

# COMMUNICATION, BACHELOR OF ARTS

## Requirements

### General Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Core Curriculum		42
Required Support Courses		10
Major (Required) Courses		36
Minor		18
Electives		14
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>120</b>

- 36 upper-division credit hours required for degree
- 30 upper-division hours and 25% of total semester hours required for this degree must be completed at A&M-SA to satisfy residency requirement
- CIP Code: 09.0100

### Mass Communication Track

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Core Curriculum</b> <sup>1</sup>		
ENGL 1301	Composition I	3
ENGL 1302	Composition II	3
	or ENGL 2311 Technical Writing	
Mathematics		3
Life and Physical Sciences		3
Life and Physical Sciences		3
Lang/Phil/Culture		3
Creative Arts		3
American History		3
American History		3
Government/Political Science		3
Government/Political Science		3
PSYC 2301	General Psychology	3
	or SOCI 1301 Principles of Sociology	
SPCH 1315	Fund of Public Speaking	3
	or SPCH 1318 Interpersonal Communication	
Component Area Option Course from Approved List		3
Subtotal:		42
<b>Required Support Courses</b>		
UNIV 1301	First Year Seminar	3
COMM 4194	Portfolio & Prof Development	1
Foreign Language (Must be in same language)		3
Foreign Language (Must be in same language)		3
Subtotal:		10
<b>Major (Required) Courses</b> <sup>2</sup>		
COMM 1307	Intro to Mass Communication	3
COMM 3321	Principles of Advertising	3
	or COMM 4322 Public Relations	

COMM 3350	Theories of Communication	3
COMM 3351	Media Effects	3
COMM 3360	Intercultural Communication	3
COMM 3341	Research Methods	3
COMM 4310	Persuasion	3
COMM 4315	Media Ethics	3
	or COMM 4317 Media Law	
COMM 4393	Senior Communications Seminar	3
COMM Adv. Electives		3
COMM Adv. Electives		3
COMM Adv. Electives		3
Subtotal:		36
<b>Minor</b> <sup>3</sup>		
A minimum of 6 upper-division credit hours required. Actual number of hours depends on the minor selected		18
Subtotal:		18
<b>Electives</b>		
As needed to complete 120 credit hours required.		14
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>120</b>

<sup>1</sup> Other courses may satisfy core curriculum requirements. Courses listed under the core curriculum above are also specific degree requirements, and are recommended in the core to expedite degree completion.

<sup>2</sup> 2.0 overall GPA for major

<sup>3</sup> 2.0 overall GPA

### Media Track

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Core Curriculum</b> <sup>1</sup>		
ENGL 1301	Composition I	3
ENGL 1302	Composition II	3
	or ENGL 2311 Technical Writing	
Mathematics		3
Life and Physical Sciences		3
Life and Physical Sciences		3
Lang/Phil/Culture		3
Creative Arts		3
American History		3
American History		3
Government/Political Science		3
Government/Political Science		3
PSYC 2301	General Psychology	3
	or SOCI 1301 Principles of Sociology	
SPCH 1315	Fund of Public Speaking	3
	or SPCH 1318 Interpersonal Communication	
Component Area Option Course from Approved List		3
Subtotal:		42
<b>Required Support Courses</b>		
UNIV 1301	First Year Seminar	3
COMM 4194	Portfolio & Prof Development	1
Foreign Language (Must be in same language)		3
Foreign Language (Must be in same language)		3

Subtotal:	10
<b>Major (Required) Courses <sup>2</sup></b>	
COMM 1307 Intro to Mass Communication	3
COMM 2305 News Editing	3
COMM 2311 Media Writing	3
COMM 2312 Multimedia Literacy	3
COMM 3301 Reporting	3
COMM 3328 Photojournalism	3
COMM 4317 Media Law	3
COMM 4322 Public Relations	3
COMM 4392 Internship	3
or COMM 4393 Senior Communications Seminar	
COMM Experiential Course	3
COMM 3304 Multimedia Storytelling	
COMM 3305 Web Design Principles	
COMM 3307 Video Storytelling	
COMM 3308 Scriptwriting	
COMM 3310 Social Media for Journalists	
COMM 4315 Media Ethics	
COMM 3312 Media Design	
COMM 3311 Magazine Design/Production	
COMM 3321 Principles of Advertising	
COMM 4323 Public Relations Strategies	
COMM 4326 Public Relations Case Studies	
COMM Adv. Electives	3
COMM Adv. Electives	3
Subtotal:	36
<b>Minor <sup>3</sup></b>	
A minimum of 6 upper-division credit hours required. Actual number of hours depends on the minor selected	18
Subtotal:	18
<b>Electives</b>	
As needed to complete 120 credit hours required.	14
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>120</b>

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All students must complete the University's Core Curriculum (<https://catalog.tamusa.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/core-curriculum/>) and the specific requirements of the major. In some cases, a course that is required for a major may also be counted towards the Core Curriculum.

## Plan of Study

*This suggested plan of study is intended to be used as a guide in conjunction with official degree requirements outlined in the catalog. While this plan demonstrates a course of study that covers eight semesters, each student's academic path is unique and your timeline may look different. Students*

*should regularly consult with academic advisors as they plan their course schedules as course offerings may vary.*

### First Year

First Semester		Credits
COMM 1307	Intro to Mass Communication	3
UNIV 1301	First Year Seminar	3
ENGL 1301	Composition I	3
GOVT 2305	Federal Government	3
Language		3

**Credits 15**

### Second Semester

COMM 2300	Multimedia Literacy	3
ENGL 1302	Composition II	3
or ENGL 2311	or Technical Writing	
GOVT 2306	Texas Government	3
Mathematics		3
Language		3

**Credits 15**

### Second Year

#### First Semester

COMM 2311	Media Writing	3
Life & Physical Science		3
HIST 1301	US History to 1865	3
SPCH 1315	Fund of Public Speaking	3
PSYC 2301	General Psychology	3
or SOCI 1301	or Principles of Sociology	

**Credits 15**

#### Second Semester

COMM 2305	News Editing	3
Life & Physical Science		3
HIST 1302	US History from 1865	3
Language/Philosophy/Culture		3
Component Area Option		3

**Credits 15**

### Third Year

#### First Semester

COMM 3301	Reporting	3
COMM Elective		3
COMM Experiential Course		3
COMM 3101		
Creative Arts		3
Minor		3

**Credits 15**

#### Second Semester

COMJ 3328	Photojournalism I	3
Advanced COMM or COMJ Elective		3
COMM 4317	Media Law	3
Elective		3
Minor		3
Elective (As needed to complete 120 credit hours.)		1

**Credits 16**

**Fourth Year****First Semester**

Advanced COMM or COMJ Elective	3
COMJ 4322      Public Relations	3
COMM 4101	
Minor	3
Minor	3
<b>Credits</b>	<b>12</b>

**Second Semester**

Elective (As needed to complete 120 credit hours.)	3
Elective (As needed to complete 120 credit hours.)	3
COMM 4392      Internship or COMM 4393      or Senior Communications Seminar	3
Minor	3
Minor	3
<b>Credits</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>118</b>