

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

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

Digital Journalism (Grades 7-12) Certification
Department of Communication
FAC 103 (806) 651-2800

CORE CURRICULUM COURSES: 42 HOURS		HRS
Communication (Core 10)		
ENGL 1301 Intro. To Academic Writing & Argumentation OR ENGL 1311 Writing About Ideas (preferred)	3	
COMM 1315, 1318, or 1321	3	
Mathematics (Core 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 (Core 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 (Core 40)		
See University Core Requirements below	(3)	
Creative Arts (Core 50)		
ARTS 1301, 1303, 1304; DANC 2303; MUSI 1306, 1307 (for music majors), 1310; or THRE 1310 Choose 1	3	
American History (Core 60)		
HIST 1301, 1302, 2301, 2381, 2382 Choose 2	6	
Government/Political Science (Core 70)		
POSC 2305 and 2306	6	
Social and Behavioral Sciences (Core 80)		
AGBE 2317*; COMM 2377; CRIJ 1301; ECON 2301, 2302; GEOG 1302; PSYC 2301; SOCI 1301 Choose 1	3	
Component Area Option (Core 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)		
DIGITAL JOURNALISM (GRADES 7-12) CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: 75 HOURS**** A grade of "C" or better and 2.75 GPA is required.^		
UNIVERSITY CORE REQUIREMENTS: 3 HOURS		
CORE 40 MCOM 1307 Introduction to Media Communication	3	
MEDIA COMMUNICATION CORE: 27 HOURS		
MCOM 1336 Basic Video Production	3	
MCOM 2310 Media Design	3	
MCOM 2311 Media Writing	3	
MCOM 2376 Media Theory OR COMM 2376 Communication Theory	3	
MCOM 3305 Media Trends	3	
MCOM 3314* Public Relations & Advertising Research OR COMM 3315* Research Methods	3	
MCOM 3379 Media Management	3	
MCOM 4302 Media Law & Ethics	3	

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MCOM 4398* Media Internship	3	
DIGITAL JOURNALISM CONCENTRATION: 18 HOURS		
MCOM 2303 Basic Audio Productions	3	
MCOM 2345 Principles of Journalism	3	
MCOM 3309* Multimedia Journalism	3	
MCOM 3330 Trends in Journalism	3	
MCOM 3335* The Prairie News On Air	3	
Take 3 hours from: MCOM 2171 KWTS Practicum MCOM 2172 Eternal Flame Practicum MCOM 2173 Prairie Practicum MCOM 2174 Sports Broadcasting Practicum (Any combination of practicum hours may be taken up to a total of 3 hrs.)	3	
MCOM 1318 Digital Photography MCOM 3301 Narrative Journalism MCOM/COMM 3304 Digital Advertising MCOM 3310* Advanced Design MCOM 3331 Media History MCOM (or COMM) 4300 Communication Study Abroad MCOM 4309 International Journalism MCOM 4321 1910 PR MCOM 4322* Advanced Media Production MCOM 4390* Senior Project	3	
EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS: 27 HOURS (A grade of "C" or better and 2.75 GPA is required.^)		
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	
BACHELOR OF ARTS REQUIREMENTS: 12 HOURS OPTION		
Six hours of foreign language.	6	
Six hours chosen from art, communication studies, dance, English, history, media communication, modern languages, music, philosophy, religion, and theatre.	6	
MINIMUM HOURS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE DEGREE	126	

* 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 a foreign language.

**** 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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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, 1318 or 1321	3	CORE 60 (American History) – See checklist for options	3
CORE 20 (Mathematics) – See checklist for options	3	CORE 90 (Component Area Option) – See checklist for options - ENGL 1302, 1312 or 2311 is recommended. ¹	3
CORE 40 (Lang., Phil. & Culture) – MCOM 1307 ¹	3	MCOM Core – MCOM 2310 Media Design	3
MCOM Core – MCOM 1336 Basic Video Production	3	MCOM Core – MCOM 2311 Media Writing	3
Total:	15	Total:	15
Year 2: Fall		Year 2: Spring	
CORE 30 (Life & Phys. Sci.) – See checklist for options	3	CORE 70 (Govt./Political Sci.) – POSC 2305	3
CORE 50 (Creative Arts) – See checklist for options	3	CORE 80 (Social & Behav. Sci.) – COMM 2377 recommended ¹	3
CORE 60 (American History) – See checklist for options	3	MCOM Core – MCOM 2376 Media Theory	3
CORE 70 (Govt./Political Sci.) – POSC 2306	3	DJ Requirement – MCOM 2303 Basic Audio	3
CORE 90 (Component Area Option) – See checklist for options	3	DJ Requirement – MCOM 3309 Multimedia Journalism	3
DJ Requirement – MCOM 2345 Principles of Journalism	3	EPSY 3341 Educational Psychology	3
Apply to EPP (Educator Preparation Program)			
Total:	18	Total:	18
Year 3: Fall		Year 3: Spring	
MCOM Core – MCOM 3305 Media Trends	3	MCOM Core – MCOM 3314 Public Relations & Adv. Research	3
MCOM Core – MCOM 3379 Media Management	3	DJ Requirement – MCOM 3335 The Prairie News On Air	3
DJ Requirement – MCOM 3330 Trends in Journalism	3	EDPD 4348 Data-Informed Instruction and Assessment	3
DJ Required Elective – See checklist for options	3	EDRD 4386 Secondary Reading in the Content Area	3
EDPD 4330 Educational Methodology & Diverse Learners	3	EPSY 4341 Educator Readiness and Performance	3
B.A. Requirement – See checklist for options	3	B.A. Requirement – See checklist for options	3
Total:	18	Total:	18
Year 4: Fall		Year 4: Spring	
MCOM Core – MCOM 4302 Media Law & Ethics	3	EDPD 4398 Clinical Teaching – All Certificate Areas	3
MCOM Core – MCOM 4398 Media Internship	3	EDSE 4341 Clinical Teaching – Secondary	3
EDPD 4340 Classroom Management	3		
EPSY 3350 Children with Special Needs	3		
B.A. Requirement – See checklist for options	3		
B.A. Requirement – See checklist for options	3		
Total:	18	Total:	6

¹ **CORE:** Digital Journalism majors are required to take MCOM 1307 for Core 40. For all other categories, they may select from any available options (see degree checklist). Apart from the major-specific core requirement, there is no set order in which core courses must be taken. COMM 2377 is recommended for Core 80.

Identified Marketable Skills	Top Three Local Employers or Industries/Professional Programs/Possible Career Opportunities
Effective writing for digital media, broadcast and print – Multimedia production (audio, video, graphic design) – Leadership – Research & analysis – Interviewing	Digital Journalism Education 7-12 – Social Media management – Research and data analysis

Additional notes:

- All Department of Communication 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.
- Working for "The Prairie" (as paid staff) is highly encouraged.
- 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.