

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

This combination program provides a direct pathway for BS JOUR 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 combination 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

Fall		Semester Credit Hours
ENGL 104	Composition and Rhetoric ¹	3
JOUR 102	American Mass Media ¹	3
POLS 206	American National Government	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	
Creative arts (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#creative-arts)		3
Semester Credit Hours		15
Spring		
JOUR 200	Mass Media Information ¹	3
POLS 207	State and Local Government	3

Select one of the following:		3
COMM 203	Public Speaking	
COMM 205	Communication for Technical Professions	
COMM 243	Argumentation and Debate	
ENGL 103	Introduction to Rhetoric and Composition	
ENGL 203	Writing about Literature	
ENGL 210	Technical and Professional Writing	
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	
Language, philosophy and culture (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#language-philosophy-culture)		3
Semester Credit Hours		15

Second Year

Fall

JOUR 203	Media Writing I ¹	3
JOUR 200-499 (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/jour/) ¹		3
American history (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history)		3
Social and behavioral sciences (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#social-behavioral-sciences) ²		3
General elective ³		3
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Semester Credit Hours		18

Spring

JOUR 200-499 (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/jour/) ¹		3
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STAT 201	Elementary Statistical Inference	3
or STAT 303	or Statistical Methods	
Life and physical sciences (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)		3
Minor ⁴		3
General elective ³		3
Semester Credit Hours		18

Third Year

Fall

COMM 308	Research Methods in Communication ^{1,5}	3
JOUR 300-499 (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/jour/) ¹		3
JOUR 300-499 (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/jour/) ¹		3
Life and physical sciences (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)		3

General elective ³	3
Semester Credit Hours	15
Spring	
JOUR 484 Internship ¹	3
American history (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history)	3
Life and physical sciences (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)	3
Focus area ^{1,6}	3
Minor ⁴	3
Semester Credit Hours	15
Fourth Year	
Fall	
COMM 600-699 (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/comm/) ⁷	3
JOUR 300-499 (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/jour/) ¹	3
Focus area ^{1,6}	3
Minor ⁴	3
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Semester Credit Hours	15
Spring	
COMM 600-699 (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/comm/) ⁷	3
JOUR 490 Journalism as a Profession ^{1,5}	3
Minor ⁴	3
Minor ⁴	3
General elective ³	3
Semester Credit Hours	15
Fifth Year	
Fall	
COMM 600-699 (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/comm/) ⁷	3
COMM 600-699 (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/comm/) ⁷	3
COMM 600-699 (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/comm/) ⁷	3
COMM 600-699 (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/comm/) ⁷	3
Semester Credit Hours	12
Spring	
COMM 600-699 (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/comm/) ⁷	3
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COMM 600-699 (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/comm/) ⁷	3
Semester Credit Hours	12
Total Semester Credit Hours	150

¹ Must make a grade of C or better.

² JOUR 100-499 (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/jour/>) may not be used to fulfill this requirement.

³ Select any 100-499 course not used elsewhere. Only 14 hours of KINE 199, AERS 100-499 (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/aers/>), MLSC 100-499 (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/mlsc/>), NVSC 100-499 (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/nvsc/>), SOMS 100-499 (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/soms/>) may be used towards general electives.

⁴ Minor to be selected from among approved university science 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.

⁵ Course will count toward undergraduate degree and graduate degree.

⁶ In consultation with the program director or designee, select from JOUR 100-499 (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/jour/>) and/or other courses to form a supporting focus area. Obtain required, written approval of focus area courses.

⁷ Student will select coursework in consultation with the Graduate Director.

Graduation requirements include 3 hours of International and Cultural Diversity (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/degree-information/international-cultural-diversity-requirements/>) courses and 3 hours of Cultural Discourse (<https://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 Journalism and the Master of Arts in Communication (non-thesis).