

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

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

**Digital Communication & Media – Digital Journalism Concentration**

**Department of Communication**  
**FAC 103 651-2800**

CORE CURRICULUM COURSES: 42 HOURS		HRS
<b>Communication (Core 10)</b>		
ENGL 1301 Intro. to Academic Writing & Argumentation OR ENGL 1311 Writing About Ideas (preferred)	3	
COMM 1315, 1318, or 1321	3	
<b>Mathematics (Core 20)</b>		
MATH 1314*, 1316*, 1324*, 1325*, 1332*/**, 1342*/**, 1350*/**, 2412*, or 2413* (2412 & 2413: fourth hr. moves to Core 90)	3	
<b>Life and Physical Sciences (Core 30)</b>		
<b>Take two courses from:</b> ANS 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 <sup>th</sup> hr. moves to Core 90	6	
<b>Language, Philosophy and Culture (Core 40)</b>		
See University Core Requirements below	(3)	
<b>Creative Arts (Core 50)</b>		
ARTS 1301, 1303, 1304; DANC 2303; MUSI 1306, 1307, MUSI 1310; or THRE 1310 <b>Choose 1</b>	3	
<b>American History (Core 60)</b>		
HIST 1301, 1302, 2301, 2381, 2382 <b>Choose 2</b>	6	
<b>Government/Political Science (Core 70)</b>		
POSC 2305 and 2306	6	
<b>Social and Behavioral Sciences (Core 80)</b>		
AGBE 2317*; COMM 2377; CRIJ 1301; ECON 2301, 2302; GEOG 1302; PSYC 2301; SOCI 1301 <b>Choose 1</b>	3	
<b>Component Area Option (Core 90)</b>		
<b>Take six hours from:</b> AGRI 2300; BIOL 4 <sup>th</sup> hour from 4-hour courses (from Core 30); BUSI 1301, 1304; CHEM 4 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> hour (from Core 30); GEOL 4 <sup>th</sup> hour from 4-hour courses (from Core 30); IDS 1071 (1-3 hours); MATH 4 <sup>th</sup> hour from 4-hour courses (from Core 20); MUSI 1053; PHIL 2303; PHYS 4 <sup>th</sup> hour from 4-hour courses (from Core 30); SES 1120	6	
<b>DIGITAL COMMUNICATION &amp; MEDIA - DIGITAL JOURNALISM CONCENTRATION REQUIREMENTS: 48 HOURS****</b> A grade of "C" or better must be earned in all courses required for major.		
<b>UNIVERSITY CORE REQUIREMENTS: 3 HOURS</b>		
<b>CORE 40</b> MCOM 1307 Introduction to Media Communication	3	
<b>MEDIA COMMUNICATION CORE: 27 HOURS</b>		
MCOM 1336 Basic Video Production	3	
MCOM 2310 Media Design	3	
MCOM 2311 Media Writing	3	
MCOM 2376 Media Theory	3	
MCOM 3305* New Media	3	
MCOM 3379 Media Management	3	
MCOM 3314* Public Relations & Advertising Research OR COMM 3315* Research Methods	3	
MCOM 4302* Media Law & Ethics	3	

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MCOM 4398* Media Internship	3	
<b>DIGITAL JOURNALISM CONCENTRATION REQUIREMENTS: 21 HOURS</b>		
MCOM 2345 Principles of Journalism	3	
MCOM 3309* Multimedia Journalism	3	
MCOM 3330 Trends in Journalism	3	
MCOM 3335* News One On Air	3	
<b>Take 9 hours from:</b> MCOM 2171 KWTS Practicum MCOM 2172 Eternal Flame Practicum MCOM 2173 Prairie Practicum MCOM 2174 Sports Broadcasting Practicum (Any combination of practicum hours can be taken up to a total of 3 hrs.) MCOM 1318 Digital Photography MCOM 4321 1910 PR MCOM 3301 Narrative Journalism MCOM 3310* Advanced Design MCOM 3331 Media History MCOM (or COMM) 4300 Communication Study Abroad MCOM 4309 International Journalism MCOM/COMM 3304 Digital Advertising MCOM 4390* Senior Project	9	
<b>BACHELOR OF ARTS REQUIREMENTS: 12 HOURS OPTION</b>		
Six hours of foreign language.	(6-8)	
Six hours chosen from art, English, history, modern languages, music, philosophy and theatre.	6	
<b>ELECTIVES: 18 HOURS BY ADVISEMENT</b>		
ELECTIVES	18	
<b>MINIMUM HOURS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE DEGREE</b>	<b>120</b>	

\* 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 Digital Communication and Media 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: Digital Comm. & Media – Digital Journ., B.A.

### Major Code: 1211

Year 1: Fall	Year 1: Spring
CORE 40 (Language, Phil. & Culture) – MCOM 1307 3	CORE 90 (Component Area Option) – See checklist for options - ENGL 1302, 1312, or 2311 is recommended. 3
CORE 10 (Communication) – COMM 1315 or 1321 3	CORE 30 (Life & Phys. Sci.) – See checklist for options 3
CORE 10 (Communication) – ENGL 1301 or 1311 3	CORE 60 (American History) – See checklist for options 3
CORE 20 (Mathematics) – See checklist for options 3	MCOM Core - MCOM 2310 Media Design 3
CORE 60 (American History) – See checklist for options 3	MCOM Core - MCOM 2311 Media Writing 3
<b>Total:</b> 17	<b>Total:</b> 15
Year 2: Fall	Year 2: Spring
MCOM Core – MCOM 1336 Basic Video Production 3	MCOM Core – MCOM 2376 Media Theory 3
DJ Requirement – MCOM 2345 Principles of Journalism 3	CORE 80 (Social & Behav. Sci.) – COMM 2377 Intercultural Comm. 3
CORE 70 (Govt./Political Sci.) – POSC 2305 or 2306 3	CORE 70 (Govt./Political Sci.) – POSC 2305 or 2306 3
CORE 50 (Creative Arts) – 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
B.A. Requirement – See checklist for options 3	B.A. Requirement – See checklist for options 3
<b>Total:</b> 15	<b>Total:</b> 15
Year 3: Fall	Year 3: Spring
DJ Requirement - MCOM 3309 Multimedia Journalism 3	DJ Requirement - MCOM 3379 Media Management 3
MCOM Core - MCOM 3305 New Media 3	MCOM Core - MCOM 3314 Public Relations & Advertising Research 3
DJ Required Elective (see checklist for options) 3	DJ Requirement – MCOM 3330 Trends in Journalism 3
CORE 30 (Life & Phys. Sci.) – See checklist for options 3	B.A. Requirement – See checklist for options 3
B.A. Requirement – See checklist for options 3	Elective 3
<b>Total:</b> 15	<b>Total:</b> 15
Year 4: Fall	Year 4: Spring
DJ Required Elective (see checklist for options) 3	MCOM Core - MCOM 4398 Media Internship 3
MCOM Core - MCOM 4302 Media Law & Ethics 3	DJ Required Elective 3
DJ. Requirement – MCOM 3335 News One On Air 3	Elective 3
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<b>Total:</b> 15	<b>Total:</b> 15

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

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Identified Marketable Skills</b></p> <p>Effective writing for digital media, broadcast and print – Multimedia production (audio, video, graphic design) – Leadership – Research &amp; analysis – Interviewing</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Top Three Local Employers or Industries/Professional Programs/Possible Career Opportunities</b></p> <p>Digital and traditional news media outlets – Social Media management – Research and data analysis</p>
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**Additional notes:**

- All Digital Communication & Media majors will compile and submit an e-portfolio that demonstrates required competencies.
- The required internship class should be taken during the final semester.
- 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.

**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.