

**West Texas A&M University  
Advising Services  
Degree Checklist  
2020-2021**

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

**Broadcast Journalism  
Department of Communication  
FAC 103 651-2798**

CORE CURRICULUM COURSES: 42 HOURS ♦		HRS
<b>Communication (Core 10)</b>		
ENGL 1301 Introduction to Academic Writing and Argumentation	3	
COMM 1315, 1318, or 1321	3	
<b>Mathematics (Core 20)</b>		
MATH 1314*, 1316*, 1324*, 1325*, 1332*/**, 1342*/**, 1350*/**, 2412*, or 2413* (fourth MATH hour moves to Core 90)	3	
<b>Life and Physical Sciences (Core 30)</b>		
<b>Take two courses from (extra lab hours move to Core 90): ♦</b> 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, 1471, 2425*, 2426*; PSES 1301, 1307	6	
<b>Language, Philosophy and Culture (Core 40)</b>		
See University Core Requirements below	(3)	
<b>Creative Arts (Core 50)</b>		
ARTS 1301, 1303, 1304; DANC 2303; MUSI 1306, 1307 (for music majors), MUSI 1310; or THRE 1310 <b>Choose 1</b>	3	
<b>American History (Core 60)</b>		
HIST 1301, 1302, 2301, 2381 <b>Choose 2</b>	6	
<b>Government/Political Science (Core 70)</b>		
POSC 2305 and 2306	6	
<b>Social and Behavioral Sciences (Core 80)</b>		
AGBE 2317*; COMM 2377; CRIJ 1301; ECON 2301, 2302; PSYC 2301; SOCI 1301 <b>Choose 1</b>	3	
<b>Component Area Option (Core 90)</b>		
<b>Take six hours from: ♦</b> AGRI 2300; BIOL lab hours (from Core 30); BUSI 1304; CHEM lab hours (from Core 30); CIDM 1105, CIDM 1301 or 1315; CS 1301; ENGL 1101, 1102, 1302*, 2311*; ENVR lab hour (from Core 30); GEOL lab hours (from Core 30); IDS 1071 (1-3 hours); extra MATH hours (from Core 20); MUSI 1053; PHIL 2303; PHYS lab hours (from Core 30); SES 1120	6	
<b>BROADCAST JOURNALISM MAJOR REQUIREMENTS: 48 HOURS****</b> A grade of "C" or better must be earned in all courses required for major.		
<b>UNIVERSITY CORE REQUIREMENTS: 3 HOURS</b>		
MCOM 1307 Introduction to Media Communication	3	
<b>MEDIA COMMUNICATION CORE: 28 HOURS</b>		
MCOM 1336 Basic Video Production	3	
MCOM 2310 Media Design	3	
MCOM 2311 Media Writing	3	
MCOM 2376 Media Theory	3	
MCOM 3305* New Media	3	
MCOM 3314* Public Relations & Advertising Research <b>OR</b> COMM 3315* Research Methods	3	
MCOM 3327 Media Law	3	
MCOM 3379 Media Management MCOM 2327 Advertising Principles MCOM 3331 Media History <b>Choose 1</b>	3	
MCOM 4191* Portfolio & Professional Development	1	

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MCOM 4302* Media Ethics	3	
<b>BROADCAST JOURNALISM REQUIREMENTS: 17 HOURS</b>		
MCOM 3309* Multimedia Journalism	3	
MCOM 4398 Media Internship	3	
<b>Take 11 hours from:</b> MCOM 1318 Digital Photography MCOM 2171 KWTS Practicum 1,1,1 MCOM 2172 Eternal Flame Practicum 1,1,1 MCOM 2173 Prairie Practicum 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.) MCOM 2375 1910 PR MCOM 3301 Feature Writing MCOM 3310* Advanced Design MCOM 3330 Audio Journalism MCOM 3331 Media History MCOM 3335* News One On Air MCOM (or COMM) 4300 Communication Study Abroad MCOM 4309 International Journalism <b>OR</b> COMM/MCOM 3304 Introduction to Buffalo Advertising MCOM 4390* Senior Project	11	
<b>BACHELOR OF ARTS REQUIREMENTS: 12 HOURS OPTION</b>		
Six hours of foreign language.	(6-8)	
Six hours chosen from art, English, history, modern languages, music, philosophy and theatre.	6	
<b>ELECTIVES: 19-21 HOURS BY ADVISEMENT—SEE NOTES I &amp; II</b>		
ELECTIVES (NON-MCOM) ♦	19-21	
<b>MINIMUM HOURS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE DEGREE</b>	<b>120</b>	

♦ NOTE I: 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, 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 Broadcast Journalism majors will compile and submit an e-portfolio that demonstrates required competencies. See catalog for details.

NOTE II: 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.

**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.**