

*This document is intended to serve as a general outline for the student to follow in order to meet the requirements for a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication. It does not constitute a contract, nor does it imply assurance of graduation. It is NOT to be used in place of consultation with your major academic advisor.*

*It is the student's responsibility to consult their catalog or official degree audit at myrecord.tamu.edu and see their major academic advisor for any new updates or changes. In addition, students are required to pick up an official 95 hour degree audit from the Department of Communication during the semester they are enrolled in the 95<sup>th</sup> hour.*

*This form supersedes any prior forms.*

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**In order to graduate,**

a student must fulfill all degree requirements and  
 have at least 128 hours and  
 have a minimum 2.0 GPR overall and  
 have a minimum 2.0 GPR in COMM Courses and  
 fulfill the *Residency Requirement*.

**RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT**-Student must complete a minimum of 36.0 hours of 300/400 level course work at Texas A&M University, 12.0 of which must be in "Major."

**RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT MET?**  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_\_\_ No

**MAJOR:** Requires a 2.0 GPR or better. Must have a grade of "C" or better. Any grades of "D" must be repeated if in required COMM courses. Any grades of "D" will not apply to the degree.

COMM 203, 205 or 243	3
COMM 210, 215, 230, 240	3
COMM 301	3
COMM 305	3
COMM 308	3
*COMM Elective	3
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*COMM Elective (300-399)	3
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**COMM Elective(400-480)	3
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Subtotal:	33

**NOTES ON MAJOR:**

- \*COMM 454, 456 DO NOT APPLY to the COMM degree
- \*No more than 3 hours of COMM electives may be taken from COMM 484 and no more than 3 hours of COMM electives may be taken from 485.
- \*\*Some COMM 489 courses may fulfill this requirement. Check with the Advising Office on a course by course basis.
- \*\*\*All students are required to take 3 hours *Writing Intensive* course in the major.

**MINOR:**

(usually 15-18 hours)

_____	3
_____	3
_____	3
(300/400) _____	3
(300/400) _____	3
(300/400) _____	3

**NOTES ON MINOR:**

- At least 9 hours must be 300/400 level courses.
- Must have a grade of C or better.
- Courses with grades of "D" do not count.
- Some minors must follow a prescribed plan.
- Some minor classes have pre-requisites.
- All minors must be officially approved by the Department, the College of Liberal Arts and the University.

**GENERAL ELECTIVES:** (enough additional hours to bring total to 128. COMM courses may NOT be used to fulfill this requirement)

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**NOTES ON GENERAL ELECTIVES:**

The student may select any additional courses, (other than COMM 100-499; DEVS 001-003; CAEN 001-099; ENGL 103; ENGL 111), to bring the total to 128 hours.

There is a limitation on the number of Military Science and Physical Education courses to be counted as electives.

If the student takes more than the minimum hours in a required area (for example, Science), those extra hours should be listed in general electives.

*Please see "Useful Information for  
 COMM Majors, p. 3*

**ENGLISH:** (12 hours)  
 ENGL104 \_\_\_\_\_ 3  
 ("C" or better in ENGL 104 or CBE)  
 Choose *one* of the following: ENGL 203,  
 210, 235, 236, 241, 301 \_\_\_\_\_ 3  
 Choose *two* of the following: ENGL 203  
 (only if not used in line above), 212,  
 221, 222, 227, 228, 231, 232, or  
*courses for which one of these*  
*courses is a prerequisite* \_\_\_\_\_ 3  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 3  
 Subtotal: 12

**HISTORY** (6 hours)  
 Select any 6 hours of US History; or Select any 3  
 hours of US History plus any 3 hours of Texas  
 History.  
 US HIST *not* TX HIST \_\_\_\_\_ 3  
 US HIST *or* TX HIST \_\_\_\_\_ 3  
 Subtotal: 6

**POLITICAL SCIENCE** (6 hours)  
 POLS 206 \_\_\_\_\_ 3  
 POLS 207 \_\_\_\_\_ 3  
 Subtotal 6

**FOREIGN LANGUAGE** (14 hours in the same  
 language) Chinese, French, German, Greek, Italian,  
 Japanese, Latin, Russian or Spanish. Complete a  
 four course sequence: (May not skip courses in this  
 sequence.) Latin and Greek are listed under CLSC.  
 American Sign Language is acceptable by transfer.  
 CBE or transfer may be arranged for languages not  
 taught at A&M.  
**Course Numbers:**      **Semester Taken:**  
 First Course: 101 \_\_\_\_\_ 4  
 Second Course: 102 \_\_\_\_\_ 4  
 Third Course: 201 \_\_\_\_\_ 3  
 Fourth Course: 202 \_\_\_\_\_ 3  
 Subtotal 14

**MATH AND LOGICAL REASONING** (6 hrs)  
 3-6 hours may be selected from MATH 131-  
 467, (except MATH 102, 103, 104, 130, 150, 365,  
 366)  
 MATH \_\_\_\_\_ 3  
 The remaining 3 hours may be another  
 MATH course or PHIL 240, 341 or 342  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 3  
 Subtotal 6

\*Note: May only use one of either MATH 141 or 166

**HUMANITIES AND FINE ARTS** (9 hours)  
 Must take 3 to 6 hours from Humanities, also 3 to 6  
 hours from Visual and Performing Arts. See  
 University Core Curriculum. These courses may not  
 be in COMM.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 3  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 3  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 3  
 Subtotal 9

**INTERNATIONAL and CULTURAL  
 DIVERSITY REQUIREMENT MET?**  
 (6 hours—See University Core Curriculum; these  
 courses may also satisfy other Core Curriculum  
 requirements.)  
 Course: \_\_\_\_\_ 3  
 Course: \_\_\_\_\_ 3

**SOCIAL SCIENCE** (6 hours)  
 (University Core Curriculum) These courses may  
not be in COMM.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 3  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 3  
 Subtotal 6

**PHYSICAL AND BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES**  
 (8 hours—See University Core Curriculum)  
 TIER I \_\_\_\_\_ 4  
 TIER I or II \_\_\_\_\_ 4  
 Subtotal 8

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION** (2 hours)  
 KINE198 \_\_\_\_\_ 1  
 \*KINE199 \_\_\_\_\_ 1  
 Subtotal 2

Note: KINE 199 must be taken S/U

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS: No  
 course shall be counted more than once in fulfilling  
 Core Curriculum requirements. Courses numbered  
 484, 485 & 489 do not satisfy Core Curriculum  
 requirements.

### Useful Information for COMM majors

**Orientation Meeting:** Each student is required to attend a COMM orientation meeting after becoming a COMM major. Freshman/Transfer conferences are considered orientation meetings, also.

**Faculty Advisor:** Each student is assigned a faculty advisor once they have attended a Department of Communication orientation meeting. Stop by the Advising Office (Bolton Hall 107) or call 862-6968 to get the name and office hours of your advisor. Your faculty advisor will be helpful in discussing your career goals and in answering questions regarding course options.

**Minors:** All COMM majors are required to have a minor. You must declare your minor field of study before you have 75 credit hours.

- 1) To select a minor, consult the list of University approved minors in the Undergraduate Catalog.
- 2) If you need help in selecting a minor, consult with your faculty advisor, the Coordinator of Undergraduate Advising and/or the minor department.
- 3) Once you have selected a minor, e-mail the Coordinator of Undergraduate Advising (n-street@tamu.edu.) You will be advised on how to proceed with declaring the minor you have selected. (The COMM Department must approve all minors. The minor department must approve some minors.)

**Required courses in COMM:** 15 of the 33 hours necessary for a B.A. in COMM are made up of ***required COMM courses***. The remaining 18 hours of COMM classes are ***COMM electives***. Please note that of the COMM electives, 6 hours must be numbered 300-399 and 6 hours must be numbered 400-480.

Please note that COMM 454 and 456 are NOT applicable to the COMM degree.

(COMM 101 is required of and restricted to all students entering the major as first-semester Freshman. If a student is unsuccessful in this course, s/he should reconsider whether COMM is the appropriate major for her/him.)

**\*COMM 301, COMM 305 and COMM 308** must be completed by the end of the Junior year. 301 and 305 should not be taken in the same semester, however. These three courses are not offered in the summer.

\*In the case that a student is ***unsuccessful*** (D or F) in a ***required*** COMM course (two 200-level, 301, 305, 308) and yet is still eligible to be a COMM major, s/he ***must retake*** the course in ***the very next semester*** in which it is offered. Please contact the Coordinator of Undergraduate Advising immediately if you find yourself in this situation.

**Required to be enrolled in a COMM class:** All COMM majors are required to be enrolled in at least one COMM class each semester until they have completed the 33 hours of COMM classes needed for the major.

**COMM courses may NOT be used as General Electives.** COMM courses in excess of 33 hours will not be applied to the degree.

**Q-Drops:** Students are allowed three (3) Q-drops during their academic career at TAMU. Students may Q-drop a course by making a request **in person** of the COMM Coordinator of Undergraduate Advising. Please watch Q-drop deadlines closely. They are not extended for any reason.

**Substitutions:** Transfer courses that are not considered “equivalencies” are not applied toward your degree plan unless they are formally approved as a “substitute” course by the COMM Coordinator of Undergraduate Advising AND the CLA Undergraduate Advising Office (and sometimes by the department for which the equivalency is sought.) To file a substitution petition:

- 1) Obtain a copy of the course description and syllabus for the course you want to substitute.
- 2) Come to Bolton 107 during office hours with the Coordinator for Undergraduate Advising (call 862-6968 for office hours each week. (Bring the course description and syllabus to the meeting)
- 3) Approximately 3-4 weeks later, we will know if the petition was approved. You may check on “degree audit request” at [myrecord.tamu.edu](http://myrecord.tamu.edu) for the posting of the substitution. Contact the COMM Department at 862-6968 if it has not been posted after 4 weeks.

**95 Hour Degree Audit:** These are prepared during the semester when you are enrolled in your 95<sup>th</sup> hour. You must pick up and sign for your audit from Bolton 107 by the deadline date. If you do not pick up your degree audit, the College and/or the Department will put a block on your registration.

**Residency:** In order to earn a degree from Texas A&M University, each student must earn credit for 36 upper division (300/400 level) hours here at Texas A&M University.

**Great COMM websites:**

**Department of Communication website**

Undergraduate Information, Faculty contact information, CommLab information, Research Opportunities, Announcements, etc.  
[comm.tamu.edu](http://comm.tamu.edu)

**Alumni Advisory Website**

Internships, Career Information, Career Awareness and Alumni Opportunities, etc  
[comm.tamu.edu/commconnection](http://comm.tamu.edu/commconnection)

**Blackboard/WebCT for COMM majors**

Internships, Career Information, Advising Office hours, Degree plans, announcements  
[elearning.tamu.edu](http://elearning.tamu.edu) Choose TAMU login  
Login using Net ID