BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE
MASS COMMUNICATION (GENERAL) 2012-2014

General Education Component

Communication (9 hours) ENG 1310 (College Writing I) (code 016) and ENG 120 (College Writing II) (code 010)
COMM 1310 (Fundamentals of Human Communication) (code 011)

Mathematics (3-4 hours) code 039) Select one course from the following: MATH 1312 (College Statistics and Algebra)
MATH 1316 (Survey of Contemporary Mathematics) MATH 1315 (College Algebra)
MATH 1319 (Math for Business and Economics I) MATH 1317 (Plane Trigonometry)
MATH 2321 (Calculus for Life Sciences I) MATH 1329 (Math for Business and Economics II)
MATH 2417 (Pre-Calculus) MATH 2471 (Calculus)

Natural Science (7-8 hours) code 039 and or 031) *See undergraduate catalog for rules on 7 hours options for natural science.
Select two courses from the following: ANTH 2414 (Biological Anthropology)
ANTH 2410 (Physical Anthropology) GEO 1305 (Meteorology) and GEO 1105 (Lab)
ANTH 1310 (Archaeology I) & BID 1112 (Lab) BID 1320 (Modern Biology I)
BID 1330 (Functional Biology I) & BID 1130 (Lab) BID 1331 (Organismal Biology) & BID 1331 (Lab)
CHEM 1310 (Intro. for non-science majors) CHEM 1200 (Chem. for non-science majors)
CHEM 1341 (Gen. Chem I) & CHEM 1131 (Lab) CHEM 1342 (Gen. Chem II) & CHEM 1142 (Lab)
CHEM 1343 (Gen. Chem II) & CHEM 1143 (Lab) CHEM 1345 (Gen. Chem III) & CHEM 1145 (Lab)
GEOL 1410 (Physical Geology) GEO 1420 (Geological Geology)
PHYS 1310 (Elect. Phys I) PHYS 1320 (Elect. Phys II) PHYS 1130 (Lab)
PHYS 1340 (Astronomy) PHYS 1350 (Astronomy) PHYS 1140 (Lab)
PHYS 1315 (General Physics I) & PHYS 1115 (Lab) PHYS 1325 (General Physics II) & PHYS 1125 (Lab)

Humanities and Visual and Performing Arts (6 hours)
Select one course from: code 041) PHIL 1385 (Philosophy and Critical Thinking) or PHIL 1320 (Ethics and Society)
Select one course from: (code 069) ART 2313 or DAN 213 or MU 2313 or TH 2313 (Intro. to Fine Arts)

Social and Behavioral Sciences (15 hours) HIST 1120 (American History before 1865) and HIST 1120 (American History after 1865) (code 060)
POST 1310 (Principles of American Govt.) and POST 1305 (Functions of American Govt.) (code 070)

Select one course from: (code 080 ANTH 1312 (Cultural Anthropology)
ECO 2301 (Principles of Econ) ECO 2314 (Principles of Microeconomics)
SOC 1310 (Introduction to Soci.) GEO 1310 (World Geo.)
ECO 2314 (Principles of Microeconomics) GEO 1310 (World Geo.)
PSY 1300 (Introduction to Psych.)

Texas State Component (3 hours) code 090) US 1100 (University Seminar) PFW (Physical Fitness and Wellness)

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Degree Component

Sophomore Literature (6 hours) (3 hrs. satisfy General Education Requirement and 3 hrs. satisfy BA degree requirement)
Select two different courses from: code 048) ENG 2310 (British Lit. before 1785) ENG 2320 (World Lit before 1600)
ENG 2330 (World Lit before 1600) ENG 2339 (American Lit. before 1865)
ENG 2340 (World Lit. since 1600) ENG 2340 (World Lit. since 1600)

Modern Language (6-14 hours) A proficiency level or successful completion of 2310 and 2320 in American Sign Language, Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, or Spanish is required. 1410 and 1420 are the prerequisites for 2310 and 2320.

Additional Language Requirement (3 hours) code 1410 (Beginner I) 1420 (Beginner II) 2310 (Intermediate I)
2320 (Intermediate II)

Additional Mass Communication Requirement (3 hours) code 1307 (Statistics for Behavioral Sciences) or any other approved statistics course. Mass Communication majors may use this course to count toward the math/science/logic/GEO 2410/CS component required for students earning a B.A. degree.

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Minor Component
A minor must be selected with any B.A. degree. The minor must be chosen from outside the School of Journalism and Mass Communication. See your undergraduate catalog or school advisor for a list of approved minors. SIMC majors cannot minor in Journalism or Mass Communication.

Major Component (33 hours)
Core Courses in Mass Communication (12 hours) MC 1301 (Introduction to Mass Communication)
MC 1313 (Writing for the Mass Media) MC 4301 (Media Law & Ethics)
MC 43625 (Fundamentals of Digital and Online Media)

Mass Communication (General) (21 hours) MC 2355 (Mass Media and Society) MC 3360 (PR Research)
MC 3383 (Editing for Clear Communication) MC 4305 (Theories of Mass Communication)
Choose one from: MC 2315, 3311, 3390, 4304, 4309, 4312, 4315
6 hours of Advanced MC

*Stated courses have prerequisites.

Open Elective Component
The University requires a minimum of 120 hours to graduate. Of these hours 36 must be advanced. If these minimum requirements are not met after the completion of the general education, B.A., major and minor course requirements, and any open elective(s) the student may already have, then the student will use open elective(s) to reach the requirements for graduation.

This sheet is for advising purposes only. Once a student has met all requirements for full-major status, an application for an official degree audit will be processed in the school office, OM 302. If you would like to schedule an advising appointment call (512) 245-2656.

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