

**West Texas A&M University  
Advising Services  
Degree Checklist  
2026-2027**

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**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **WT ID:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Speech (Grades 7-12) Certification  
Department of Communication  
FAC 103 (806) 651-2800**

CORE CURRICULUM COURSES: 42 HOURS	HRS
<b>Communication (Core 10)</b>	
ENGL 1301 Intro. to Academic Writing & Argumentation <b>OR</b> ENGL 1311 Writing About Ideas	3
See University Core Requirements below	(3)
<b>Mathematics (Core 20)</b>	
MATH 1314*, 1316*, 1324*, 1325*, 1332*/**, 1342*/**, 1350*/**, 2412*, or 2413* (2412 & 2413: fourth hr. moves to Core 90)	3
<b>Life and Physical Sciences (Core 30)</b>	
<b>Take two courses from:</b>	
ANSC 1319; BIOL 1406 or 1308, 1407* or 1309*, 1411, 1413, 2401, 2402; 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 <sup>th</sup> hr. moves to Core 90	6
<b>Language, Philosophy and Culture (Core 40)</b>	
ANTH 2351, ENGL 2321*, 2326*, 2331*, 2341*, 2343*; HIST 2311, 2323, 2372; MCOM 1307; PHIL 1301, 2374; SPAN 2311*, 2312*/**, 2313*, 2315*, or 2371 <b>Choose 1</b>	3
<b>Creative Arts (Core 50)</b>	
ARTS 1301, 1303, 1304; DANC 2303; MUSI 1306, MUSI 1307 (for music majors), MUSI 1310; or THRE 1310 <b>Choose 1</b>	3
<b>American History (Core 60)</b>	
HIST 1301, 1302, 2301, 2381, 2382 <b>Choose 2</b>	6
<b>Government/Political Science (Core 70)</b>	
POSC 2305 and 2306	6
<b>Social and Behavioral Sciences (Core 80)</b>	
See University Core Requirements below.	(3)
<b>Component Area Option (Core 90)</b>	
<b>Take six hours from:</b>	
AGRI 2300; BUSI 1301, 1304; CIDM 1105, CIDM 1301 or 1315; CS 1301; ECON 2331; EDUC 1300; ENGL 1101, 1102, 1302*, 1312*, 2311*; HNRS 2171; HSCI 2300; IDS 1071 (1-3 hours); MUSI 1053 (1-2 hours); PHIL 2303; SES 1120	6
Also, extra 4 <sup>th</sup> -hour credits from Core 20 and Core 30 (MATH, BIOL, CHEM, ENVR, GEOL, PHYS)	
<b>SPEECH (GRADES 7-12) CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: 63 HOURS**** A grade of "C" or better and a 2.75 GPA is required.^</b>	
<b>UNIVERSITY CORE REQUIREMENTS: 6 HOURS ♦</b>	
<b>CORE 10</b>	
COMM 1315 Basic Speech Communication <b>OR</b> COMM 1318 Interpersonal Communication <b>OR</b> COMM 1321 Business and Professional Communication	3
<b>CORE 80</b>	
COMM 2377 Intercultural Communication	3
<b>COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS: 30 HOURS (A grade of "C" or better and a 2.75 GPA is required.^)</b>	
COMM 2178 Forensics (may be repeated) 1,1,1	3
COMM 2376 Communication Theory <b>OR</b> MCOM 2376 Media Theory	3
COMM 3301 Advanced Public Speaking	3
COMM 3305 Argumentation and Civic Discourse	3
COMM 3315* Research Methods <b>OR</b> MCOM 3314* Public Relations and Advertising Research	3

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COMM 3330 Oral Interpretation of Literature	3	
COMM 3341 Persuasion	3	
COMM 3342 Rhetorical Theory and Criticism	3	
COMM 4330 Creative Communication and Storytelling	3	
COMM 4373 Methods in Competitive Speech	3	
<b>EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS: 27 HOURS (A grade of "C" or better and a 2.75 GPA is required.^)</b>		
EPSY 3341* Educational Psychology	3	
EPSY 3350 Children with Special Needs	3	
EPSY 4341* Educator Readiness and Performance	3	
EDPD 4330* Educational Methodology & Diverse Learners	3	
EDPD 4340* Classroom Management	3	
EDPD 4348 Data-Informed Instruction and Assessment	3	
EDRD 4386 Secondary Reading in the Content Area	3	
EDPD 4398* Clinical Teaching – All Certificate Areas	3	
EDSE 4341* Clinical Teaching – Secondary	3	
<b>BACHELOR OF ARTS REQUIREMENTS: 12 HOURS</b>		
Six hours of foreign language.	6	<b>OPTION</b>
Six hours chosen from art, communication studies, dance, English, history, media communication, modern languages, music, philosophy, religion, and theatre.	6	
<b>ELECTIVES: 9 HOURS</b>		
ELECTIVES	9	
<b>MINIMUM HOURS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE DEGREE</b>		<b>120</b>

\* 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 French or German.

\*\*\*\* All Department of Communication majors will compile and submit an e-portfolio that demonstrates required competencies. See Catalog for details.

^Transfer & WT GPA combined must be 2.75.

**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.**

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

**BA.COM.STUDIES.EDS (889)**

<b>Year 1: Fall</b>		<b>Year 1: Spring</b>	
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 80 (Soc./Behav. Sci.) – COMM 2377 Intercultural Comm. <sup>1</sup>	3
CORE 40 (Lang., Phil. & Culture) – MCOM 1307 (recommended) <sup>1</sup>	3	CORE 90 (Component Area Option) – See checklist for options - ENGL 1302, 1312 or 2311 is recommended. <sup>1</sup>	3
CORE 50 (Creative Arts) – See checklist for options	3	COMM 2178 Forensics <sup>2</sup>	1
COMM 2178 Forensics <sup>2</sup>	1	COMM 2376 Comm. Theory or MCOM 2376 Media Theory	3
<b>Total:</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Year 2: Fall</b>		<b>Year 2: Spring</b>	
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 <sup>2</sup>	1
COMM 3305 Argumentation & Civic Discourse	3	COMM 4330 Creative Communication & Storytelling	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
<b>Total:</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Year 3: Fall</b>		<b>Year 3: Spring</b>	
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
<b>Total:</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Year 4: Fall</b>		<b>Year 4: Spring</b>	
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		
<b>Total:</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>6</b>

<sup>1</sup> **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.

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

<b>Identified Marketable Skills</b> Written communication skills – Presentation skills – Teaching/training – Leadership	<b>Top Three Local Employers or Industries/Professional Programs/Possible Career Opportunities</b> 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.