



CATALOG YEAR 2016-2017

BA Communication

COLLEGE/SCHOOL: **Arts and Sciences- Department of Psychology and Communication**

Course: Add: Delete: Delivery:
(check all that apply) Change: Number Title SCH Description Prerequisite

Response Required: New course will be part of major minor as a required or elective course

Response Required: New course will introduce , reinforce , or apply concepts

Response Required: Grade Type: Normal (A-F) CR/NC P/F

Shortened Course Format: Equivalent Student Learning outcomes verified:

If new, provide Course Prefix, Number, Title, **Measurable** Student Learning Outcomes, SCH Value, Description, prerequisite, and lecture/lab hours if applicable. If in current online catalog, provide change and attach text with changes in red and provide a brief justification.

Program: Delete: Add: Change: Attach new/changed Program of Study description and 4-year plan. If in current online catalog, provide change and attach text with changes in red.

The Communication program faculty has decided with careful thought to REMOVE the Program Requirement: COMM 4340 Communication Ethics and ADD COMM 1311 to our Program Requirements.

Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs): Add: Change: Attach listing of PLOs.

Minor: Add: Delete: Change: Attach new/changed minor. If in current online catalog, provide change and attach text with changes in red.

College Introductory Pages: Add information: Change information:
Attach new/changed information. If in current online catalog, provide change and attach text with changes in red.

Other: Add information: Change information: Attach new/changed information. If in current online catalog, provide change and attach text with changes in red.

Rationale: COMM 4340 Communication Ethics will no longer be a required course for Communication majors. The principles of ethics are built within the required communication course work. Moreover, Communication majors will need to take the COMM 1311 course because it provides foundational knowledge of the field. As well as, providing introduction to important concepts and theories that will be further developed in later COMM courses such as COMM 3300. Total Program hours for completion will still be 120 hours with 15 Communication required SCH and 15 Communication elective SCH. Additional editing changes have been made as well.

**BACHELOR OF ARTS
MAJOR IN COMMUNICATION**

Following is a suggested four-year degree plan. Students are encouraged to see their advisor each semester for help with program decisions and enrollment; responsible for reviewing the **Program of Study Requirements**; and must meet **foreign language** and **writing intensive course** requirements for graduation. See Academic Regulations-Undergraduate online. *See *Appendix A Core Curriculum and Optional Course Information*.

** See *Appendix C* for approved list of minors and requirements. Instead of a minor, students may complete 18 SCH of electives, 12 SCH of which must be at the 3000-4000 level, from any discipline, except the major field, outside the College of Nursing and Health Sciences.

	HOURS		HOURS
FALL		SPRING	
FRESHMAN YEAR		FRESHMAN YEAR	
ENGL 1301 English Composition I	3	ENGL 1302 English Composition II	3
HIST 1301 The U.S. to 1877	3	HIST 1302 The U.S. Since 1877	3
MATH 1314 College Algebra	3	MATH Math Elective ¹	3
UNIV 1101 Learning in a Global Context I	1	UNIV 1102 Learning in a Global Context II	1
		CAO III Communication*	3
		Social/Behavioral Science	<u>3</u>
COMM 1311 Funds of Comm	<u>3</u>		
Total	16		16
SOPHOMORE YEAR		SOPHOMORE YEAR	
COMM COMM Elec ²	3	General Elective	3
COMM COMM Elec ²	3	PSCI 2306 American State Govt	3
PSCI 2305 American National Govt	3	Life & Physical Science*	3
		Life & Physical Science Lab	1
		For Lang/Study Abroad ³	3
		Minor/Gen Elective**	<u>3</u>
Total	16		16
JUNIOR YEAR		JUNIOR YEAR	
COMM 3300 Intro Theoretical Prins of Comm	3	COMM 3310 Methods of Inquiry	3
		COMM Adv COMM Elec²	3
		General Elective	2
		Adv General Elective	3
		Adv Minor/Gen Elective**	<u>3</u>
Total	15		14
SENIOR YEAR		SENIOR YEAR	
COMM 4360 Comm Theory&Prac	3	COMM 4350 Internship	3
COMM Adv COMM Elec ²	3	COMM Adv COMM Elec ²	3
COMM Adv COMM Elec ²	3	Adv General Elective	3
		Adv Minor/Gen Elective**	<u>3</u>
		Adv General Elective	<u>3</u>
Total	15		12

TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 120

¹ Math elective, select 3 SCH from any math course above the level of College Algebra.

² COMM electives, select 18 SCH from any remaining COMM courses, with at least 6 SCH from COMM 3102/3202, 3132/3232, 3327, or 4330 (if the topic has a media focus). COMM 4325 may be replaced with MGT 3320. Certain courses (COMM 3324 and 4330) may be taken more than once (when topics vary) for credit within the degree program.

³ Foreign Language/Study Abroad, select 6 SCH in course work (not credit by exam) above the university's foreign language graduation requirement. Thus students who meet the university's foreign language graduation requirement by earning 6 hours of credit by exam, may take 6 SCH in the same language but at the intermediate level or above, or they may take 6 SCH of another foreign language at the introductory level. This requirement may also be met by earning 6 SCH in any subject while participating in a TAMU-approved Study Abroad program while living for at least 4 weeks in another country.

Note: A concentration in Media Production will be earned if 15 SCH of the work done for the major are taken from COMM 2331, 3102/3202, 3123/3223, 3132/3232, 3133/3233, 3309, 3327 or 4330 (if topic has a media focus). Students desiring a Concentration in Media Production noted on their transcript must request it on their Application for Graduation.

Note: Students who do not elect to have a minor curriculum may use up to 9 hours of their available electives in additional courses in their major curriculum.

Note: See information on the combined BA/MA in Communication.

*Actual degree plans may vary depending on availability of courses in a given semester.
Some courses may require prerequisites not listed.*

Degree Requirements for the BA with a Major in Communication

- 1. Hours Required:** A minimum of **120** semester credit hours (SCH): 45 hours must be advanced, and fulfillment of degree requirements as specified in the “Requirements for Graduation” section of this catalog.
- 2. University Core Curriculum:** **42** SCH as outlined in the suggested plans and as specified in the “Requirements for Graduation”.
- 3. MATH Elective:** **3** SCH selected from any math course above the level of College Algebra.
- 4. Life & Physical Science Lab:** **1** SCH compatible with a Life & Physical Science course.
- 5. Foreign Language/Study Abroad:** **6** SCH in course work (not credit by exam) above the university’s foreign language graduation requirement. Thus, students who meet the university’s foreign language graduation requirement by earning 6 hours of credit by exam, may take 6 SCH in the same language but at the intermediate level or above, or they may take 6 SCH of another foreign language at the introductory level. This requirement may also be met by earning 6 SCH in any subject while participating in a TAMIU-approved Study Abroad program while living for at least 4 weeks in another country.
- 6. Major:** **33** SCH including: COMM **1311**, 3300, 3310, **4340**, 4350, 4360 and 18 SCH selected from remaining COMM courses with at least 6 SCH from COMM 3102/3202, 3132/3232, 3227, or 4330 (if the topic has a media focus). COMM 4325 may be replaced with MGT 3320. Certain courses (COMM 3324 and 4330) may be taken more than once (when topics vary) for credit within the degree program.
- 7. Minor:** A minimum of **18** SCH from one discipline at least twelve of which must be at the 3000-4000 level. See Appendix C. Instead of a minor, students may complete 18 SCH of electives, 12 SCH of which must be at the 3000-4000 level, from any discipline, except the major field, outside the College of Nursing and Health Sciences. Students who do not elect to have a minor curriculum may use up to 9 hours of their available electives in additional courses in their major curriculum.
- 8. General Electives:** **17** SCH, at least 12 SCH of which must be at the 3000-4000 level. Students who do not elect to have a minor curriculum may use up to 9 hours of their available electives in additional courses in their major curriculum.
- 9. Concentration in Media Production (optional):** Will be earned if **15** SCH of the work done for the major (see #5) are taken from COMM 2331, 3102/3202, 3123/3223, 3132/3232, 3133/3233, 3309, 3327 or 4330 (if topic has a media focus). Students desiring a Concentration in Media Production noted on their transcript must request it on their Application for Graduation.
- 10. BA/MA Option:** See combined BA/MA Programs in this section.

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