

WTAMU ADVISING SERVICES – 2025-2026 Curriculum Guide

Major: Public Relations, Advertising, and Applied Communication, B.S. – Advertising Concentration

Major Code: 1213

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, 1318 or 1321	3	CORE 60 (American History) – See checklist for options	3
CORE 20 (Mathematics) – See checklist for options	3	CORE 90 (Component Area Option) – See checklist for options - ENGL 1302, 1312 or 2311 is recommended. ¹	3
CORE 40 (Lang., Phil. & Culture) – MCOM 1307 ¹	3	MCOM Core – MCOM 1336 Basic Video Production	3
CORE 80 (Social & Behav. Sci) – COMM 2377 recommended ¹	3	MCOM Core – MCOM 2311 Media Writing	3
Total:	15	Total:	15
Year 2: Fall		Year 2: Spring	
CORE 50 (Creative Arts) – See checklist for options	3	CORE 30 (Life & Phys. Sci.) – 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	MCOM Core – MCOM 2376 Media Theory or COMM 2376 Communication Theory	3
MCOM Core – MCOM 2310 Media Design	3	Adv. Requirement – MCOM 3312 Ad/PR Writing	3
Adv. Requirement – MCOM 2327 Advertising Principles	3	B.S. Requirement – See checklist for options	3
Total:	15	Total:	15
Year 3: Fall		Year 3: Spring	
CORE 60 (American History) – See checklist for options	3	MCOM Core – MCOM 3314 Public Relations & Adv. Research	3
MCOM Core – MCOM 3305 New Media	3	Adv. Requirement – MCOM 3308 Advertising Campaigns	3
MCOM Core – MCOM 4302 Media Law & Ethics	3	Adv. Required Elective – See checklist for options	3
Adv. Requirement – MCOM 3304 Digital Advertising	3	Elective	3
B.S. Requirement – See checklist for options	3	Elective	3
Total:	15	Total:	15
Year 4: Fall		Year 4: Spring	
MCOM Core – MCOM 3379 Media Management	3	MCOM Core - MCOM 4398 Media Internship	3
Adv. Required Elective – See checklist for options	3	Adv. Requirement – MCOM 3375 Mass Media Sales	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
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Total:	15	Total:	15

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

Identified Marketable Skills	Top Three Local Employers or Industries/Professional Programs/Possible Career Opportunities
Effective writing – Multimedia production – Verbal & visual presentation – Leadership – Research – Creativity	Advertising and integrated marketing agencies – Digital and social media management – Corporate and nonprofit communication

Additional notes:

- All Public Relations, Advertising & Applied Communication 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.
- Public Relations, Advertising & Applied Communication majors are encouraged to join one of the professional student organizations within the Department of Communication.
- Recommended electives include: COMM 3333 Crisis Communication, COMM 3341 Persuasion, and MKT 3340 Principles of Marketing.
- 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.