

TELECOMMUNICATION MEDIA STUDIES - 5-YEAR BACHELOR OF ARTS AND MASTER OF ARTS IN COMMUNICATION

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

The combined cohort 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.

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	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 ¹		4
Telecommunication elective ^{2,3}		4
Semester Credit Hours		14

Spring

COMM 230/ JOUR 230	Communication Technology Skills	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 ⁴	
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	
STAT 201	Elementary Statistical Inference	
Foreign language ¹		4
Language, philosophy and culture (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#language-philosophy-culture) ⁴		3

Semester Credit Hours

16

Second Year

Fall

COMM 330	Technology and Human Communication	3
ECON 202	Principles of Economics	3
Creative arts (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#creative-arts) ⁴		3
Foreign language ¹		3
Language philosophy and culture or creative arts (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#language-philosophy-and-culture) ⁴		3
Literature directed elective (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/arts-and-sciences/) ⁵		3

Semester Credit Hours

18

Spring

Foreign language ¹		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-physical-sciences)		3
Social and behavioral sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#social-and-behavioral-sciences) ⁴		3
Literature directed elective (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/arts-and-sciences/) ⁵		3
Telecommunication elective ³		3

Semester Credit Hours

18

Third Year

Fall

COMM 308	Research Methods in Communication	3
American history (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history)		3

Telecommunication elective ³	3
Minor ⁶	3
Minor ⁶	3
Semester Credit Hours	15

Spring

COMM 350 Theories of Mediated Communication	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
Minor ⁶	3
Telecommunication elective ³	3
Semester Credit Hours	15

Fourth Year**Fall**

COMM 401-480 (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/comm/) ⁷	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
Minor ⁶	3
Telecommunication elective ³	2
General elective	1
Semester Credit Hours	15

Spring

COMM 401-480 (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/comm/) ⁷	3
COMM 600-699 (http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/course-descriptions/comm/) ⁸	3
Life and physical sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)	3
Minor ⁶	3
Minor ⁶	3
Semester Credit Hours	15

Fifth Year**Fall**

COMM 600-699 (http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/course-descriptions/comm/) ⁸	3
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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 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.

² First semester, first time in college students must take COMM 101 and COMM 291.

³ Select from: COMM 101-499 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/comm/>); CSCE 110, CSCE 206; ENGL 251/ FILM 251; ENGL 251; ISTM 250, ISTM 310, ISTM 315, ISTM 325, ISTM 425; ITSV 274; JOUR 102, JOUR 301/COMM 307; POLS 302, POLS 313; WGST 407/COMM 407.

⁴ 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.

⁶ 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. Must earn a C or better in each course applied to the minor. Minors will range between 15 and 18 hours.

⁷ Course will count toward undergraduate degree and graduate degree.

⁸ Student will select coursework in consultation with Graduate Director.

⁹ With prior approval of Graduate Director, student may select out of department graduate course.

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.

Students take 21 credit hours of the required undergraduate telecommunication media studies program core courses and 12 credit hours of telecommunication media studies elective courses for a total of 33 credit hours. At least 12 credits must be at the upper-division level. At least 12 credits must be taken in residence at Texas A&M University. A minimum grade of C in each undergraduate telecommunication course. No more than 3 credit hours of COMM 484; no more than 6 credit hours of COMM 485.

The program includes a total of 156 hours which up to 6 hours may be applied toward both the Bachelor of Science in Telecommunication Media Studies and the Master of Arts in Communication (Non-thesis).