

WTAMU ADVISING SERVICES – 2025-2026 Curriculum Guide

Major: Communication Studies – Advocacy & Public Culture Emphasis, B.A.

Major Code: 1201

Year 1: Fall		Year 1: Spring	
CORE 10 (Communication) – ENGL 1301 or 1311	3	CORE 30 (Life & Phys. Sci.) – See checklist for options	3
CORE 10 (Communication) – COMM 1315 or 1321	3	CORE 60 (American History) – See checklist for options	3
CORE 20 (Mathematics) – See checklist for options	3	CORE 80 (Soc./Behav. Sci.) – COMM 2377 Intercultural Comm. ¹	3
CORE 40 (Lang., Phil. & Culture) – MCOM 1307 (recommended) ¹	3	CORE 90 (Component Area Option) – See checklist for options - ENGL 1302, 1312 or 2311 is recommended. ¹	3
CORE 60 (American History) – See checklist for options	3	Comm. Studies Core – COMM 1318 Interpersonal Comm.	3
Total:	15	Total:	15
Year 2: Fall		Year 2: Spring	
CORE 50 (Creative Arts) – See checklist for options	3	CORE 70 (Govt./Political Sci.) – POSC 2306	3
CORE 70 (Govt./Political Sci.) – POSC 2305	3	CORE 90 (Component Area Option) – See checklist for options - ENGL 1101 suggested if two 4-hour Core 30 courses are taken.	3
Comm. Studies Core – COMM 2376 Communication Theory	3	APC Emphasis – MCOM 2310 Media Design	3
APC Emphasis - COMM 3305 Argumentation	3	APC Emphasis – COMM 3301 Advanced Public Speaking	3
B.A. Requirement – See checklist for options	3	B.A. Requirement – See checklist for options	3
Total:	15	Total:	15
Year 3: Fall		Year 3: Spring	
CORE 30 (Life & Phys. Sci.) – See checklist for options	3	Comm. Studies Core – COMM 3315 Research Methods	3
Comm. Studies Core – COMM 3341 Persuasion	3	APC Emphasis – COMM 3333 Crisis Communication	3
APC Emphasis – MCOM 3305 New Media	3	APC Emphasis – COMM 4360 Communication & Global Culture	3
APC Emphasis – COMM 3360 Health Communication	3	B.A. Requirement – See checklist for options	3
B.A. Requirement – See checklist for options	3	Elective	3
Total:	15	Total:	15
Year 4: Fall		Year 4: Spring	
Comm. Studies Core – COMM 3342 Rhetorical Theory & Criticism	3	Comm. Studies Core – COMM 4398 Communication Internship	3
APC Emphasis – Take 3 hours from COMM 2178, 3370, 4278, COMM/MCOM 4300, MCOM 4302	3	APC Emphasis – COMM 4342 Rhetoric and Popular Culture	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
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Total:	15	Total:	15

¹ **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.

Identified Marketable Skills	Top Three Local Employers or Industries/Professional Programs/Possible Career Opportunities
Oral presentation - Effective writing – Research – Leadership - Cultural competency – Advocacy	Nonprofit and corporate health communication – Ministry – Public Affairs

Additional notes:

- All Communication Studies majors will compile and submit an e-portfolio that demonstrates required competencies during the required internship course. The internship course should be taken during the final semester.
- Students are encouraged to join professional student organizations within the department.
- Recommended electives: MCOM 4321 1910 PR, MCOM 3304 Digital Advertising, MCOM 3307 Public Relations Campaigns, MCOM 3350 Public Relations & Publicity.
- 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.

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.