

*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 Telecommunication Media Studies.. 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 Major 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 in each course. Courses with grades of "D" do not count toward the degree and may not be used for General Electives.

**Program Core Course Requirements:**

Choose 3 hours from: <b>COMM 101, 330, 360, 375</b>	
<b>ENTC 325, GEOG 433, JOUR 102,</b>	3
Choose 6 hours from: <b>COMM 307/JOUR 301, 345,</b>	
<b>354, 365, 454, 458,</b>	3
_____	3
<b>ENTC 215</b> (complete U1 or U2)	4
<b>COMM 308</b>	3
<b>COMM 350</b>	3
<b>TCMS Electives, see p. 4:</b>	
TCMS Elective _____	3
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<b>Subtotal:</b>	<b>34</b>

**NOTES ON MAJOR:**

Note pre-requisites for each course as stated in Course Catalog

\*No more than 3 hours of TCMS electives may be taken from COMM 484. No more than 3 hours of TCMS electives may be taken from COMM 485

\*When choosing electives, be conscious of residency requirements (see "Residency Requirement" above.)

\*\*\*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
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**NOTES ON MINOR:**

May not choose a minor offered by the COMM Dept

At least 9 hours must be 300/400 level courses.

Must have a grade of C or better. 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)

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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  
 TCMS B.A. Majors", p. 3

<b>ENGLISH:</b> (12 hours)	
ENGL 104 _____	3
("C" or better in ENGL 104 or CBE)	
Choose <i>one</i> of the following: ENGL 203, 210, 235, 236, 241, 301, COMM 203 or 243 _____	
	3
Choose <i>two</i> of the following: ENGL 203 (only if not used in line above), 212, 221, 222, 227, 228, 231, 232, or <i>courses for which one of these courses is a prerequisite</i> _____	
	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 <i>not</i> TX HIST _____	3
US HIST <i>or</i> 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.

<b>Course Numbers:</b>	<b>Semester Taken:</b>	
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. These courses may be in COMM)

Course: _____	3
Course: _____	3

**SOCIAL SCIENCE** (6 hours)

ECON 202 _____	3
(University Core Curriculum) This course may <u>not</u> be in COMM.	
_____	3
Subtotal	6

**PHYSICAL AND BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES**

PHYS 201 _____	4
PHYS 202 _____	4
Complete by end of U1; must have C or better in the course.	
Subtotal	8

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION** (2 hours)

KINE198 _____	1
*KINE199 _____	1
Subtotal	2

\*Note: KINE 199 must be taken S/U

**Orientation Meeting:** Each student is required to attend a COMM orientation meeting after becoming a TCMS 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 TCMS 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@tam.u.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 TCMS:** 19 of the 34 hours necessary for a B.A. in TCMS are made up of *program core course requirements*. The remaining 15 hours of major classes are **TCMS electives**. (see p. 4)

**COMM 350 and COMM 308** must be completed by the end of the Junior year. 308 and 350 should not be taken in the same semester, however. These two courses are not normally offered in the summer.

**Required to be enrolled in a major class:** All TCMS majors are required to be enrolled in at least one major class each semester until they have completed the 34 hours of major classes needed for the major.

**COMM courses may NOT be used as General Electives.** COMM courses in excess of 34 hours will not be applied to the degree.

**NOTE: 100 and 200 level courses** should be taken while a student is a Freshman or Sophomore. This is not always possible in the case of Transfer students.

**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 Student Services 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 "degree audit request" at myrecord.tamu.edu for posting. 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 your audit from Bolton 107 by the deadline date. If you do not pick up and sign for 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  
<http://comm.tamu.edu/commconnection/>

**WebVista for TCMS majors**

Internships, Career Information, Advising Office hours, Degree plans, announcements  
<http://elearning.tamu.edu/>  
Choose TAMU login

Login using Net ID

B.A. TCMS students must select 15 credit hours from the list below. **Students should confirm that they have completed any prerequisites prior to enrolling in a course.**

COMM 101: Introduction to Communication  
COMM 210: Group Communication  
COMM 230: Communication Technology Skills  
\*\*COMM 289: Special Topics in.....  
COMM 305: Theories of Communication  
COMM 307: Mass Communication, Law, & Society (cross-listed with JOUR 301)  
COMM 320: Organizational Communication  
COMM 325: Persuasion  
COMM 330: Technology & Human Communication  
COMM 335: Intercultural Communication  
COMM 340: Communication and Popular Culture  
COMM 345: Media Industries  
COMM 354: Political Economy of Telecommunication  
COMM 360: Cultural History of the Media  
COMM 365: International Communication  
COMM 375: Media Audiences  
COMM 410: Radio, Records and Popular Music  
COMM 415: New Media and Civil Society  
COMM 435: Rhetoric of Television and Film  
COMM 447: Communication, Group Processes & Collaboration  
COMM 450: Media Campaigns  
COMM 454: Telecommunication Policy  
COMM 456: Telecommunication and Media Management  
COMM 458: Global Media  
\*\*COMM 484: Internship in Communication  
\*\*COMM 485: Directed Studies  
\*\*COMM 489: Special Topics in...  
\*\*COMM 497: Independent Honors Studies  
CPSC 110: Programming I  
CPSC 203: Introduction to Computing  
CPSC 206: Structured Programming in C  
EHRD 472: Television Production Techniques for Distance Learning  
EHRD 474: Distance Networking for Training and Development  
ENGL 251: Language of Film  
ENTC 315: Local-and-Metropolitan-Area Networks  
ENTC 325: Telecommunications Services Analysis  
FILM 201: Introduction to Film Analysis  
GEOG 433: Geography of Communication  
\*INFO 209: Business Information Systems Concepts  
\*INFO 210: Fundamentals of Information Systems  
INFO 250: Business Programming Logic & Design  
INFO 306: Data Communications and Network-Based Systems  
INFO 322: Business Object Oriented Programming with Java  
INFO 328: Database Management Systems  
INFO 422: Complex Business Application Design  
JOUR 102: American Mass Media  
JOUR 301: Mass Communication, Law, & Society (cross-listed COMM 307)  
MGMT 209: Business, Government, and Society  
MGMT 309: Survey of Management  
POLS 302: Mass Media and Politics  
POLS 313: Public Opinion

**\*Note:** A student may not take both INFO 209 and INFO 210. INFO 209 will not fulfill the prerequisite requirements for subsequent INFO courses, while INFO 210 is a prerequisite for subsequent INFO courses.

**\*\*Special Courses:** In order to be applied to a student's degree plan for the B.A. in Telecommunication Media Studies, courses in this list must be approved by the Coordinator for Undergraduate Advising, Communication