

**West Texas A&M University
Advising Services
Degree Checklist
2014-2015**

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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 (ENG 101) Introduction to Academic Writing and Argumentation	3		
COMM 1315 (SCOM 101, 1315), 1318 (SCOM 103, 1318), or 1321 (SCOM 201, 1321)	3		
Mathematics (Code 20)			
MATH 1314* (110), 1316* (111), 1324* (115), 1325* (116), 1332**/**, 1350**/** (220), 2412* (1348), or 2413* (240) (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 (121); BIOL 1406 (101) or 1408, 1407* (102) or 1409*, 1411 (122), 1413 (121); CHEM 1405* (121), 1411* (101), 1412* (102); GEOL 1401 (GESC 111) or 1403 (101), 1402 (GESC 112), 1404 (102); PHYS 1401* (101), 1402* (102), 1411, 1412, 2425* (210), 2426* (211); PSES 1301 (216), 1307 (112)	6		
Language, Philosophy and Culture (Code 40)			
ANTH 2351 (201), ENGL 2321*, 2326*, 2331*, 2341*, 2343*; HIST 2311 (110), 2323, 2372 (210); PHIL 1301 (101), 2374 (204); SPAN 2311* (206), 2312**/**** (207), 2313* or SPAN 2315**/**** Choose 1	3		
Creative Arts (Code 50)			
HUMA 1315 (FA 101); ARTS 1303 (ART 151), ARTS 1304 (ART 152); DANC 2303; MUSI 1306 (MUS 101) or 1208 and 1209* (extra MUSI hour moves to Code 90); or THRE 1310 (105) Choose 1	3		
American History (Code 60)			
HIST 1301 (201), 1302 (202), 2301, 2381 Choose 2	6		
Government/Political Science (Code 70)			
POSC 2305 (101) and 2306 (102)	6		
Social and Behavioral Sciences (Code 80)			
AGBE 2317* (213); COMM 2377 (SCOM 255, 2377); CRIJ 1301 (CJ 105); ECON 2301 (ECO 201), 2302 (ECO 202); PSYC 2301 (PSY 201); SOCI 1301 (201) Choose 1	3		
Component Area Option (Code 90)			
Take six hours from: ♦			
AGRI 2300; BIOL lab hours (from Code 30); BUSI 1304 (GBUS 215); CHEM lab hours (from Code 30); CIDM 1301 (CIS/IDM 1301); CS 1301; ENGL 1302 (ENG 102), 2311 (ENG 270); FIN 1307 (120); GEOL lab hours (from Code 30); IDS 1071 (1-3 hours); extra MATH hours (from Code 20); extra MUSI hour (from Code 50); PHIL 2303 (203); 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 (SCOM 103, 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 (SCOM 215, 2376) Communication Theory	3		
COMM 2377 (SCOM 255, 2377) Intercultural Comm. OR COMM 3370 (SCOM 370, 3370) Gender Communication	3		
COMM 3315* (SCOM 315, 3315) Research Methods	3		
COMM 3341 (SCOM 341, 3341) Persuasion	3		
COMM 4301 (SCOM 401, 4301) Introduction to Rhetorical Criticism	3		

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GRADUATE SCHOOL PREPARATION OPTION: 18 HOURS			
COMM 4305* (SCOM 405, 4305) Research Practicum	3		
COMM 4393* (SCOM 475, 4393) Senior Thesis	3		
COMM 4398 (SCOM 495, 4398) Communication Internship	3		
COMMUNICATION STUDIES ELECTIVES (9 HOURS BY ADVISEMENT). COMM/MCOM 4300 (NEW) 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 in the office of the dean of the Sybil B. Harrington College of Fine Arts and Humanities, located in Mary Moody Northen Hall, Room 161 (or call 806-651-2777). 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	3		
	CORE 20-MATH	3		
	CORE 80	3		
	CORE 90	3		
	See * in Notes			
	See * in Notes			
			COMM 1318	3
			COMM Core**	
			CORE 40	3
			See checklist for options	
			CORE 60-HIST	3
			1301, 1302, 2301 or 2381	
			CORE 30-LAB SCIENCE	3
			See * in Notes	
			CORE 90	3
			See * in Notes	

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	3		
	See * in Notes			
	CORE 70-POSC	3		
	2305 or 2306			
	BA REQUIREMENT	4		
Foreign Language				
COMM ELECTIVE	3		BA REQUIREMENT	4
			Foreign Language	
			CORE 70-POSC	3
			2305 or 2306	
			COMM 3341	3
			COMM Core	
			BA REQUIREMENT	3
			See checklist for options	
			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	3		
	See checklist for options			
	COMM ELECTIVE	3		
	Grad. Sch. Prep. Emph. ****			
	COMM ELECTIVE	3		
Grad. Sch. Prep. Emph. ****				
			COMM 3315	3
			COMM Core	
			COMM ELECTIVE	3
			Grad. Sch. Prep. Emph. ****	
			ELECTIVE	3
			Upper Division	
			ELECTIVE	3
			Upper Division	
			ELECTIVE	3
			1301, 1302, 2301 or 2381	

Fourth Year				
Fall		Spring		
H o u r s 13	COMM 4301	3	H o u r s 15	
	Capstone course			
	COMM 4305	3		
	Grad Prep Emph - Required			
	COMM ELECTIVE	3		
	COMM 3399 by application			
	ELECTIVE	3		
			COMM 4398	3
			Grad Prep Emph - Required	
			COMM 4393	3
			Grad Prep Emph - Required	
			COMM ELECTIVE	3
			COMM 3399 by application	
			ELECTIVE	3
			ELECTIVE	3
			COMM ELECTIVE	1
			COMM 2178	

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.

All COMM and MCOM majors: 1-hour designated section of IDS 1071 for Communication majors is recommended for Core 90.

** 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).