

West Texas A&M University
Advising Services
Degree Checklist
2025-2026

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

NAME: _____ **WT ID:** _____ **DATE:** _____

General Studies—Education Emphasis
Education Department
Old Main, Room 415 806-651-2668

CORE CURRICULUM COURSES: 42 HOURS ♦	HRS
Communication (Core 10)	
ENGL 1301 Intro. to Academic Writing & Argumentation OR ENGL 1311 Writing About Ideas	3
COMM 1315, 1318, or 1321	3
Mathematics (Core 20)	
MATH 1314*, 1316*, 1324*, 1325*, 1332*/**, 1342*/**, 1350*/**, 2412*, or 2413* (2412 & 2413: fourth hr. moves to Core 90)	3
Life and Physical Sciences (Core 30)	
Take two courses from (extra lab hours move to Core 90): 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 - BIOL 1406, 1407, 1411, 1413; CHEM 1411, 1412; GEOL 1403, 1404; PHYS 1401, 1402, 2425, 2426: 4 th hr. moves to Core 90	6
Language, Philosophy and Culture (Core 40)	
ANTH 2351, ENGL 2321*, 2326*, 2331*, 2341*, 2343*; HIST 2311, 2323, 2372; MCOM 1307; PHIL 1301, 2374; SPAN 2311*, 2312*/**, 2313*, 2315*, or 2371 Choose 1	3
Creative Arts (Core 50)	
ARTS 1301, 1303, 1304; DANC 2303; MUSI 1306, 1307 (for music majors), 1310; or THRE 1310 Choose 1	3
American History (Core 60)	
HIST 1301, 1302, 2301, 2381, 2382 Choose 2	6
Government / Political Science (Core 70)	
POSC 2305 and 2306	6
Social and Behavioral Sciences (Core 80)	
AGBE 2317*; COMM 2377; CRIJ 1301; ECON 2301, 2302; GEOG 1302; PSYC 2301; SOCI 1301 Choose 1	3
Component Area Option (Core 90)	
Take six hours from: ♦ AGRI 2300; BUSI 1301, 1304; CIDM 1105, CIDM 1301 or 1315; CS 1301; ECON 2331; EDUC 1300; ENGL 1101, 1102, 1302*, 1312*, 2311*; HSCI 2300; IDS 1071 (1-3 hours); MUSI 1053 (1-2 hours); PHIL 2303; SES 1120; Also, extra 4 th -hour credits from Core 20 and Core 30 (MATH, BIOL, CHEM, ENVR, GEOL, PHYS)	6
GENERAL STUDIES DEGREE REQUIREMENTS (SEE MIN/MAX HOURS)	
GENERAL STUDIES CORE: 12 HOURS • Choose either Option I or Option II. • A grade of "C" or better is required.	
OPTION I – DISCIPLINE AREA AND CAREER EMPHASIS	
IDS 3355 Career Pathways	3
IDS 4355 Capstone	3
Choose 6 credits from ONE discipline area: _____	
DISCIPLINE AREA COURSE (3000- or 4000-level)	3
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OPTION II – DISCIPLINE AREA EMPHASIS	
Choose 12 credits from ONE discipline area: _____	
DISCIPLINE AREA COURSE (3000- or 4000-level)	3

Bachelor of General Studies Degree
BGS.ED (836)

DISCIPLINE AREA COURSE (3000- or 4000-level)	3	
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ADVANCED ELECTIVES (3000- or 4000-level): 24 HOURS • A grade of "C" or better is required.		
ADVANCED ELECTIVES	3,3	
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ANY-LEVEL ELECTIVES: 42 HOURS (to total 120 degree hours)		
ELECTIVES	42	
MINIMUM HOURS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE DEGREE		120

NOTATIONS:

♦ 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.

NOTE I: 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).

NOTE II: 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 III: For the *PACE Application Guide* and *PACE Certification Steps*, visit the PACE website (wtamu.edu/pace) and then the PACE Certification Steps page. Refer to the *Content Hour Requirements Per Certification Area (PDF)* link under *Step 1* for help choosing Advanced and Any-Level Electives coursework to meet admission requirements into the PACE program.

NOTE IV: During the second semester of their first year, students should contact the Office of Educator Preparation (Old Main, Room 415) for more information on program requirements.

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.

WTAMU ADVISING SERVICES – 2025-2026 Curriculum Guide

Major: General Studies - Education, B.G.S.

Major Code: 836

Year 1: Fall		Year 1: Spring	
CORE 10 (Communication) – ENGL 1301 or 1311 ¹	3	CORE 10 (Communication) – COMM 1315, 1318 or 1321 ¹	3
CORE 20 (Mathematics) – See checklist for options ¹	3	CORE 30 (Life & Phys. Sci.) – See checklist for options ¹	3
CORE 30 (Life & Phys. Sci.) – See checklist for options ¹	3	CORE 40 (Lang., Phil. & Culture) – See checklist for options ¹	3
CORE 60 (American History) – See checklist for options ¹	3	CORE 60 (American History) – See checklist for options ¹	3
CORE 90 (Comp. Area Option) – See checklist for options ¹	3	CORE 90 (Comp. Area Option) – See checklist for options ¹	3
Total:	15	Total:	15
Year 2: Fall		Year 2: Spring	
CORE 50 (Creative Arts) – See checklist for options ¹	3	CORE 70 (Govt./Pol. Sci) – POSC 2306 ¹	3
CORE 70 (Govt./Pol. Sci) – POSC 2305 ¹	3	CORE 80 (Social & Behav. Sci.) – See checklist for options ¹	3
Discipline Area Course (Opt. I / II) (EPSY 3342 recommended but not required)	3	Discipline Area Course (Opt. I / II) (EDPD 4350 recommended but not required)	3
Advanced Elective (3000-4000 level)	3	Advanced Elective (3000-4000 level)	3
Any Level Elective	3	Any Level Elective	3
Total:	15	Total:	15
Year 3: Fall		Year 3: Spring	
IDS 3355 (Opt. I) or Discipline Area Course (Opt. II)	3	Advanced Elective (3000-4000 level)	3
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Any Level Elective	3	Any Level Elective	3
Any Level Elective	3	Any Level Elective	3
Any Level Elective	3	Any Level Elective	3
Total:	15	Total:	15
Year 4: Fall		Year 4: Spring	
Advanced Elective (3000-4000 level) (EDEL 4382 or EDSE 4331 recommended but not required)	3	IDS 4355 (Opt. I) or Discipline Area Course (Opt. II)	3
Advanced Elective (3000-4000 level) (EDEL 4383 or EDPD 4348 recommended but not required)	3	Advanced Elective (3000-4000 level)	3
Any Level Elective	3	Any Level Elective	3
Any Level Elective	3	Any Level Elective	3
Any Level Elective	3	Any Level Elective	3
Total:	15	Total:	15

¹ **CORE:** Apart from the major-specific core requirement, there is no set order in which core courses must be taken.

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

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- 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)

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 30 hours. Students should always seek the advice of their academic adviser before scheduling classes.