

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 (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/comm/) ^{1,2}	4
ENGL 104 Composition and Rhetoric	3
Select one of the following:	3
MATH 140 Mathematics for Business and Social Sciences ³	
MATH 142 Business Calculus	
MATH 151 Engineering Mathematics I	
MATH 152 Engineering Mathematics II	
PHIL 240 Introduction to Logic	
Language, philosophy and culture (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#language-philosophy-culture) ⁴	3

Social and behavioral sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#social-behavioral-sciences) ⁴	3
Semester Credit Hours	
16	
Spring	
COMM 230/ JOUR 230 Communication Technology Skills ²	3
Select one of the following:	3
MATH 140 Mathematics for Business and Social Sciences	
MATH 142 Business Calculus ³	
MATH 151 Engineering Mathematics I	
MATH 152 Engineering Mathematics II	
PHIL 240 Introduction to Logic	
Communication (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#communication)	3
Creative arts (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#creative-arts) ⁴	3
Life and physical sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences) ⁴	3
Semester Credit Hours	
15	
Second Year	
Fall	
COMM 210 Group Communication and Discussion ²	3
COMM 100-499 (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/comm/) ²	3
STAT 201 Elementary Statistical Inference or STAT 303 or Statistical Methods	3
Language, philosophy and culture or creative arts (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#language-philosophy-and-culture)	3
Social and behavioral sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#social-behavioral-sciences) ⁴	3
Literature directed elective (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/arts-and-sciences/)	3
Semester Credit Hours	
18	
Spring	
COMM 303/ JOUR 305 Communication Data Applications ²	3
COMM 308 Research Methods in Communication ^{2,5}	3
ISTM 209 Business Information Systems Concepts	3
Government/Political science (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#government-political-science)	3
Life and physical sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-and-physical-sciences)	3
Literature directed elective (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/arts-and-sciences/)	3
Semester Credit Hours	
18	

Third Year

Fall		
COMM 310	Communication Intervention ²	3
COMM 100-499	(http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/comm/) ²	3
American history	(http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history)	3
General elective ⁶		3
General elective ⁶		3
Semester Credit Hours		15

Spring		
COMM 305	Theories of Communication ²	3
COMM 309	Research Method Projects ²	3
American history	(http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history)	3
Life and physical sciences	(http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)	3
General elective ⁶		3
Semester Credit Hours		15

Fourth Year

Fall		
COMM 100-499	(http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/comm/) ²	2
COMM 400-480	(http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/comm/) ^{2,7,10}	3
COMM 600-699	(http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/course-descriptions/comm/) ⁸	3
General elective ⁶		3
General elective ⁶		3
Semester Credit Hours		14

Spring		
COMM 400-480	(http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/comm/) ^{2,7,10}	3
COMM 600-699	(http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/course-descriptions/comm/) ⁸	3
Government/Political science	(http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#government-political-science)	3
General elective ⁶		3
General elective ⁶		3
Semester Credit Hours		15

Fifth Year

Fall		
COMM 600-699	(http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/course-descriptions/comm/) ⁸	3
COMM 600-699	(http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/course-descriptions/comm/) ⁸	3
COMM 600-699	(http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/course-descriptions/comm/) ⁸	3
COMM 600-699	(http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/course-descriptions/comm/) ^{8,9}	3
Semester Credit Hours		12

Spring

COMM 600-699	(http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/course-descriptions/comm/) ⁸	3
COMM 600-699	(http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/course-descriptions/comm/) ⁸	3
COMM 600-699	(http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/course-descriptions/comm/) ⁸	3
COMM 600-699	(http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/course-descriptions/comm/) ^{8,9}	3
Semester Credit Hours		12
Total Semester Credit Hours		150

- ¹ First semester, first time in college students must take COMM 101 and COMM 291. Do NOT take SPCH 1311 elsewhere to fulfill this requirement.
- ² Must make a grade of C or better.
- ³ MATH 140 is a prerequisite for MATH 142. Choose MATH 140 if you plan to take MATH 142.
- ⁴ Except COMM 100-499.
- ⁵ Both MATH classes must be completed prior to enrolling in COMM 308.
- ⁶ Select from any 100-499 course not used elsewhere. Includes 12-18 hours of courses used to satisfy the required minor or certificate. Students must earn either a minor to be selected from among university-approved minors OR a certificate from among approved Department of Communication and Journalism certificates. The minor is required unless waived upon completion of the certificate. Consult with an advisor regarding how to declare the desired minor or certificate. Courses fulfilling other requirements may apply to the certificate or the minor; therefore, some of these courses may become general electives.
- ⁷ W-Class. See the list of approved writing intensive courses at writingcenter.tamu.edu.
- ⁸ Student will select coursework in consultation with Graduate Director
- ⁹ With pre-approval by the Graduate Director, students may select out of department graduate course.
- ¹⁰ 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.

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 (Non-Thesis).