

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

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

**Communication Studies—Graduate School Preparation  
Emphasis  
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*/**, 1342*/**, 1350*/**, 2412*, or 2413* (2412 & 2413: fourth 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, 1471, 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 1301, 1303, 1304; DANC 2303; MUSI 1306, 1307 (for music majors), 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, 1102, 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); MUSI 1053; PHIL 2303; PHYS lab hours (from Code 30); SES 1120	6	
<b>COMMUNICATION STUDIES—GRADUATE SCHOOL PREPARATION EMPHASIS MAJOR REQUIREMENTS: 36 HOURS**** 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	

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GRADUATE SCHOOL PREPARATION EMPHASIS: 18 HOURS	
COMM 4305* Research Practicum	3
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 (REL) and six hours in physical education (PHED) can be counted toward a degree.

**NOTE: This is NOT a degree plan. Upon completing 30 credit hours, students must request an official degree plan (using the online [Degree Plan Request form](#)) in order to progress. Students who have questions about their degree plan should contact the office of the dean of the Sybil B. Harrington College of Fine Arts and Humanities, which is located in Room 181 of Mary Moody Northern Hall (phone 806-651-2782).**

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**2020-2021 Curriculum Guide**

Major: Comm Studies, Graduate Preparation, BS

Major Code: 1207

First Year	
Fall	Spring
CORE 10--ENGL 1301 3	COMM 1318 3
	COMM Core
CORE 10--COMM 3	CORE 60--HIST 3
1315, 1318, 1321,	1301, 1302, 2301, 2381
CORE 20--Math 3	CORE 30--Lab Science 4
CORE 80 3	CORE 90 3
COMM 2377	Recommend ENGL 1302 or 2311
CORE 40 3	CORE 90 1
MCOM 1307	ENGL 1101
<b>Semester Hours 15</b>	<b>Semester Hours 14</b>

Second Year	
Fall	Spring
COMM 2376 3	Elective 3
CORE 30--Lab Science 4	CORE 70--POSC 3
	2305 or 2306
CORE 70--POSC 3	COMM 3341 3
	COMM CORE
B.S. Requirement 3	BS Requirement 3
	See checklist for options
COMM Elective 3	COMM 3370 3
	COMM Core
<b>Semester Hours 16</b>	<b>Semester Hours 15</b>

Third Year	
Fall	Spring
Core 50 3	COMM 3315 3
See checklist for options	COMM Core
COMM Elective 3	COMM Elective 3
Grad School Prep Emphasis	Grad School Prep Emphasis
COMM Elective 3	Elective 3
Grad School Prep Emphasis	Upper division
CORE 60--HIST 3	Elective 3
1301, 1302, 2301, 2381	Upper division
Elective 3	Elective 3
<b>Semester Hours 15</b>	<b>Semester Hours 15</b>

Fourth Year	
Fall	Spring
COMM 4301 3	COMM 4398 3
Capstone Course	Grad School Prep Emphasis
COMM 4305 3	COMM 4393 3
Grad School Prep Emphasis	Grad School Prep Emphasis
COMM 3399 3	COMM 3399 3
COMM 3399 by application	COMM 3399 by application
Elective 3	Elective 3
COMM Elective 3	Elective 3
<b>Semester Hours 15</b>	<b>Semester Hours 15</b>

**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:** ♦ Oral presentation skills for formal presentations ♦ Interpersonal communication skills that include competency in active listening, conversational management and conflict resolution ♦ Written communication skills that demonstrate clear organization, correct grammar usage, and documentation of sources of information ♦ Research skills that include an understanding of both qualitative and quantitative research and practical experience in collecting data ♦ Group communication skills that include problem solving, networking, goal-setting, group interaction and group participation ♦ Cultural communication skills that facilitate understanding and communication with people from a variety of cultural backgrounds

**Top 3 Local Employers or Industries/Professional Programs/Possible Career Opportunities:** Career Opportunities include ♦ Human resources manager ♦ Youth Minister ♦ Communication Consultant ♦ College Admissions counselor ♦ Sales representative ♦ Motivational speaker; Graduate School Teaching Assistant

**Prerequisites/Important Sequences/Other Degree Notes:** Students are encouraged to enroll in the discipline specific section of COMM 1315. The 9 hours of Graduate School Preparation emphasis electives should be chosen after consulting with your advisor; we recommend taking ENGL 1302 or 2311 and ENGL 1101 in Core 90. COMM 4301 should be taken the fall of your senior year.

Additional links to MyPlan/Department Website/Onet can be placed here