

**West Texas A&M University**  
**Advising Services**  
**Degree Checklist**  
**2015-2016**

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

**Journalism (Grades 7-12) Certification**  
**Department of Communication**  
**FAC 103 651-2798**

CORE CURRICULUM COURSES: 42 HOURS ♦		HRS	
<b>Communication (Code 10)</b>			
ENGL 1301 Introduction to Academic Writing and Argumentation	3		
COMM 1315, 1318, or 1321	3		
<b>Mathematics (Code 20)</b>			
MATH 1314*, 1316*, 1324*, 1325*, 1332*/**, 1350*/**, 2412*, or 2413* (extra MATH hour moves to Code 90)	3		
<b>Life and Physical Sciences (Code 30)</b>			
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*; GEOL 1401 or 1403, 1402, 1404; PHYS 1401*, 1402*, 1411, 1412, 2425*, 2426*; PSES 1301, 1307	6		
<b>Language, Philosophy and Culture (Code 40)</b>			
ANTH 2351, ENGL 2321*, 2326*, 2331*, 2341*, 2343*; HIST 2311, 2323, 2372; PHIL 1301, 2374; SPAN 2311*, 2312*/**, 2313*, or 2315* Choose 1	3		
<b>Creative Arts (Code 50)</b>			
ARTS 1303, ARTS 1304; DANC 2303; HUMA 1315; MUSI 1306 or 1208 and 1209* (extra MUSI hour moves to Code 90); OR THRE 1310 Choose 1	3		
<b>American History (Code 60)</b>			
HIST 1301, 1302, 2301, 2381 Choose 2	6		
<b>Government/Political Science (Code 70)</b>			
POSC 2305 and 2306	6		
<b>Social and Behavioral Sciences (Code 80)</b>			
AGBE 2317*; COMM 2377; CRIJ 1301; ECON 2301, 2302; PSYC 2301; SOCI 1301 Choose 1	3		
<b>Component Area Option (Code 90)</b>			
Take six hours from: ♦ AGRI 2300; BIOL lab hours (from Code 30); BUSI 1304; CHEM lab hours (from Code 30); CIDM 1301 or 1315; CS 1301; ENGL 1101 (pending approval), 1302*, 2311*; FIN 1307, 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; PHYS lab hours (from Code 30)	6		
<b>JOURNALISM (GRADES 7-12) CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: 70 HOURS****</b> A grade of "C" or better and 2.75 GPA is required. ^			
<b>BROADCAST JOURNALISM MAJOR REQUIREMENTS: 43 HOURS</b> (A grade of "C" or better and 2.75 GPA is required. ^)			
<b>MASS COMMUNICATION: 28 HOURS</b>			
MCOM 1307 Introduction to Mass Communication	3		
MCOM 2310 Media Design	3		
MCOM 2315 Writing for the Media	3		
MCOM 2376 Mass Communication Theory	3		
MCOM 3305* New Media	3		
MCOM 3314 Public Relations & Advertising Research OR COMM 3315* Research Methods	3		
MCOM 3327 Mass Media Law	3		
MCOM 3379 Media Management OR MCOM 2327 Advertising Principles OR MCOM 3331 Media History	3		
MCOM 4191* Portfolio & Professional Development	1		
MCOM 4302* Mass Communication Ethics	3		

**Bachelor of Science Degree**  
**Major: Broadcast Journalism**  
**BS.MC.PM.EDS (832) – TeXES Exams: 160, 156**

BROADCAST JOURNALISM REQUIREMENTS: 15 HOURS		
MCOM 3309* Multimedia Journalism	3	
MCOM 4398 Media Internship	3	
<b>Take 9 hours from:</b>		
MCOM 1319 Digital Photography		
MCOM 2171 KWTS Practicum (can be repeated)	1,1,1	
MCOM 2172 Eternal Flame Practicum (can be repeated)	1,1,1	
MCOM 2173 Prairie Practicum (can be repeated)	1,1,1	
MCOM 2174 Sports Broadcasting Practicum	1,1,1	
(Any combination of practicum hours can be taken up to a total of 3 hrs.)		9
MCOM 3301 Feature Writing		
MCOM 3330 Audio Journalism		
MCOM 3331 Media History		
MCOM (or COMM) 4300 Comm. Study Abroad		
MCOM 4309 International Journalism		
MCOM 4390* Senior Project		
MCOM Elective (by advisement)		
<b>EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS: 27 HOURS</b> (A grade of "C" or better and 2.75 GPA is required. ^)		
EDPD 3340* Educational Foundations	3	
EDPD 4340* Classroom Management	3	
EDRD 4386* Secondary Reading in Content Area	3	
EDSE 4320* Teaching in Secondary Schools I	3	
EDSE 4330* Teaching in Secondary Schools II	3	
EDSE 4340* Student Teaching—Secondary	3	
EDSE 4341* Student Teaching—Secondary	3	
EPSY 3341* Educational Psychology	3	
EPSY 3350 Children with Special Needs	3	
<b>BACHELOR OF SCIENCE REQUIREMENTS: 6 HOURS OPTION</b>		
Six hours chosen from biology, chemistry, geology, geosciences, mathematics, physics and natural sciences.	6	
<b>ELECTIVES: 2 HOURS</b>		
ELECTIVE(S)	2	
<b>MINIMUM HOURS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE DEGREE</b>	<b>120</b>	

♦ 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 students will compile and submit a Senior Portfolio to fulfill requirement for this degree.

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. **Broadcast Journalism majors may not count more than 43 hours of MCOM courses toward the degree**; and no more than six hours in religion (RELI) and six hours in physical education (PHED) can be counted toward a degree.

^Transfer & WT GPA combined must be 2.75.

**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 Northen 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-ENGL 1301	3	H o u r s  15	MCOM 2310	3
				MCOM core	
	CORE 10-COMM 1315, 1318 or 1321	3		MCOM 2315	3
				MCOM core	
	MCOM 1307	3		CORE 60-HIST 1301, 1302, 2301 or 2381	3
	MCOM core				
CORE 20-MATH	3	CORE 30-LAB SCIENCE	3		
See Checklist for Options		See Checklist for Options			
CORE 90	3	CORE 90	3		
See * in Notes		See * in Notes			

Second Year					
Fall			Spring		
H o u r s  15	CORE 50-ARTS	3	H o u r s  15	MCOM 3331	3
	See Checklist for Options			Broadcast Journalism Req.**	
	CORE 40	3		MCOM 2376	3
	See Checklist for Options			MCOM core	
	CORE 80	3		CORE 30-LAB SCIENCE	3
	COMM 2377 recommended			See Checklist for Options	
MCOM 1319	3	CORE 70-POSC	3		
Broadcast Journalism Req.**		2305 or 2306			
CORE 70-POSC	3	EPSY 3350	3		
2305 or 2306					

Third Year					
Fall			Spring		
H o u r s  18	MCOM 3305	3	H o u r s  18	MCOM 3327	3
	MCOM Core			MCOM Core	
	MCOM 3309	3		EPSY 3341	3
	Broadcast Journalism Req.**				
	EDPD 3340	3		EPSE 4320	3
BS REQUIREMENT	3	BS REQUIREMENT	3		
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CORE 60-HIST 1301, 1302, 2301 or 2381	3	EDSE 4330	6		
MCOM 3330	3				
Broadcast Journalism Req.**					

Fourth Year					
Fall			Spring		
H o u r s  15	MCOM 3379	3	H o u r s  9	EDPD 4386	3
	MCOM Core***				
	MCOM 3314	3		EDPD 4340	3
	MCOM Core****				
	MCOM 4398	3		EDSE 4341	3
	Broadcast Journalism Req.				
MCOM 4191	1				
MCOM Core					
MCOM 4302	3				
MCOM Core					
NON MCOM ELECTIVE	2				
COMM 3341 recommended					

**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 Broadcast Journalism majors:** 1-hour designated section of IDS 1071 for Communication or certification majors is recommended for Core 90.

\*\* Broadcast Journalism Requirements: see checklist for all options. These may include 3 hours of MCOM Practicum (2171, 2172, 2173, or 2174), not to exceed a total of 3 hours.

The number of MCOM hours for this degree is limited to 43.

\*\*\* May also take MCOM 2327 or MCOM 3331 (unless 3331 is taken for Broadcast Journalism Requirements).

\*\*\*\* May also take COMM 3315.

All Seniors must enroll in MCOM 4191 during their final semester.