

WTAMU ADVISING SERVICES – 2025-2026 Curriculum Guide

Major: Communication Studies – Relational Dynamics And Engagement Emphasis, B.A.

Major Code: 1203

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.	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	RDE Emphasis – COMM 3345 Group Dynamics	3
Comm. Studies Core - COMM 2376 Communication Theory	3	RDE Emphasis – COMM Elective (see checklist for options)	3
B.A. Requirement – See checklist for options	3	B.A. Requirement – See checklist for options	3
Elective	3	Elective	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
CORE 90 (Component Area Option) – See checklist for options - ENGL 1101 is recommended if two 4-hour Core 30 courses are taken.	3	RDE Emphasis – COMM 3370 Critical Culture & Gender Comm.	3
Comm. Studies Core - COMM 3341 Persuasion	3	B.A. Requirement – See checklist for options	3
RDE Emphasis – COMM 3350 Relational Communication	3	Elective	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 Rhetor. Theory & Criticism	3	Comm. Studies Core - COMM 4398 Comm. Internship	3
RDE Emphasis – COMM 3320 Nonverbal Communication	3	RDE Emphasis – COMM Elective (see checklist for options)	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 – Training & consulting – Management	Corporate & nonprofit communication – Training & professional development – Ministry

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.