

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

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NAME: _____ WT ID: _____ DATE: _____

**Speech (Grades 7-12) Certification
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	
See University Core Requirements below	(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)		
ANTH 2351, ENGL 2321*, 2326*, 2331*, 2341*, 2343*; HIST 2311, 2323, 2372; MCOM 1307; PHIL 1301, 2374; SPAN 2311*, 2312*/**, 2313*, 2315*, or 2371 Choose 1	3	
Creative Arts (Core 50)		
ARTS 1301, 1303, 1304; DANC 2303; MUSI 1306, MUSI 1307 (for music majors), MUSI 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	
SPEECH (GRADES 7-12) CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: 60-63 HOURS***** A grade of "C" or better and a 2.75 GPA is required.^		
UNIVERSITY CORE REQUIREMENTS: 3 HOURS ♦		
CORE 10 COMM 1318 Interpersonal Communication	3	
COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS: 30-33 HOURS (A grade of "C" or better and a 2.75 GPA is required.^)		
COMM 2178 Forensics (may be repeated)	1,1,1	3
COMM 2335 Argumentation		3
COMM 2341 Basic Performance of Literature		3
COMM 2376 Communication Theory		3
COMM 2377 Intercultural Comm. OR COMM 3370 Gender Communication		0-3
COMM 3301 Advanced Public Speaking		3
COMM 3302 Advanced Performance of Literature OR COMM 4330 Storytelling and Puppetry		3
COMM 3315* Research Methods		3
COMM 3341 Persuasion		3

**Bachelor of Science Degree
Major: Communication Studies
BS.COM.STUDIES.EDS (889) TExES Exams: 160, 129**

COMM 4301 Introduction to Rhetorical Criticism	3	
COMM 4373 Methods in Competitive Speech	3	
EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS: 27 HOURS (A grade of "C" or better and a 2.75 GPA is required.^)		
EDPD 3340 Educational Foundations	3	
EDPD 4340* Classroom Management	3	
EDRD 4386 Secondary Reading in Content Area	3	
EDSE 4320* Teaching in Secondary Schools I	3	
EDSE 4330* Teaching in Secondary Schools II	3	
EDPD 4398*/***** Clinical Teaching – All Certificate Areas	3	
EDSE 4341*/***** Clinical Teaching - Secondary	3	
EPSY 3341* Educational Psychology	3	
EPSY 3350 Children with Special Needs	3	
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE REQUIREMENTS: 6 HOURS OPTION		
Six hours chosen from biology, chemistry, geology, geosciences, mathematics, physics and natural sciences.	6	
ELECTIVES: 12-15 HOURS—SEE NOTE		
ELECTIVES ♦		12-15
MINIMUM HOURS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE DEGREE	120	

♦ 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 French or German.

**** Recommended.

***** All students will compile and submit a Senior Portfolio to fulfill requirement for this degree.

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.

^Transfer & WT GPA combined must be 2.75.

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 Northen Hall (phone 806-651-2782).

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2020-2021 Curriculum Guide

Major: Speech (Grades 7-12 Certification BS)

Major Code: 889

First Year	
Fall	Spring
Core 10 3	CORE 90 3
ENGL 1301	ENGL 1302
CORE 10 3	CORE 50--ARTS 3
COMM 1318 (Comm Core)	
COMM 2335 3	CORE 60--HIST 3
COMM Requirement	1301 1302 2301, 2381
COMM 20--Math 3	CORE 30-Lab Science 4
COMM 2178 1	COMM 2178 1
COMM Requirement	COMM Requirement
COMM 2341 3	CORE 90 3
COMM Requirement	ENGI 2311
Semester Hours 16	Semester Hours 17

Second Year	
Fall	Spring
CORE 80 3	EDPD 3340 CR
COMM 2377-- Comm Req.	Education Requirement
BS Requirement 3	EPSY 3350 3
	Education Requirement
COMM 2178 1	COMM 3341 3
COMM Requirement	COMM Requirement
CORE 70--POSC 3	CORE 70--POSC 3
2305 or 2306	2305 or 2306
COMM 2376 3	Core 30--Lab Science 4
COMM Core	2305 or 2306
CORE 40 3	CORE 60--HIST 3
MCOM 1307	1301, 1302, 2301, 2381
Semester Hours 16	Semester Hours 16

Third Year	
Fall	Spring
EPSY 3341 3	COMM 3315 3
Education Requirement	COMM Requirement
Elective 4	COMM 3301 3
	COMM Requirement
BS Requirements 3	EDSE 4320 3
See checklist for options	Education Requirement
COMM 3325 3	EDSE 4330 3
COMM Requirement	Education Requirement
	Elective 3
COMM 3370 3	COMM 3302 or 4330 3
Recommended COMM elective	COMM Elective
Semester Hours 16	Semester Hours 18

Fourth Year	
Fall	Spring
EDPD 4340 3	EDSE 4340 3
Education Requirement	Student Teaching
COMM 3301 3	EDSE 4341 3
COMM Requirement	Student teaching
COMM 4301 3	Course ID CR
Capstone in Communication	
Elective 3	Course ID CR
EDRD 4386 3	
Education Requirement	Course ID CR
Semester Hours 15	Semester Hours 6

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 30 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 teaching middle and high school speech, youth ministry, communication consultant, motivational speaker

Prerequisites/Important Sequences/Other Degree Notes: Follow the education sequence of classes as listed above. During the first semester of the senior year, students are expected to participate in paid substitute teaching one day each week. In their junior year, second semester, students must complete 40 hours of observation and take the practice content test. No additional course work may be taken the semester a student enrolls in student teaching. Speech certification majors will complete the COMM portfolio assignment their senior year and should plan to take the capstone course (COMM 4301) during the fall of their senior year.