

WTAMU ADVISING SERVICES – 2025-2026 Curriculum Guide

Major: Speech (7-12) Cert. (Comm. Studies, B.A.)

Major Code: 889

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 1318 Interpersonal Comm.	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 50 (Creative Arts) – See checklist for options	3	COMM 2178 Forensics ²	1
COMM 2178 Forensics ²	1	COMM 2376 Comm. Theory or MCOM 2376 Media Theory	3
Total:	16	Total:	16
Year 2: Fall		Year 2: Spring	
CORE 30 (Life & Phys. Sci.) – See checklist for options	3	CORE 60 (American History) – See checklist for options	3
CORE 70 (Govt./Political Sci.) – POSC 2305	3	CORE 70 (Govt./Political Sci.) – POSC 2306	3
CORE 90 (Component Area Option) – See checklist for options - ENGL 1101 suggested if two 4-hour Core 30 courses are taken.	3	COMM 2178 Forensics ²	1
COMM 3305 Argumentation	3	COMM 4330 Creative Narrative Communication	3
B.A. Requirement – See checklist for options	3	EPSY 3341 Educational Psychology	3
Apply to EPP (Educator Preparation Program)		B.A. Requirement – See checklist for options	3
Total:	15	Total:	16
Year 3: Fall		Year 3: Spring	
COMM 3330 Oral Interpretation of Literature	3	COMM 3301 Advanced Public Speaking	3
COMM 3341 Persuasion	3	COMM 3315 Research Methods or MCOM 3314 Public Relations and Advertising Research	3
EDPD 4330 Educational Methodology & Diverse Learners	3	EDPD 4348 Data-Informed Instruction and Assessment	3
B.A. Requirement – See checklist for options	3	EDRD 4386 Secondary Reading in the Content Area	3
Elective	3	EPSY 4341 Educator Readiness and Performance	3
Elective	3	B.A. Requirement – See checklist for options	3
Total:	18	Total:	18
Year 4: Fall		Year 4: Spring	
COMM 3342 Rhetorical Theory & Criticism	3	EDPD 4398 Clinical Teaching – All Certificate Areas	3
COMM 4373 Methods in Competitive Speech	3	EDSE 4341 Clinical Teaching - Secondary	3
EDPD 4340 Classroom Management	3		
EPSY 3350 Children with Special Needs	3		
Elective	3		
Total:	15	Total:	6

¹ **CORE:** Speech (7-12) majors are required to take specific courses for Core 10 and Core 80. For all other categories, they may select from any available options (see degree checklist). Apart from the major-specific core requirements, there is no set order in which core courses must be taken.

² Three 1-hour classes can be spread across multiple semesters and combined to count toward required hours for the major.

Identified Marketable Skills Written communication skills – Presentation skills – Teaching/training – Leadership	Top Three Local Employers or Industries/Professional Programs/Possible Career Opportunities Teaching speech in grades 7-12 – Ministry – Corporate and nonprofit communication
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Additional notes:

- During the first semester of the senior year, students are expected to participate in paid substitute teaching one day per week. In their junior year, second semester, students complete 40 hours of observation and take the practice content test. No additional coursework may be taken the semester a student enrolls in student teaching. Students will complete a COMM portfolio their senior year.
- 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.