

West Texas A&M University
Advising Services
Degree Checklist
2021-2022

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NAME: _____ **WT ID:** _____ **DATE:** _____

Journalism (Grades 7-12) Certification
Department of Communication
FAC 103 651-2798

Bachelor of Science Degree
Major: Broadcast Journalism
BS.MC.PM.EDS (832) – TEXES Exams: 160, 156

CORE CURRICULUM COURSES: 42 HOURS ♦		HRS	CC
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, 2382 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; ECON 2331; 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		
JOURNALISM (GRADES 7-12) CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: 75 HOURS****			
A grade of "C" or better and 2.75 GPA is required.^			
UNIVERSITY CORE REQUIREMENTS: 3 HOURS			
MCOM 1307 Introduction to Media Communication	3		
BROADCAST JOURNALISM MAJOR REQUIREMENTS: 45 HOURS			
(A grade of "C" or better and 2.75 GPA is required.^)			
MASS COMMUNICATION: 28 HOURS			
MCOM 1336 Basic Video	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 OR MCOM 2327 Advertising Principles MCOM 3331 Media History	3		
MCOM 4191* Portfolio & Professional Development	1		

MCOM 4302* Media Ethics	3		
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 (can be repeated)	1,1,1		
MCOM 2172 Eternal Flame Practicum (can be repeated)	1,1,1		
MCOM 2173 Prairie Practicum (can be repeated)	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 3301 Feature Writing		11	
MCOM 3310* Advanced Design			
MCOM 3330 Audio Journalism			
MCOM 3331 Media History			
MCOM (or COMM) 4300 Comm. Study Abroad			
MCOM 4309 International Journalism			
MCOM 4321 1910 PR			
MCOM 4390* Senior Project			
MCOM Elective (by advisement)			
EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS: 27 HOURS			
(A grade of "C" or better and 2.75 GPA is required.^)			
EDPD 4340* Classroom Management	3		
EDRD 4386 Secondary Reading in Content Area	3		
EDPD 4330 Educational Methodology and Diverse Learners	3		
EDPD 4348 Data-Informed Instruction and Assessment	3		
EDPD 4398 Clinical Teaching - All	3		
EDPD 4398 Clinical Teaching - Secondary	3		
EPSY 4341 Educator Readiness and Performance	3		
EPSY 3341* Educational Psychology	3		
EPSY 3350 Children with Special Needs	3		
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE REQUIREMENTS: 6 HOURS CC OPTION			
Six hours chosen from biology, chemistry, geology, geosciences, mathematics, physics and natural sciences.	6		
MINIMUM HOURS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE DEGREE		120	

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

***** No additional courses can be taken when students are enrolled in student teaching EDSE 4341 and EDPD 4398 during their final semester.

NOTE: 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.

^Transfer & WT GPA combined must be 2.75.

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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2021-2022 Curriculum Guide

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Major Code: 832

First Year	
Fall	Spring
CORE 10 3	MCOM 2311 3
COMM 1315, 1318, or 1321	MCOM Core
CORE 40 3	Core 60--HIST 3
MCOM 1307	CORE 30--LAB Science
CORE 20--Math 3	CORE 90
CORE 80 3	ENGL 1302 or 2311 3
COMM 2377	
MCOM 2310 3	MCOM 2327
MCOM Core	MCOM Core 3
MCOM 2173* 1	MCOM 2173*
Broadcast Journalism	Broadcast Journalism 1
Semester Hours 16	Semester Hours 17

Second Year	
Fall	Spring
MCOM 2173 or 2175 1	MCOM 2376 3
Broadcast Journalism	MCOM Core
Core 90 1	Core 30--Lab Science 4
ENGL 1101	BS Requirement 3
MCOM 1318 3	Broadcast Journalism
Broadcast Journalism	BS Requirement 3
BS Requirement 3	EPSY 3341 Education Requirement 3
CORE 50 3	
See checklist for options	
MCOM 1336 3	
Consult with advisor	
CORE 70 POSC 3	EPSY 3350 3
2305 or 2306	Education Requirement
Semester Hours 17	Semester Hours 16

Third Year	
Fall	Spring
MCOM 3305 3	MCOM 4398 Broadcast Journalism 3
MCOM core	
MCOM 3309 3	EDPD 4330 3
Broadcast Journalism	Education Requirement
EPSY 34341 C 3	EDRD 4386 3
ORE 60--HIST	Education Requirement
CORE 70 POSC 3	MCOM 3301 Broadcast Journalism MCOM 2173* Broadcast 1
2305 or 2306	Journalism Core 70--
MCOM 3327 3	POSC 3
MCOM Core 3	2305 or 2306
Semester Hours 18	Semester Hours 16

Fourth Year	
Fall	Spring
MCOM 4191 1	EDPD 4398 3
MCOM Core	Student Teaching
MCOM 4302 3	EDSE 4341 3
MCOM Core	Student Teaching
BS Requirement 3	
EDPD 4348 3	
Education Requirement	
MCOM 3314 3	
MCOM Core	
Non-MCOM Elective 1	
Recommend COMM 2178	
Semester Hours 14	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 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 teaching High school journalism, copy writing, news reporting, social media management, media design, media sales

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 per 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. Journalism certification majors will complete the MCOM portfolio assignment their senior year.

*With permission from your advisor you can opt to take MCOM 2375, a three hour course to satisfy the practicum requirement.