

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

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

The combined program begins each fall semester. Interested students will apply for the combined program in the spring of the junior year and must have two full undergraduate terms remaining at the time of application. Accepted students will take one graduate course in each of the senior semesters while they complete the undergraduate coursework. These students will then complete the MA. Academic advisors at both the undergraduate and graduate levels will guide students through the process every step of the way. The ABM option 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

Fall		Semester Credit Hours
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 <sup>3</sup>	
MATH 142	Business Calculus	
MATH 151	Engineering Mathematics I	
MATH 152	Engineering Mathematics II	
PHIL 240	Introduction to Logic	
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

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
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**Semester Credit Hours 16**

### Spring

COMM 230/ JOUR 230	Communication Technology Skills <sup>2</sup>	3
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Select one of the following: 3

MATH 140	Mathematics for Business and Social Sciences	
MATH 142	Business Calculus <sup>3</sup>	
MATH 151	Engineering Mathematics I	
MATH 152	Engineering Mathematics II	
PHIL 240	Introduction to Logic	

Communication ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#communication">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#communication</a> )	3
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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>4</sup>	3
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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> ) <sup>4</sup>	3
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**Semester Credit Hours 15**

### Second Year

#### Fall

COMM 210	Group Communication and Discussion <sup>2</sup>	3
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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>	3
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STAT 201 or STAT 303	Elementary Statistical Inference or Statistical Methods	3
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Language, philosophy and culture or creative arts ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#language-philosophy-and-culture">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#language-philosophy-and-culture</a> )	3
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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
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Literature directed elective ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/arts-and-sciences/">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/arts-and-sciences/</a> )	3
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**Semester Credit Hours 18**

#### Spring

COMM 303/ JOUR 305	Communication Data Applications <sup>2</sup>	3
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COMM 308	Research Methods in Communication <sup>2,5</sup>	3
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ISTM 209	Business Information Systems Concepts	3
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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
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Life and physical sciences ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-and-physical-sciences">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-and-physical-sciences</a> )	3
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Literature directed elective ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/arts-and-sciences/">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/arts-and-sciences/</a> )	3
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**Semester Credit Hours 18**

**Third Year****Fall**

COMM 310	Communication Intervention <sup>2</sup>	3
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>		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
Certificate course elective <sup>6</sup>		3
General elective		3
<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

**Spring**

COMM 305	Theories of Communication <sup>2</sup>	3
COMM 309	Research Method Projects <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
Certificate course elective <sup>6</sup>		3
<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

**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 400-480 ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/comm/">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/comm/</a> ) <sup>2,7,10</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>8</sup>		3
Certificate course elective <sup>6</sup>		3
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<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>14</b>

**Spring**

COMM 400-480 ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/comm/">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/comm/</a> ) <sup>2,7,10</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>8</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
Certificate course elective <sup>6</sup>		3
General elective		3
<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

**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>8</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>8</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>8</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>8,9</sup>		3
<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>12</b>

**Spring**

COMM 600-699 ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/course-descriptions/comm/">http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/course-descriptions/comm/</a> ) <sup>8</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>8</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>8,9</sup>	3
<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Total Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>150</b>

<sup>1</sup> First semester, first time in college students must take COMM 101 and COMM 291. Do NOT take SPCH 1311 elsewhere to fulfill this requirement.

<sup>2</sup> Must make a grade of C or better.

<sup>3</sup> MATH 140 is a prerequisite for MATH 142, choose MATH 140 if you plan to take MATH 142.

<sup>4</sup> Except COMM 100-499.

<sup>5</sup> Both MATH classes must be complete prior to enrolling in COMM 308.

<sup>6</sup> Certificate to be selected from among approved Department of Communication and Journalism Certificates. Consult with advisor regarding how to declare desired Certificate. Courses fulfilling other requirements may apply to the Certificate and therefore some of these courses may become general electives.

<sup>7</sup> W-Class. See the list of approved writing intensive courses at [writingcenter.tamu.edu](http://writingcenter.tamu.edu).

<sup>8</sup> Student will select coursework in consultation with Graduate Director

<sup>9</sup> With pre-approval by the Graduate Director, students may select out of department graduate course.

<sup>10</sup> Course will count toward undergrad 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/departement 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.

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