

**West Texas A&M University
Advising Services
Degree Checklist
2017-2018**

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NAME: _____ WT ID: _____ DATE: _____

**Communication Studies—Graduate School Preparation
Department of Communication
FAC 103 651-2798**

CORE CURRICULUM COURSES: 42 HOURS ♦		HRS
Communication (Code 10)		
ENGL 1301 Introduction to Academic Writing and Argumentation	3	
COMM 1315, 1318, or 1321	3	
Mathematics (Code 20)		
MATH 1314*, 1316*, 1324*, 1325*, 1332**/**, 1350**/**, 2412*, or 2413* (extra MATH hour moves to Code 90)	3	
Life and Physical Sciences (Code 30)		
Take two courses from (extra lab hours move to Code 90): ♦ ANSC 1319; BIOL 1406 or 1408, 1407* or 1409*, 1411, 1413; CHEM 1405* or 1411*, 1412*; ENVR 1407*; GEOL 1401 or 1403, 1402, 1404; PHYS 1401*, 1402*, 1411, 1412, 2425*, 2426*; PSES 1301, 1307	6	
Language, Philosophy and Culture (Code 40)		
ANTH 2351, ENGL 2321*, 2326*, 2331*, 2341*, 2343*; HIST 2311, 2323, 2372; PHIL 1301, 2374; SPAN 2311*, 2312**/**, 2313*, 2315* or 2371 Choose 1	3	
Creative Arts (Code 50)		
ARTS 1303, ARTS 1304; DANC 2303; MUSI 1306, MUSI 1307, MUSI 1310; or THRE 1310 Choose 1	3	
American History (Code 60)		
HIST 1301, 1302, 2301, 2381 Choose 2	6	
Government/Political Science (Code 70)		
POSC 2305 and 2306	6	
Social and Behavioral Sciences (Code 80)		
AGBE 2317*; COMM 2377; CRIJ 1301; ECON 2301, 2302; PSYC 2301; SOCI 1301 Choose 1	3	
Component Area Option (Code 90)		
Take six hours from: ♦ AGRI 2300; BIOL lab hours (from Code 30); BUSI 1304; CHEM lab hours (from Code 30); CIDM 1105, CIDM 1301 or 1315; CS 1301; ENGL 1101, 1302*, 2311*; ENVR lab hour (from Code 30); FIN 1307; GEOL lab hours (from Code 30); IDS 1071 (1-3 hours); extra MATH hours (from Code 20); PHIL 2303; PHYS lab hours (from Code 30)	6	
COMMUNICATION STUDIES—GRADUATE SCHOOL PREPARATION MAJOR REQUIREMENTS: 36 HOURS**** A grade of "C" or better must be earned in all courses required for major.		
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	3	
COMM 2377 Intercultural Comm. OR COMM 3370 Gender Communication	3	
COMM 3315* Research Methods	3	
COMM 3341 Persuasion	3	
COMM 4301 Introduction to Rhetorical Criticism	3	
GRADUATE SCHOOL PREPARATION OPTION: 18 HOURS		
COMM 4305* Research Practicum	3	
COMM 4393* Senior Thesis	3	

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COMM 4398 Communication Internship	3	
COMMUNICATION STUDIES ELECTIVES (9 HOURS BY ADVISEMENT). COMM/MCOM 4300 Communication Study Abroad is an option.	9	
BACHELOR OF ARTS REQUIREMENTS: 12 HOURS OPTION		
Six hours of foreign language.	(6-8)	
Six hours chosen from art, English, history, modern languages, music, philosophy and theatre.	6	
ELECTIVES: 28-30 HOURS BY ADVISEMENT—SEE NOTE		
ELECTIVES ♦ Nine or more hours for B.A. requirements and/or electives must be 3000- or 4000-level to total 39 advanced hours at WTAMU.	28-30	
MINIMUM HOURS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE DEGREE	120	

♦ NOTE: 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.

* Indicates prerequisites—see catalog for more information.

** While MATH 1332 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 a foreign language.

**** All communication studies majors will compile and submit an e-portfolio that demonstrates required competencies. See catalog for details.

NOTE: At least 39 hours of advanced work (3000- or 4000-level courses) for which tuition is paid must be earned at WTAMU, and 30 of the final 36 hours counted toward the degree must be earned at WTAMU. A maximum of 60 semester hours in communication studies (COMM), six hours in religion (RELI) and six hours in physical education (PHED) can be counted toward a degree.

NOTE: This is NOT a degree plan. After completing 30 hours, students are encouraged to request an official degree plan by using the online [Degree Plan Request](#) form. The dean's office of the Sybil B. Harrington College of Fine Arts and Humanities, located in Mary Moody Northern Hall, Room 181 (or call 806-651-2782), can answer questions about the degree plan. Students who have completed 45 hours will not be allowed to progress without requesting a degree plan.



First Year				
Fall		Spring		
H o u r s 15	CORE 10-ENG 1301	3	H o u r s 15	
	CORE 10-COMM 1315, 1318 or 1321 See notes a	3		
	CORE 20-MATH See * in Notes	3		
	CORE 80 See checklist for options	3		
	CORE 90	3		
			COMM 1318	3
			COMM Core**	
			CORE 40	3
			See checklist for options	
			CORE 60-HIST 1301, 1302, 2301 or 2381	3
			CORE 30-LAB SCIENCE See * in Notes	3
			CORE 90 See * in Notes	3

Second Year				
Fall		Spring		
H o u r s 16	COMM 2376	3	H o u r s 16	
	COMM Core			
	CORE 30-LAB SCIENCE See * in Notes	3		
	CORE 70-POSC 2305 or 2306	3		
	BA REQUIREMENT Foreign Language	4		
	COMM ELECTIVE	3		
			BA REQUIREMENT	4
			Foreign Language	
			CORE 70-POSC 2305 or 2306	3
			COMM 3341	3
			COMM Core	
			BA REQUIREMENT See checklist for options	3
			COMM 3370	3
			COMM Core***	

Third Year				
Fall		Spring		
H o u r s 15	CORE 50	3	H o u r s 15	
	See checklist for options			
	BA REQUIREMENT See checklist for options	3		
	COMM ELECTIVE Grad. Sch. Prep. Emph. ****	3		
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	CORE 60-HIST 1301, 1302, 2301 or 2381	3		
			COMM 3315	3
			COMM Core	
			COMM ELECTIVE Grad. Sch. Prep. Emph. ****	3
			ELECTIVE Upper Division	3
			ELECTIVE Upper Division	3
			ELECTIVE	3

Fourth Year				
Fall		Spring		
H o u r s 13	COMM 4301	3	H o u r s 15	
	Capstone course			
	COMM 4305 Grad Prep Emph - Required	3		
	COMM ELECTIVE COMM 3399 by application	3		
	ELECTIVE	3		
	COMM ELECTIVE COMM 2178	1		
			COMM 4398	3
			Grad Prep Emph - Required	
			COMM 4393 Grad Prep Emph - Required	3
			COMM ELECTIVE COMM 3399 by application	3
			ELECTIVE	3
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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 45 hours. Students should always seek the advice of their academic adviser before scheduling classes.

Notes:

* See checklist for options. **Core 90:** Lab hours for 4-hour Core 30 (science) courses and extra hour from 4-hour Core 20 (math) courses must be counted in Core 90.

COMM and MCOM majors are encouraged to take the Discipline Specific section of COMM 1315 to meet this requirement.

** Or COMM 1315 or 1321 (if 1318 is taken for Core 10).

*** May also take COMM 2377.

**** Graduate School Preparation Emphasis electives: nine hours of COMM courses by advisement.

COMM ELECTIVE: Recommended COMM courses for electives (if not taken to satisfy Graduate School Preparation Emphasis electives by advisement).