COMMUNICATION - 5-YEAR BACHELOR OF ARTS AND MASTER OF ARTS IN COMMUNICATION

The combined Bachelor and Master is a 5-year program that provides a direct pathway for BA COMM majors to transition seamlessly into the MA COMM program thereby earning both degrees in five or fewer years.

The program begins each fall semester. Interested students will apply for the program in the spring of the junior year and must have two full undergraduate terms remaining at the time of application. Academic advisors at both the undergraduate and graduate levels will guide students through the process every step of the way. This program increases students' opportunities to learn and grow while they are here at Texas A&M University. By allowing students additional time to pursue more advanced classes, they have increased opportunities to take advantage of the rich options our department has to offer.

This is a great choice for the many students who come to Texas A&M University with credit by examination, dual credit, and community college credit. The additional year for this program gives these particular students who would otherwise graduate in just two or three years, the time to become involved in student organizations, to take on leadership positions in the university, to pursue career path-altering internships, to participate in our study abroad programs, to collaborate with faculty and graduate students in their research projects, and to compete for fellowships and admission into other Texas A&M programs that can expand their horizons. A Master's degree is value-added and this degree will offer both our students and our faculty opportunities to cultivate stronger mentoring relationships, which often broaden students' horizons and expand their career interests.

Program Requirements

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Fall		Semester Credit
		Hours
COMM 100-499 course-descripti	(http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/ ons/comm/) ^{1,2}	4
ENGL 104	Composition and Rhetoric	3
Select one of the	e following:	3
MATH 140	Mathematics for Business and Social Sciences	
MATH 142	Business Calculus	
MATH 151	Engineering Mathematics I	
MATH 152	Engineering Mathematics II	
PHIL 240	Introduction to Logic	
STAT 201	Elementary Statistical Inference	
Foreign languag	e ³	4
	Semester Credit Hours	14
Spring		
Select one of the	e following:	3
ENGL 103	Introduction to Rhetoric and Composition	

ENGL 203	Writing about Literature	
ENGL 210	Technical and Professional Writing	
Select one of the	following: ²	3
COMM 210	Group Communication and Discussion	
COMM 215/ JOUR 215	Interviewing: Principles and Practice	
COMM 230/ JOUR 230	Communication Technology Skills	
COMM 240	Rhetorical Criticism	
COMM 245	Difficult Dialogues on Power, Privilege, and Difference	
COMM 250/ JOUR 250	New Media and the Independent Voice	
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MATH 140	Mathematics for Business and Social Sciences	
MATH 142	Business Calculus	
MATH 151	Engineering Mathematics I	
MATH 152	Engineering Mathematics II	
PHIL 240	Introduction to Logic	
STAT 201	Elementary Statistical Inference	
Foreign language	e ³	4
undergraduate/g	ophy and culture (http://catalog.tamu.edu/ eneral-information/university-core- juage-philosophy-culture) ⁴	3
	Semester Credit Hours	16
Second Year		
Fall		
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	Semester Credit Hours	18	
Third Year			
Fall			
COMM 301	Rhetoric in Western Thought ²	3	
COMM 308	Research Methods in Communication ²	3	
general-informat history)	/ (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/ ion/university-core-curriculum/#american-	3	
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Spring			
COMM 305	Theories of Communication ²	3	
COMM 300-level course-description	(http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/ ons/comm/) ²	3	
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undergraduate/g	l sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/ jeneral-information/university-core- physical-sciences)	3	
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Fifth Year

Fall

Semester Credit Hours	12
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COMM 600-699 (http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/course-descriptions/comm/) 7	3
COMM 600-699 (http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/course-descriptions/comm/) ⁷	3
COMM 600-699 (http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/course-descriptions/comm/) ⁷	3
Semester Credit Hours Spring	12
COMM 600-699 (http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/course-descriptions/comm/) ^{7, 8}	3
COMM 600-699 (http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/course-descriptions/comm/) 7	3
COMM 600-699 (http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/course-descriptions/comm/) ⁷	3
COMM 600-699 (http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/course-descriptions/comm/) 7	3

First semester, first time in college students must take COMM 101 and COMM 291.

150

Total Semester Credit Hours

- ² Minimum grade of C required.
- Complete 14 hours of a foreign language (http://catalog.tamu.edu/ undergraduate/arts-and-sciences/) through the intermediate level. If you choose to enroll in a language you have studied previously without receiving college credit, you must first take a placement test. See academic advisor.
- COMM course may not be used to fulfill this requirement.
- ⁵ ENGL 203 will count toward the Communication requirement or the Literature directed elective requirement, but not both.
- Minor to be selected from among approved university minors. Consult with advisor regarding how to declare desired minor. Courses fulfilling core curriculum requirements may apply to the minor and therefore some of these courses may become electives. Minors will range between 15 and 18 hours.
- Student will select coursework in consultation with Graduate Director.
- With prior approval by Graduate Director, may select out of department graduate level course.
- ⁹ Course will count toward undergraduate degree and graduate degree.

Graduation requirements include 3 hours of International and Cultural Diversity (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/degree-information/international-cultural-diversity-requirements/) courses and 3 hours of Cultural Discourse (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/degree-information/cultural-discourse-requirements/) courses. A course satisfying a Core category, a college/department requirement, or a free elective can be used to satisfy this requirement. The required 6 hours may be met by courses satisfying other areas of a degree program. See your academic advisor for further information.

Included in graduation requirements are the following stipulations:

- 1. A minimum of 2.0 GPR
- 2. Minimum grade of C in each course applied to the major
- 3. Minimum of 12 hours of upper-level COMM coursework at Texas A&M

The program includes a total of 156 hours which up to 6 hours may be applied toward both the Bachelor of Arts in Communication and the Master of Arts in Communication.