

West Texas A&M University
Advising Services
Degree Checklist
2023-2024

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NAME: _____ WT ID: _____ DATE: _____

Communication Studies—Relational Dynamics and Engagement Emphasis
Department of Communication
FAC 103 651-2800

Bachelor of Science Degree
BS.COMM.RDE (1203)

CORE CURRICULUM COURSES: 42 HOURS		HRS
Communication (Code 10)		
ENGL 1301 Intro. to Academic Writing & Argumentation OR ENGL 1311 Writing About Ideas	3	
COMM 1315, 1318, or 1321	3	
Mathematics (Code 20)		
MATH 1314*, 1316*, 1324*, 1325*, 1332*/**, 1342*/**, 1350*/**, 2412*, or 2413* (2412 & 2413: fourth hr. moves to Code 90)	3	
Life and Physical Sciences (Code 30)		
Take two courses from: ANSC 1319; BIOL 1406 or 1308, 1407* or 1309*, 1411, 1413; CHEM 1305* or 1411*, 1412*; ENVR 1407*; GEOL 1301 or 1403, 1302, 1404; PHYS 1401*, 1402*, 1311, 1312, 1371, 2425*, 2426*; PSES 1301, 1307 -BIOL 1406, 1407, 1411, 1413; CHEM 1411, 1412; GEOL 1403, 1404; PHYS 1401, 1402, 2425, 2426: 4 th hr. moves to Core 90	6	
Language, Philosophy and Culture (Code 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 (Code 50)		
ARTS 1301, 1303, 1304; DANC 2303; MUSI 1306, 1307 (for music majors), 1310; or THRE 1310 Choose 1	3	
American History (Code 60)		
HIST 1301, 1302, 2301, 2381, 2382 Choose 2	6	
Government/Political Science (Code 70)		
POSC 2305 and 2306	6	
Social and Behavioral Sciences (Code 80)		
See University Core Requirements below.	3	
Component Area Option (Code 90)		
Take six hours from: AGRI 2300; BIOL 4 th hour from 4-hour courses (from Core 30); BUSI 1301, 1304; CHEM 4 th hour from 4-hour courses (from Core 30); CIDM 1105, CIDM 1301 or 1315; CS 1301; ECON 2331; ENGL 1101, 1102, 1302*, 1312*, 2311*; ENVR 4 th hour (from Core 30); GEOL 4 th hour from 4-hour courses (from Core 30); IDS 1071 (1-3 hours); MATH 4 th hour from 4-hour courses (from Core 20); MUSI 1053; PHIL 2303; PHYS 4 th hour from 4-hour courses (from Core 30); SES 1120	6	
COMMUNICATION STUDIES—RELATIONAL DYNAMICS AND ENGAGEMENT EMPHASIS REQUIREMENTS: 39 HOURS**** A grade of "C" or better must be earned in all courses required for major.		
UNIVERSITY CORE REQUIREMENTS: 3 HOURS		
CORE 80 COMM 2377 Intercultural Communication	3	
COMMUNICATION STUDIES CORE: 18 HOURS		
COMM 1318 Interpersonal Communication If 1318 is taken to fulfill University core requirements, then 1315 or 1321 must be taken to satisfy the 18-hour COMM core requirement.	3	
COMM 2376 Communication Theory	3	
COMM 3315* Research Methods	3	
COMM 3341 Persuasion	3	
COMM 3342 Rhetorical Theory and Criticism	3	

COMM 4398 Communication Internship	3	
RELATIONAL DYNAMICS AND ENGAGEMENT EMPHASIS REQUIREMENTS: 18 HOURS		
COMM 3320 Nonverbal Communication	3	
COMM 3345 Group Dynamics	3	
COMM 3350 Relational Communication	3	
COMM 3370 Critical Culture & Gender Communication	3	
And choose 6 hours from the following:		
COMM 3360 Health Communication	6	
COMM 3331 Organizational Communication & Leadership		
COMM 4360 Communication & Global Culture		
COMM 2178 Forensics (may be repeated)		
COMM 4278 Advanced Forensics (may be repeated)		
COMM 4330 Creative Narrative Communication		
COMM 4300 Communication Study Abroad OR MCOM 4300 Communication Study Abroad		
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE REQUIREMENTS: 6 HOURS OPTION		
Six hours chosen from biology, chemistry, geology, geosciences, mathematics, physics and natural sciences.	6	
ELECTIVES: 33-36 HOURS BY ADVISEMENT		
ELECTIVES Six or more hours for B.S. requirements and/or electives must be 3000- or 4000-level to total 36 advanced hours at WTAMU.	36	
MINIMUM HOURS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE DEGREE	120	

* 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: This is NOT a degree plan. All undergraduate students must request an official degree plan from their academic dean's office by the time they have completed 30 credit hours.

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**Major: Communication Studies – Relational Dynamics
And Engagement Emphasis, B.S.**

Major Code: 1203

Year 1: Fall	
CORE 10 (Communication) – COMM 1315 or 1321	3
CORE 40 (Lang., Phil. & Culture) – MCOM 1307 (recommended) ¹	3
CORE 10 (Communication) – ENGL 1301 or 1311	3
CORE 20 (Mathematics) – See checklist for options	3
CORE 60 (American History) – See checklist for options	3
Total:	16

Year 2: Fall	
Communication Studies Core - COMM 2376 Communication Theory	3
CORE 70 (Govt./Political Sci.) – POSC 2305 or 2306	3
CORE 50 (Creative Arts) – See checklist for options	3
B.S. Requirement – See checklist for options	3
Elective	3
Total:	15

Year 3: Fall	
RDE Emphasis – COMM 3350 Relational Communication	3
Communication Studies Core - COMM 3341 Persuasion	3
CORE 30 (Life & Phys. Sci.) – See checklist for options	3
CORE 90 (Component Area Option) – See checklist for options - ENGL 1101 is recommended if two 4-hour Core 30 courses are taken.	3
Elective	3
Total:	15

Year 4: Fall	
RDE Emphasis – COMM 3320 Nonverbal Communication	3
Communication Studies Core – COMM 3342 Rhetorical Theory and Criticism	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
Total:	15

Year 1: Spring	
Communication Studies Core - COMM 1318 Interpersonal Communication	3
CORE 80 (Social & Behav. Sci) – COMM 2377 Intercultural Communication	3
CORE 60 (American History) – See checklist for options	3
CORE 30 (Life & Phys. Sci.) – See checklist for options	3
CORE 90 (Component Area Option) – See checklist for options - ENGL 1302, 1312, or 2311 is recommended.	3
Total:	15

Year 2: Spring	
RDE Emphasis – COMM 3345 Group Dynamics	3
RDE Emphasis – COMM Elective (see checklist for options)	3
CORE 70 (Govt./Political Sci.) – POSC 2305 or 2306	3
B.S. Requirement – See checklist for options	3
Elective	3
Total:	15

Year 3: Spring	
RDE Emphasis – COMM 3370 Critical Culture & Gender Comm.	3
Communication Studies Core – COMM 3315 Research Methods	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
Total:	15

Year 4: Spring	
Communication Studies Core - COMM 4398 Comm. Internship	3
RDE Emphasis – COMM Elective (see checklist for options)	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
Total:	15

¹ **CORE:** Communication Studies majors are required to take COMM 2377 for Core 80. For all other categories, they may select from any available options (see degree checklist). MCOM 1307 is recommended for Core 40. Apart from the major-specific core requirement, there is no set order in which core courses must be taken.

<p>Identified Marketable Skills</p> <p>Oral presentation – Effective writing – Research – Cultural competency – Interpersonal communication – Conflict management</p>	<p>Top Three Local Employers or Industries/Professional Programs/Possible Career Opportunities</p> <p>Ministry – Nonprofit & philanthropic careers – Education & training fields</p>
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Additional notes:

- 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.
- At least 36 hours of advanced work (3000- or 4000-level courses) for which tuition is paid must be earned at WTAMU. A maximum of six semester hours in religion (RELI) and six semester hours in physical education (PHED) courses can count toward a baccalaureate degree.
- All Communication Studies majors will compile and submit a 3-portfolio that demonstrates required competencies. Students are encouraged to join professional student organizations within the department. The required internship class should be taken during the final semester. Recommended electives: MCOM 4321 1910 PR, MCOM/COMM 3304 Digital Advertising, MCOM 3307 Public Relations Campaigns, MCOM 3350 Public Relations & Publicity.
- All students in the Department of Communication should enroll in the majors-only sections of COMM 1315 and MCOM 1307 if possible.

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.