

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

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NAME: _____ **WT ID:** _____ **DATE:** _____

Communication Studies—Relational Dynamics and Engagement Emphasis
Department of Communication
FAC 103 (806) 651-2800

CORE CURRICULUM COURSES: 42 HOURS		HRS
Communication (Code 10)		
ENGL 1301 Intro. to Academic Writing & Argumentation OR ENGL 1311 Writing About Ideas	3	
See University Core Requirements below	(3)	
Mathematics (Code 20)		
MATH 1314*, 1316*, 1324*, 1325*, 1332*/**, 1342*/**, 1350*/**, 2412*, or 2413* (2412 & 2413: fourth hr. moves to Core 90)	3	
Life and Physical Sciences (Code 30)		
Take two courses from:		
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 th hr. moves to Core 90	6	
Language, Philosophy and Culture (Code 40)		
ANTH 2351, ENGL 2321*, 2326*, 2331*, 2341*, 2343*; HIST 2311, 2323, 2372; MCOM 1307; PHIL 1301, 2374; SPAN 2311*, 2312*/**, 2313*, 2315*, or 2371 Choose 1	3	
Creative Arts (Code 50)		
ARTS 1301, 1303, 1304; DANC 2303; MUSI 1306, 1307 (for music majors), 1310; or THRE 1310 Choose 1	3	
American History (Code 60)		
HIST 1301, 1302, 2301, 2381, 2382 Choose 2	6	
Government/Political Science (Code 70)		
POSC 2305 and 2306	6	
Social and Behavioral Sciences (Code 80)		
See University Core Requirements below.	3	
Component Area Option (Code 90)		
Take six hours from:		
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 th -hour credits from Core 20 and Core 30 (MATH, BIOL, CHEM, ENVR, GEOL, PHYS)		
COMMUNICATION STUDIES—RELATIONAL DYNAMICS AND ENGAGEMENT EMPHASIS MAJOR REQUIREMENTS: 42 HOURS**** A grade of "C" or better must be earned in all courses required for major.		
UNIVERSITY CORE REQUIREMENTS: 6 HOURS		
CORE 10 COMM 1315 Basic Speech Communication OR COMM 1321 Business and Professional Communication	3	
CORE 80 COMM 2377 Intercultural Communication	3	
COMMUNICATION STUDIES CORE: 18 HOURS		
COMM 1318 Interpersonal Communication If 1318 is taken to fulfill University core requirements, then 1315 or 1321 must be taken to satisfy the 18-hour COMM core requirement.	3	
COMM 2376 Communication Theory OR MCOM 2376 Media Theory	3	

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COMM 3315* Research Methods OR MCOM 3314* Public Relations and Advertising Research	3	
COMM 3341 Persuasion	3	
COMM 3342 Rhetorical Theory and Criticism	3	
COMM 4398* Communication Internship	3	
RELATIONAL DYNAMICS AND ENGAGEMENT EMPHASIS REQUIREMENTS: 18 HOURS		
COMM 3320 Nonverbal Communication	3	
COMM 3345 Group Dynamics	3	
COMM 3350 Relational Communication	3	
COMM 3370 Critical Culture & Gender Communication	3	
And choose 6 hours from the following:		
COMM 2178 Forensics (may be repeated) COMM 3331 Organizational Communication & Leadership COMM 3360 Health Communication COMM 4278* Advanced Forensics (may be repeated) COMM/MCOM 4300 Communication Study Abroad COMM 4330 Creative Communication & Storytelling COMM 4360 Communication & Global Culture	6	
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE REQUIREMENTS: 6 HOURS OPTION		
Six hours chosen from biology, chemistry, environmental science, geology, geosciences, mathematics, physics, and natural sciences.	6	
ELECTIVES: 36 HOURS BY ADVISEMENT		
ELECTIVES	36	
MINIMUM HOURS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE DEGREE	120	

* 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.

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: Communication Studies – Relational Dynamics And Engagement Emphasis, B.S. BS.COMM.RDE (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.S. Requirement – See checklist for options	3	B.S. 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	Elective	3
RDE Emphasis – COMM 3350 Relational Communication	3	Elective	3
Elective	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
Elective	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
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 (REL) and six semester hours in physical education (PHED) courses can count toward a baccalaureate degree.