

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

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NAME: _____ WT ID: _____ DATE: _____

Speech (Grades 7-12) Certification
Department of Communication
FAC 103 651-2800

CORE CURRICULUM COURSES: 42 HOURS	HRS		
Communication (Core 10)			
ENGL 1301 Intro. to Academic Writing & Argumentation OR ENGL 1311 Writing About Ideas	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: 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 (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, 2382 Choose 2	6		
Government/Political Science (Core 70)			
POSC 2305 and 2306	6		
Social and Behavioral Sciences (Core 80)			
See University Core Requirements below.	(3)		
Component Area Option (Core 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		
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: 6 HOURS ♦			
CORE 10 COMM 1318 Interpersonal Communication	3		
CORE 80 COMM 2377 Intercultural Communication	3		
COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS: 30 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 Oral Interpretation of Literature		3	
COMM 2376 Communication Theory		3	
COMM 3301 Advanced Public Speaking		3	
COMM 4330 Creative Narrative Communication		3	
COMM 3315* Research Methods		3	
COMM 3341 Persuasion		3	

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COMM 3342 Rhetorical Theory and 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 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 Certificate Areas	3		
EPSE 4341* 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 OPTIO			
Six hours chosen from biology, chemistry, geology, geosciences, mathematics, physics and natural sciences.	6		
ELECTIVES: 15 HOURS—SEE NOTE			
ELECTIVES ♦		15	
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 French or German.

**** Recommended.

***** All students will compile and submit a Senior Portfolio to fulfill requirement for this 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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Major: Speech (7-12) Cert. (Comm. Studies, B.S.)

Major Code: 889

Year 1: Fall	Year 1: Spring
CORE 10 (Communication) – ENGL 1301 or 1311 ¹ 3	CORE 80 (Social & Behav. Sci) - COMM 2377 Intercultural Comm. 3
CORE 10 (Communication) – COMM 1318 Interpersonal Comm. 3	COMM 2341 Oral Interpretation of Literature 3
CORE 20 (Mathematics) – See checklist for options 3	COMM 2178 Forensics ² 1
CORE 40 (Language, Phil. & Culture) – MCOM 1307 (recommended) 3	CORE 30 (Life & Phys. Sci.) – See checklist for options 3
COMM 2335 Argumentation/COMM 2178 Forensics 3	CORE 60 (American History) – See checklist for options 3
COMM 2178 Forensics ² 1	CORE 90 (Component Area Option) – See checklist for options 3 - ENGL 1302, 1312, or 2311 is recommended.
Total: 16	Total: 16
Year 2: Fall	Year 2: Spring
CORE 50 (Creative Arts) – See checklist for options 3	CORE 60 (American History) – See checklist for options 3
CORE 70 (Govt./Political Sci.) – POSC 2305 or 2306 3	CORE 70 (Govt./Political Sci.) – POSC 2305 or 2306 3
COMM 2376 Communication Theory 3	COMM 3341 Persuasion 3
CORE 90 (Component Area Option) – See checklist for options 3 - ENGL 1101 or 1102 is recommended if two 4-hour Core 30 courses are taken.	CORE 30 (Life & Phys. Sci.) – See checklist for options 3
B.S. Requirement – See checklist for options 3	Elective 3
	COMM 2178 Forensics ² 1
Total: 15	Total: 16
Year 3: Fall	Year 3: Spring
Elective 3	COMM 3315 Research Methods 3
B.S. Requirement 3	COMM 3301 Advanced Public Speaking 3
EPSY 3341 Educational Psychology 3	EDPD 4348 Data-Informed Instruction and Assessment 3
Elective 3	EPSY 3350 Children with Special Needs 3
COMM 4330 Creative Narrative Communication 3	EDRP 4386 Secondary Reading in the Content Area 3
	Elective
Total: 15	Total: 18
Year 4: Fall	Year 4: Spring
EDPD 4330 Educational Methodology & Diverse Learners 3	EDSE 4341 Clinical Teaching - Secondary 3
EPSY 4341 Educator Readiness and Performance 3	EDPD 4398 Clinical Teaching – All Certificate Areas 3
EDPD 4340 Classroom Management 3	
COMM 3342 Rhetorical Theory & Criticism 3	
COMM 4373 Methods in Competitive Speech 3	
Total: 15	Total: 6

¹ **CORE:** Speech (7-12) majors are required to take specific courses for Core 10 and Core 80. For all other categories, they may select from any available options (see degree checklist). Apart from the major-specific core requirements, there is no set order in which core courses must be taken.

² Three 1-hour classes can be spread across multiple semesters and combined to count toward required hours for the major.

<p>Identified Marketable Skills</p> <p>Written communication skills – Presentation skills – Teaching/training – Leadership</p>	<p>Top Three Local Employers or Industries/Professional Programs/Possible Career Opportunities</p> <p>Teaching speech in grades 7-12 – Ministry – Corporate and nonprofit communication</p>
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Additional notes:

- 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 complete 40 hours of observation and take the practice content test. No additional coursework may be taken the semester a student enrolls in student teaching. Students will complete a COMM portfolio their senior year.

- 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.