

# 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

### First Year

	Semester Credit Hours
<b>Fall</b>	
COMM 100-499 ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/comm/">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/comm/</a> ) <sup>1,2</sup>	4
ENGL 104 Composition and Rhetoric	3
Select one of the 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 language <sup>3</sup>	4
<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>14</b>

### Spring

Select one of the 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: <sup>2</sup>	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	
Select one of the 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 language <sup>3</sup>	4
Language, philosophy and culture ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#language-philosophy-culture">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#language-philosophy-culture</a> ) <sup>4</sup>	3

**Semester Credit Hours 16**

### Second Year

	Semester Credit Hours
<b>Fall</b>	
Select one of the following: <sup>2</sup>	3
COMM 203 Public Speaking	
COMM 205 Communication for Technical Professions	
COMM 243 Argumentation and Debate	
Creative arts ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#creative-arts">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#creative-arts</a> ) <sup>5</sup>	3
Foreign language <sup>3</sup>	3
Government/Political science ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#government-political-science">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#government-political-science</a> )	3
Social and behavioral sciences ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#social-behavioral-sciences">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#social-behavioral-sciences</a> ) <sup>4</sup>	3
Literature directed elective ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/arts-and-sciences/">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/arts-and-sciences/</a> ) <sup>5</sup>	3

**Semester Credit Hours 18**

### Spring

COMM 300-399 ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/comm/">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/comm/</a> ) <sup>2</sup>	3
Foreign language <sup>3</sup>	3
Government/Political science ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#government-political-science">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#government-political-science</a> )	3
Life and physical sciences ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences</a> )	3

Social and behavioral sciences ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#social-and-behavioral-sciences">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#social-and-behavioral-sciences</a> ) <sup>4</sup>	3
Literature directed elective ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/arts-and-sciences/">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/arts-and-sciences/</a> ) <sup>5</sup>	3

**Semester Credit Hours 18**

**Third Year**

**Fall**

COMM 301 Rhetoric in Western Thought <sup>2</sup>	3
COMM 308 Research Methods in Communication <sup>2</sup>	3
American history ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history</a> )	3
Minor <sup>2,6</sup>	3
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**Semester Credit Hours 15**

**Spring**

COMM 305 Theories of Communication <sup>2</sup>	3
COMM 300-level ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/comm/">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/comm/</a> ) <sup>2</sup>	3
American history ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history</a> )	3
Life and physical sciences ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences</a> )	3
Minor <sup>2,6</sup>	3

**Semester Credit Hours 15**

**Fourth Year**

**Fall**

COMM 100-499 ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/comm/">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/comm/</a> ) <sup>2</sup>	2
COMM 401-480 ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/comm/">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/comm/</a> ) <sup>2,9</sup>	3
COMM 600-699 ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/course-descriptions/comm/">http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/course-descriptions/comm/</a> ) <sup>7</sup>	3
Language, philosophy and culture or creative arts ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#language-philosophy-culture">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#language-philosophy-culture</a> ) <sup>5</sup>	3
Minor <sup>2,6</sup>	3
General elective	1

**Semester Credit Hours 15**

**Spring**

COMM 401-480 ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/comm/">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/comm/</a> ) <sup>2,9</sup>	3
COMM 600-699 ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/course-descriptions/comm/">http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/course-descriptions/comm/</a> ) <sup>7</sup>	3
Life and physical sciences ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences</a> )	3
Minor <sup>2,6</sup>	3
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**Semester Credit Hours 15**

**Fifth Year**

**Fall**

COMM 600-699 ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/course-descriptions/comm/">http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/course-descriptions/comm/</a> ) <sup>7</sup>	3
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COMM 600-699 ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/course-descriptions/comm/">http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/course-descriptions/comm/</a> ) <sup>7,8</sup>	3

**Semester Credit Hours 12**

**Spring**

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COMM 600-699 ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/course-descriptions/comm/">http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/course-descriptions/comm/</a> ) <sup>7,8</sup>	3

**Semester Credit Hours 12**

**Total Semester Credit Hours 150**

- <sup>1</sup> First semester, first time in college students must take COMM 101 and COMM 291.
- <sup>2</sup> Minimum grade of C required.
- <sup>3</sup> 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.
- <sup>4</sup> COMM course may not be used to fulfill this requirement.
- <sup>5</sup> ENGL 203 will count toward the Communication requirement or the Literature directed elective requirement, but not both.
- <sup>6</sup> 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.
- <sup>7</sup> Student will select coursework in consultation with Graduate Director.
- <sup>8</sup> With prior approval by Graduate Director, may select out of department graduate level course.
- <sup>9</sup> 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.