

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	
Communication (Core 10)			
ENGL 1301 Introduction to Academic Writing and Argumentation	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 (extra lab hours move to Core 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, 1471, 2425*, 2426*; PSES 1301, 1307	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 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; PSYC 2301; SOCI 1301 Choose 1	3		
Component Area Option (Core 90)			
Take six hours from: ♦ 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		
BROADCAST JOURNALISM MAJOR REQUIREMENTS: 48 HOURS**** A grade of "C" or better must be earned in all courses required for major.			
UNIVERSITY CORE REQUIREMENTS: 3 HOURS			
MCOM 1307 Introduction to Media Communication	3		
MEDIA COMMUNICATION CORE: 28 HOURS			
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 OR COMM 3315* Research Methods	3		
MCOM 3327 Media Law	3		
MCOM 3379 Media Management MCOM 2327 Advertising Principles MCOM 3331 Media History Choose 1	3		
MCOM 4191* Portfolio & Professional Development	1		
MCOM 4302* Media Ethics	3		

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BROADCAST JOURNALISM REQUIREMENTS: 17 HOURS		
MCOM 3309* Multimedia Journalism	3	
MCOM 4398 Media Internship	3	
Take 11 hours from:		
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		11
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 OR COMM/MCOM 3304 Introduction to Buffalo Advertising		
MCOM 4390* Senior Project		
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE REQUIREMENTS: 6 HOURS OPTION		
Six hours chosen from biology, chemistry, geology, geosciences, mathematics, physics and natural sciences.	6	
ELECTIVES: 27 HOURS BY ADVISEMENT—SEE NOTES I & II		
ELECTIVES (NON-MCOM) ♦		27
MINIMUM HOURS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE DEGREE		120

♦ 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.

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Major Code: 234

First Year			
Fall		Spring	
CORE 10-ENGL 1301	3	MCOM 2310	3
		MCOM CORE	
CORE 10-COMM 1315, 1318, 1321	3	MCOM 2311	3
		MCOM Core	
CORE 20--MATH	3	CORE 60--HIST 1301, 1302, 2301, 2381	3
MCOM 2376	3	CORE 30--Lab Science	4
MCOM CORE			
CORE 40	3	CORE 90	3
MCOM 1307		ENGL 1302 or 2311	
MCOM Practicum* 2171, 2172, 2173, 2174,	1	Course ID	CR
Semester Hours	16	Semester Hours	16

Second Year			
Fall		Spring	
CORE 50	3	MCOM 3331	3
See checklist for options		Broadcast Journalism Req	
MCOM 1318 or 3330	3	Non-MCOM Elective	1
Broadcast Journalism Req		COMM 2178	
BS Requirement	3	BS Requirement	3
Non MCOM Elective	1	Non-MCOM Elective	3
ENGL 1101--CORE 90			
MCOM Practicum* 2171,2172, 2173, 2174	1	MCOM Practicum*	1
MCOM 1336	3	2171, 2172, 2173, 2174, CORE 30--Lab Science	4
Consult with advisor			
Semester Hours	14	Semester Hours	15

Third Year			
Fall		Spring	
MCOM 3305	3	MCOM 3327	3
MCOM CORE		MCOM CORE	
MCOM 3309	3	CORE 70--POSC 2305 or 2306	3
Broadcast Journaism Req		NON-MCOM Elective	3
CORE 70-POSC 2305 or 2306	3	Recommend COMM 3341	
CORE 60--HIST 1301,1302, 2301, 2311	3	NON-MCOM Elective	3
		Recommend COMM 4330	
CORE 80	3	NON-MCOM Elective	3
Recommend COMM 2377		Recommend COMM 3345	
Semester Hours	15	Semester Hours	15

Fourth Year			
Fall		Spring	
MCOM 3379	3	MCOM 4191	3
MCOM CORE		MCOM Core	
MCOM 3314	3	MCOM 4302	3
MCOM Core		MCOM CORE	
MCOM 4398	3	MCOM 3301 Or 4309	3
Broadcast Journalism Req		Broadcast Journalism Req	
Non-MCOM Elective	3	Non-MCOM Elective	3
Non-MCOM Elective	3	Non-MCOM Elective	2
Semester Hours	15	Semester Hours	14

Degree Total Hours 120

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.

Identified Marketable Skills: ♦ Multimedia Productions skills, producing well written pieces on a variety of platforms; Media Design skills using Adobe Creative Cloud; Media Management Skills for both social and traditional media; Effective writing skills for copy used in print, broadcast and web outlets; Research skills in conducting both primary and secondary research; Leadership skills in completing group projects for a variety of clients.

Top 3 Local Employers or Industries/Professional Programs/Possible Career Opportunities: Career opportunities include social media management, writing and reporting for media outlets, media production for non-profits; copywriting and media design

Prerequisites/Important Sequences/Other Degree Notes: Broadcast Journalism majors are encouraged to enroll in the Basic Video class (MCOM 1336) prior to taking MCOM 3309. Broadcast Journalism majors should apply for staff positions offered by the Prairie (the University Newspaper.) MCOM 4191 should be taken the final semester of the senior year. *Broadcast Journalism majors may opt to take the three hour practicum, MCOM 2375 to satisfy the practicum requirements.