

**\*Major-BS TELECOMMUNICATION MEDIA STUDIES**

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| ___ Rule A. <i>Media Literacy</i> COMM 230   | 3 |
| ___ Rule B. <i>Industry Studies</i> COMM 330   | 3 |
| ___ Rule C. <i>Media Theory</i> COMM 350   | 3 |
| ___ Rule D. <i>Media Audiences</i> COMM 375  | 3 |
| ___ Rule E. <i>Media Industry</i> COMM 345   | 3 |
| ___ Rule F. <i>Media Law or Political Economy</i> COMM 307 or 354  | 3 |
| ___ Rule G. COMM 401-480 <b>W designated</b> _____   | 3 |
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| ___ Rule H. 9 hours from COMM 101-499 (excluding COMM 203, 205, 243);<br>CSCE 110,203,206, EHRD474, ENGL251, FILM 201<br>GEOG 433; ISYS 250,306,322,328,422; MGMT 209, 309 | 9 |

Must total 33 hours; 12 of these 33 must be upper-division hours taken at TAMU

**Quantitative Skills**

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| ___ Rule A. ISYS 210   | 3 |
| ___ Rule B. STAT 303   | 3 |
| ___ Rule C. Choose from CSCE 203, ISYS 250, SOCI 220, STAT 307 | 3 |
| ___ Rule D. *COMM 308  | 3 |

**Communication**

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| ___ *Rule A. ENGL 104                        | 3 |
| ___ Rule B. ENGL 203,210, COMM 203, 205, 243 | 3 |

**Math**

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| ___ Rule A. MATH 141, 166                                  | 3 |
| ___ Rule B. MATH 131,142,151,PHIL 240 or higher level MATH | 3 |

NOTE: Rule A and Rule B can be satisfied also with 151 and 152

**Science**

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| ___ Rule A. 9 hours of Life/Physical Sciences (KLPS) |  |
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**Creative Arts/Language, Philosophy, Culture**

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| ___ Rule A. (KLPC) _____           | 3 |
| ___ Rule B. (KCRA) _____           | 3 |
| ___ Rule C. (KLPC) OR (KCRA) _____ | 3 |
| ___ Rule D. Literature Requirement | 6 |

*RULE D.: Select from: ENGL 202-206, 212, 219, 221-222, 227-228, 231-232, 313-317, 321-323, 329-331, 333-334, 336-340, 350, 352, 356-357, 360-362, 365, 372-379, 390-394, 396, 412, 414-415, 431, 474, AFST 204-205, 329, 339, 393, MODL 221-222; WGST 333, 374, 474, FILM 356; HISP 362; RELS 392*

**Social Science (KSOC)**

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| ___ Rule A. ECON 202     | 3 |
| ___ Rule B. (KSOC) _____ | 3 |

**American History**

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| ___ Rule A. HIST _____ (KHIS) | 3 |
| HIST _____ (KHIS or KHTX)     | 3 |

**Government/Political Science**

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| ___ Rule B. POLS 206 | 3 |
| ___ Rule C. POLS 207 | 3 |

**General Electives** see advisor \_\_\_\_\_ Enough to bring total to 120  
These hours are likely to come from the minor so you may need 0.

**\*Minor** Rule A. \_\_\_\_\_

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**Writing Designated:** 6 hours COMM 401-480 (see major)

**International & Cultural Diversity**

6 hours of UICD coursework **from courses already in this plan.**  
With planning, do not need extra hours \_\_\_\_\_

**Foreign Language** Rule A.

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| ___ 2 years Foreign Language in High School <b>OR</b> |
| ___ 101 and ___ 102 at the College level              |

\*Must earn C or better, even if transferred from another institution

**READ on, please.....**

## Useful Information for TCMS-BS majors

**Orientation activity:** TCMS majors new to TAMU must attend a New Student Conference. Students changing curriculum to TCMS must attend a Change of Curriculum Informational meeting in COMM/TCMS.

**Minors:** Each TCMS major should declare a minor by 60 hours and will be blocked from further registration at 75 hours if no minor is declared.

**Note:** Some minors will not accept students at 75 hours or beyond.

**Required courses in TCMS-BS:** Please note that COMM 230, 330,345, 350, 375 as well as 307 or 354, must be completed before the student reaches 90 hours. These courses are rarely offered in the summer, so plan ahead.

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

**COMM courses may NOT count as General Electives.**

**Q-Drops for TCMS majors are processed in BLTN 107.**

**75 hour meeting:** All TCMS majors are required to participate in the "Degree Check-up Meeting" during the semester in which they are enrolled in 75 hours. There are no exceptions to this requirement. Students failing to participate will be blocked from registration until they have met this requirement. Students who miss multiple opportunities to attend the meeting will be blocked from pre-registration. The block may extend into Finals.

**Certificates** Students interested in pursuing a certificate should consult with an advisor as early as possible. Certificate participation will not be approved if it delays graduation.

**All students must earn 36 upper division hours in residence at TAMU as one of several requirements for the degree. At least 12 of these hours must be in the major.**

**All TCMS majors required to check TAMU e-mail at least once per day.**

### Important websites:

**Ecampus.tamu.edu** Choose *Advising for COMM/TCMS*

You'll find internship listings, job postings, study abroad information, research opportunities, scholarship contests, and much, much more!!

**Communication.tamu.edu** *Your* Departmental website...keep up with the latest in COMM Department info.

**Howdy.tamu.edu** Your personal portal to Texas A&M.

**FACEBOOK** Texas A&M Department of Communication

## TENETS of Success

**Make good grades.** Period.

...Remember to go to class, go to prof's office hours, study, ask questions, keep up with your reading. **Studentsuccess.tamu.edu** **scs.tamu.edu**

**Participate in internships** and/or relevant work experience.

...Remember that employers will be interested in what you studied and yet they will also be very interested in what you have prepared yourself to do. Plus, you may be able to earn course credit for your internship!! **Ecampus.tamu.edu** Advising for COMM/TCMS majors **careercenter.tamu.edu**

**Study Abroad**

...Remember that financial aid is portable and the world is bigger than Texas! Plus, you will be able to earn course credit for study abroad!! **studyabroad.tamu.edu**

**Engage in undergraduate research**

...Remember that citizen-scholars learn to ask good questions and to answer them methodologically. Contact a prof and/or contact your Academic Advisors for assistance in finding a prof with a research project. Plus, you may be able to earn course credit for your research!!

**Join the "other education"**

***Lead and serve***

...Remember that you only pass this way once. Get involved, **serve**, develop your skills and talents, and learn to work with others. Make connections that will serve you for a lifetime...NETWORK! **Stuact.tamu.edu**

Consider especially:

**SCA** Student Communication Association

**TMA** Telecommunication Media Association

**LPE** Lambda Pi Eta

Other ideas, for example:

SWAMP

PRSSA

Retailing Society

Texas A&M Speech & Debate Team

Pre Law Society

L.E.G.A.L.S.

Liberal Arts Student Council

Society of Professional Journalists

SHRM (Society for Human Resource Mgmt)

SMA (sport marketing)

Sport Management Society...The list goes on and on

***For academic advising, TCMS majors may make an appointment through the COMM website. Majors and non-majors may call 979-862-6968 for walk-in hours.***