

**West Texas A&M University**  
**Advising Services**  
**Degree Checklist**  
**2018-2019**

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

**Communication Studies—Graduate School Preparation**  
**Emphasis**  
**Department of Communication**  
**FAC 103 651-2798**

<b>CORE CURRICULUM COURSES: 42 HOURS ♦</b>		<b>HRS</b>	
<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*/**, 1342*/**, 1350*/**, 2412*, or 2413* (2412 & 2413: extra hr. moves to Code 90)	3		
<b>Life and Physical Sciences (Code 30)</b>			
<b>Take two courses from (extra lab hours move to Code 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, 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; MCOM 1307; PHIL 1301, 2374; SPAN 2311*, 2312*/**, 2313*, 2315*, or 2371 <b>Choose 1</b>	3		
<b>Creative Arts (Code 50)</b>			
ARTS 1303, ARTS 1304; DANC 2303; MUSI 1306, MUSI 1307, MUSI 1310; or THRE 1310 <b>Choose 1</b>	3		
<b>American History (Code 60)</b>			
HIST 1301, 1302, 2301, 2381 <b>Choose 2</b>	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 <b>Choose 1</b>	3		
<b>Component Area Option (Code 90)</b>			
<b>Take six hours from: ♦</b>			
AGRI 2300; BIOL lab hours (from Code 30); BUSI 1304; CHEM lab hours (from Code 30); CIDM 1105, CIDM 1301 or 1315; CS 1301; ENGL 1101, 1302*, 2311*; ENVR lab hour (from Code 30); GEOL lab hours (from Code 30); IDS 1071 (1-3 hours); extra MATH hours (from Code 20); PHIL 2303; PHYS lab hours (from Code 30)	6		
<b>COMMUNICATION STUDIES—GRADUATE SCHOOL PREPARATION EMPHASIS MAJOR REQUIREMENTS: 36 HOURS****</b>			
<b>A grade of "C" or better must be earned in all courses required for major.</b>			
<b>COMMUNICATION STUDIES CORE: 18 HOURS</b>			
COMM 1318 Interpersonal Communication <small>If 1318 is taken to fulfill University core requirements, then 1315 or 1321 must be taken to satisfy the 18-hour COMM core requirement.</small>	3		
COMM 2376 Communication Theory	3		
COMM 2377 Intercultural Comm. <b>OR</b> COMM 3370 Gender Communication	3		
COMM 3315* Research Methods	3		
COMM 3341 Persuasion	3		
COMM 4301 Introduction to Rhetorical Criticism	3		
<b>GRADUATE SCHOOL PREPARATION EMPHASIS: 18 HOURS</b>			
COMM 4305* Research Practicum	3		

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COMM 4393* Senior Thesis	3		
COMM 4398 Communication Internship	3		
COMMUNICATION STUDIES ELECTIVES (9 HOURS BY ADVISEMENT) <small>COMM/MCOM 4300 Communication Study Abroad is an option.</small>	9		
<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: 36 HOURS BY ADVISEMENT—SEE NOTE</b>			
ELECTIVES ♦ <b>Nine or more hours</b> for B.S. requirements and/or electives must be 3000- or 4000-level to total 39 advanced hours at WTAMU.	36		
<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, 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 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 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.



First Year					
Fall		Spring			
H o u r s  15	CORE 10-ENGL 1301	3	H o u r s  15	COMM 1318	3
				COMM Core**	
	CORE 10-COMM	3		CORE 40	3
	1315, 1318 or 1321			See checklist for options	
	CORE 20-MATH	3		CORE 60-HIST	3
	See * in Notes			1301, 1302, 2301 or 2381	
	CORE 80	3		CORE 30-LAB SCIENCE	3
	COMM 2377 (recommended)			See * in Notes	
	CORE 90	3		CORE 90-ENGL	3
	See * in Notes			See Checklist for Options	

Second Year					
Fall		Spring			
H o u r s  15	COMM 2376	3	H o u r s  15	ELECTIVE	3
	COMM Core				
	CORE 30-LAB SCIENCE	3		CORE 70-POSC	3
	See * in Notes			2305 or 2306	
	CORE 70-POSC	3		COMM 3341	3
	2305 or 2306			COMM Core	
	CORE 50	3		BS REQUIREMENT	3
	See checklist for options			See checklist for options	
	COMM ELECTIVE	3		COMM 3370	3
				COMM Core***	

Third Year					
Fall		Spring			
H o u r s  16	COMM ELECTIVE	1	H o u r s  15	COMM 3315	3
	COMM 2178				
	BS REQUIREMENT	3		COMM ELECTIVE	3
	See checklist for options			Grad. Sch. Prep. Emph.****	
	COMM ELECTIVE	3		ELECTIVE	3
	Grad. Sch. Prep. Emph.****			Upper division	
	COMM ELECTIVE	3		ELECTIVE	3
	Grad. Sch. Prep. Emph.****			Upper division	
	ELECTIVE	3		ELECTIVE	3
CORE 60-HIST	3				
1301, 1302, 2301 or 2381					

Fourth Year					
Fall		Spring			
H o u r s  16	COMM 4301	3	H o u r s  13	COMM 4398	3
	Capstone course			Grad Prep Emph - Required	
	COMM 4305	3		COMM 4393	3
	Grad Prep Emph - Required			Grad Prep Emph - Required	
	COMM ELECTIVE	3		COMM ELECTIVE	3
	COMM 3399 by application			COMM 3399 by application	
	ELECTIVE	3		ELECTIVE	3
	Upper division				
	COMM ELECTIVE	1		COMM ELECTIVE	1
	COMM 2178			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 MCOM and COMM majors should consider taking the discipline specific section of COMM 1315  
 \*\* 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).