours of electives, including at least 36 hours at the advanced level (3000- or 4000-level courses).

**MAXIMUM DISCIPLINE HOURS:** A maximum of 36 hours in one academic discipline may count toward this degree. An academic discipline is designated by a course prefix, such as ENGL for English or POSC for political science. Music courses (whether MUAP, MUEN, MUMI, or MUSI) are counted as one academic discipline. Education courses (whether EDEC, EDEL, EDPD, EDRD, EDSE, EDSP, EDT, or EPSY) are counted as one academic discipline. A maximum of six semester hours in religion (RELI) and six semester hours in physical education (PHED) courses may count toward a baccalaureate degree. A maximum of 30 semester hours in business courses (ACCT, BUSI, CIDM, ECON, FIN, MGT, MKT), including 6 semester hours in the Core Curriculum, may count toward this 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: General Studies, B.G.S.**

**Major Code: 136**

<b>Year 1: Fall</b>		<b>Year 1: Spring</b>	
CORE 10 (Communication) – ENGL 1301 or 1311	3	CORE 10 (Communication) – COMM 1315, 1318 or 1321	3
CORE 20 (Mathematics) – See checklist for options	3	CORE 30 (Life & Phys. Sci.) – See checklist for options	3
CORE 30 (Life & Phys. Sci.) – See checklist for options	3	CORE 60 (American History) – See checklist for options	3
CORE 60 (American History) – See checklist for options	3	CORE 40 (Lang., Phil. & Culture) – See checklist for options	3
CORE 90 (Component Area Option) – See checklist for options	3	CORE 90 (Component Area Option) – See checklist for options	3
<b>Total:</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Year 2: Fall</b>		<b>Year 2: Spring</b>	
CORE 50 (Creative Arts) – See checklist for options	3	CORE 70 (Govt./Pol. Sci) – POSC 2305 or POSC 2306	3
CORE 70 (Govt./Pol. Sci) – POSC 2305 or POSC 2306	3	CORE 80 (Social & Behav. Sci.) - See checklist for options	3
Advanced Elective: IDS 3355 Career Pathways (recommended)	3	Advanced Elective (3000-4000 level)	3
Advanced Elective (3000-4000 level)	3	Advanced Elective (3000-4000 level)	3
Any Level Elective (1000-4000 level)	3	Any Level Elective (1000-4000 level)	3
<b>Total:</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Year 3: Fall</b>		<b>Year 3: Spring</b>	
Advanced Elective (3000-4000 level)	3	Advanced Elective (3000-4000 level)	3
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Any Level Elective (1000-4000 level)	3	Advanced Elective (3000-4000 level)	3
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Any Level Elective (1000-4000 level)	3	Advanced Elective (3000-4000 level)	3
<b>Total:</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Year 4: Fall</b>		<b>Year 4: Spring</b>	
Advanced Elective (3000-4000 level)	3	Advanced Elective: IDS 4355 Capstone (recommended)	3
Advanced Elective (3000-4000 level)	3	Advanced Elective (3000-4000 level)	3
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<b>Total:</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>15</b>

<sup>1</sup> **CORE:** Communication Studies majors are required to take COMM 2377 for Core 80. For all other categories, they may select from any available options (see degree checklist). MCOM 1307 is recommended for Core 40. Apart from the major-specific core requirement, there is no set order in which core courses must be taken.

<b>Identified Marketable Skills</b>	<b>Top Three Local Employers or Industries/Professional Programs/Possible Career Opportunities</b>
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**Additional notes:**

- 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.
- 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.
- Students may only complete a maximum of 24 credit hours in courses offered through the College of Business. (ACCT, BUSI, CIDM, ECON, FIN, MGT, MKT)