

*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 Science 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: **COMM 101, 330, 360, 375**  
**JOUR 102, GEOG 433,** \_\_\_\_\_ 3

Choose 6 hours from: **COMM 345, 354,**  
**365,454,458, JOUR 301/COMM 307** \_\_\_\_\_ 3

**ENTC 215** \_\_\_\_\_ 4

**ENTC 315** \_\_\_\_\_ 4

**ENTC 325** (usually a Fall only class) \_\_\_\_\_ 3

**COMM 350** \_\_\_\_\_ 3

**InfoTech Des. & Mgmt Elective** (see p. 4 for choices) \_\_\_\_\_ 3-4

**TCMS Electives, see p. 4:**

TCMS Elective \_\_\_\_\_ 3

TCMS Elective \_\_\_\_\_ 3-4

Subtotal: 31-33

**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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(300/400) _____	3

**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. Any grades of "D" must be repeated.

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) **Pre-requisite courses that do not fulfill other requirements will be used here.**

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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 BS 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, COMM 203  
 or 243 \_\_\_\_\_ 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

**QUANTITATIVE SKILLS**  
**Course Numbers:**  
 INFO 210 \_\_\_\_\_ 3  
 STAT 303 \_\_\_\_\_ 3  
 STAT 307 \_\_\_\_\_ 3  
 CPSC 203 or INFO 250  
 or SOCI 220 \_\_\_\_\_ 3  
 Subtotal 12

**MATH AND LOGICAL REASONING** (6 hrs)  
 3-6 hours may be selected from MATH 131-  
 467, (except MATH 102, 103, 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  
 \*Note pre-requisites.

**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 *not*  
 be in COMM.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 3  
 Subtotal 6

**PHYSICAL AND BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES**  
 (8 hours)  
 PHYS 201 \_\_\_\_\_ 4  
 PHYS 202 \_\_\_\_\_ 4  
*Complete by end of U1; must have a C or better in the  
 courses*  
 Subtotal 8

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

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

**Useful Information for TCMS B.S. Majors**

**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@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 TCMS:** 23 of the 32-34 hours necessary for a B.S. in TCMS are made up of ***required program core course requirements***. 3-4 of the 32-34 hours necessary for a B.S. in TCMS are selected from the Information Technology Design and Management requirement. The remaining 6-7 hours of major classes are ***TCMS electives***. (see p. 4)

**COMM 350** must be completed by the end of the Junior year.

**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 32-34 hours of major classes needed for the major.

**COMM courses may NOT be used as General Electives.**

**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 (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 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 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  
[comm.tamu.edu/commconnection](http://comm.tamu.edu/commconnection)

**Blackboard/WebCT for TCMS majors**

Internships, Career Information, Advising Office hours, Degree plans, announcements  
[Elearning.tamu.edu](http://Elearning.tamu.edu) Choose TAMU login

**TCMS Electives: B.S.**

B.S. TCMS students must select 6-7 credit hours from the list below and from any of the courses listed specifically in the Program Core Course Requirements or Information Technology Design and Management *that have not been selected* to meet core requirements. **Students should confirm that they have completed any prerequisites prior to enrolling in a course.**

COMM 101: Introduction to Communication  
COMM 210: Group Communication and Discussion  
COMM 230: Communication Technology Skills  
\*\*COMM 289: Special Topics in.....  
COMM 305: Theories of Communication  
COMM 307/JOUR 301: Mass Communication, Law, & Society  
COMM 320: Organizational Communication  
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 447: Communication, Group Processes & Collaboration  
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  
GEOG 433: Geography of Communication  
**INFO 250: Business Programming Logic and 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/COMM 307: Mass Communication, Law, & Society  
MGMT 209: Business, Government, and Society  
MGMT 309: Survey of Management

**Information Technology Design and Management courses:**  
CPSC 110\*, CPSC 203\*,  
CPSC 206\*, INFO 250\*,  
INFO 306, INFO 322\*,  
INFO 328, INFO 422\*

Note: Programming courses are indicated with an asterisk (\*)

**\*\*Special Courses:** In order to be applied to a student's degree plan for the B.S. in Telecommunication Media Studies, courses in this list must be approved by the undergraduate advising coordinator for Telecommunication Media Studies.