

UNIVERSITY STUDIES, JOURNALISM STUDIES CONCENTRATION - 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-University Studies 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 and will even be permitted to apply hours of advanced undergraduate credit toward the master's program. These students can then complete the MA in two semesters. Academic advisors at both the undergraduate and graduate levels will guide students through the process every step of the way. The combined 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
ENGL 104	Composition and Rhetoric	3
JOUR 102	American Mass Media ¹	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	
Creative arts (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#creative-arts)		3
Government/Political science (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#government-political-science)		3
Semester Credit Hours		15

Spring

JOUR 200	Mass Media Information ¹	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	
STAT 201	Elementary Statistical Inference	
Government/Political science (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#government-political-science)		3
Language, philosophy and culture (http://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
American history (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history)		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)		3
Literature directed elective (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/arts-and-sciences/)		3
Minor ^{1,2}		3

Semester Credit Hours **18**

Spring

JOUR 200-499 (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/jour/) ¹		3
Life and physical sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)		3

Literature directed elective (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/arts-and-sciences/)	3
Minor ^{1,2}	3
Minor ^{1,2}	3
General elective	3
Semester Credit Hours	18

Third Year

Fall	
COMM 308 Research Methods in Communication ^{1,3,6}	3
JOUR 200-499 (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/jour/) ¹	3
JOUR 300-499 (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/jour/)	3
Life and physical sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)	3
Minor ^{1,2}	3
Semester Credit Hours	15

Spring

JOUR 484 Internship ¹	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 ^{1,2}	3
Minor ^{1,2}	3
Semester Credit Hours	15

Fourth Year

Fall	
COMM 600-699 (http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/course-descriptions/comm/) ⁴	3
JOUR 300-499 (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/jour/) ¹	3
Minor ^{1,2}	3
Minor ^{1,2}	3
Minor ^{1,2}	3
Semester Credit Hours	15

Spring

JOUR 490 Journalism as a Profession ^{1,6}	3
COMM 600-699 (http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/course-descriptions/comm/) ⁴	3
Minor ^{1,2}	3
Minor ^{1,2}	3
Minor ^{1,2}	3
Semester Credit Hours	15

Fifth Year

Fall	
COMM 600-699 (http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/course-descriptions/comm/) ⁴	3
COMM 600-699 (http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/course-descriptions/comm/) ⁴	3

COMM 600-699 (http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/course-descriptions/comm/) ⁴	3
COMM 600-699 (http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/course-descriptions/comm/) ^{4,5}	3

Semester Credit Hours

12

Spring

COMM 600-699 (http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/course-descriptions/comm/) ⁴	3
COMM 600-699 (http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/course-descriptions/comm/) ⁴	3
COMM 600-699 (http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/course-descriptions/comm/) ⁴	3
COMM 600-699 (http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/course-descriptions/comm/) ^{4,5}	3

Semester Credit Hours

12

Total Semester Credit Hours

150

¹ Must earn a grade of C or better.

² 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. One minor must be from outside the college.

³ Note prerequisite of fulfilled MATH requirement for this degree.

⁴ Student will select coursework in consultation with Graduate Director.

⁵ With prior approval of Graduate Director, may select out-of-department graduate level course.

⁶ 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 Arts in University Studies and the Master of Arts in Communication.