

COMMUNICATIONS, CONCENTRATION—MASS COMMUNICATION---FILM/TV PRODUCTION
ACADEMIC MAP: DEGREE BA/BS (120 CREDIT HOURS)

This degree map is a semester---by---semester course schedule for students majoring in **Communications with a concentration in Mass Communication---Film/TV Production**. This map reflects both the Bachelor of Science (BS) and the Bachelor of Arts (BA) degrees. Differences in the course requirements for the two types of degrees are indicated within the content of the map. The milestones listed to the right of each semester are designed to keep you on track to graduate in four years. The schedule serves as a general guideline to help you build a full schedule each semester. Milestones are courses and special requirements necessary for timely progress to complete a major. When you miss one or more milestones, you should consult with an academic advisor to determine if another degree path would be more suitable for you.

In the Department of Communications, students majoring in Mass Communication will be given extensive hands on experience in the various fields of media. The student must pass all Communications courses with a minimum “C” grade. Students will be most successful if they see an advisor each semester to continually work on their plan toward graduation. Because the program is very active with a multitude of required video, audio and writing projects for various classes, as well as extensive opportunities for co---curricular experience, strategic planning for each semester will increase the student chances for success.

Before you take upper level (3000 – 4000) courses in the major, you must successfully complete the core classes for writing, introduction to technology and production (COMM 1040, 1050, 1060), with minimum “C” grades. Students who are having difficulty with writing are strongly encouraged to receive additional instruction through the Writing Center on campus. Writing ability is critical to success in mass communications, both as a student and as a professional. Students are also encouraged to be active in the Departmental media outlets, such as WTST (The Blaze) campus radio, TV 98, the *Meter* student newspaper, and Departmental on---line publications, to gain experience that enhances their course work. Projects from classes, internships, and media outlets are added to the student’s online portfolio which is evaluated during the senior year.

Tennessee State University recognizes that students have diverse learning, life, and professional experiences. The University provides opportunities for students to earn college credit toward the degree through a number of assessment options that evaluate their learning experiences. These paths are grouped under the category “Prior Learning Assessment” (PLA). Various means of earning PLA credit at TSU are the following: Advanced Placement Program, American Council of Education (ACE) Military Credit, College Level Exam Program (CLEP), DSST Credit by Examination Program (includes DANTES Examination), Institutional Course Challenge Exams (Departmental Exams), International Baccalaureate Credit, Other Military Service, Portfolio Assessment. To learn more about PLA contact your academic advisor or the Office of Student Support Services for Adult and Distance Learners at (615) 963---7001 or adultstudentsupport@tnstate.edu.

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Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 1	Hrs.	Semester 1
UNIV 1000*	1	
ENGL 1010	3	Pre---Requisite Course: Must be taken before HIST 2010, HIST 2020, HIST 2030, HIST 2060, HIST 2070, or HIST 2700; Minimum Grade "C" Required
Natural Science w/lab**	4	
COMM 1040	3	Pre---Requisite Course: Must be taken before all COMM 3000—4000 courses without stated pre---requisites, COMM 2500, COMM 2640; Minimum Grade of "C" Required
Foreign Language I*** or Elective	3	
Total Hours	14	

*An Orientation course taken at another University does **NOT** meet this requirement. Students with less than 6 transfer credit hours must take UNIV 100 at TSU.

**Natural Science---Must have 8 semester hours which includes the appropriate labs. Recommended courses are: BIOL 1010/1011, CHEM 1030/1031, PHYS 2030/2031 or ASTR 1010.

***Four semesters of a single foreign language are required for the BA degree.

Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 2	Hrs.	Semester 2
ENGL 1020	3	Pre---Requisite Course: Must be taken before HIST 2010, HIST 2020, HIST 2030, HIST 2060, HIST 2070, or HIST 2700; Minimum Grade of "C" Required
Natural Science w/lab*	4	
MATH 1013 or 1110 or 1710	3	
COMM 1050	2	Pre---Requisite Course: Must be taken before COMM 2640; Minimum Grade of "C" Required
COMM 1060	1	Pre---Requisite Course: Must be taken before COMM 2360, COMM 2400, COMM 2500 ; Minimum Grade of "C" Required
Foreign Language II** or Elective	3	
Total Hours	16	

*Natural Science---Must have 8 semester hours which includes the appropriate labs. Recommended courses are BIOL 1020/1021, CHEM 1040/1041, PHYS 2040/2041 or ASTR 1020.

**Four semesters of a single foreign language are required for the BA degree

Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 3	Hrs.	Semester 3
History 2010*	3	
Foreign Language III** or Elective	3	
COMM 2500	3	Should be taken before COMM 3000—4000 production courses, COMM 3140, COMM 3240, COMM 3440, COMM 4150; Minimum Grade of "C" Required
COMM 2640	3	Pre---Requisite Course: Must be taken before COMM 3000—4000 courses: COMM 3140, COMM 3240, COMM 3440, COMM 4150; Minimum Grade of "C" Required
COMM 2200	3	
Total Hours	15	

*The Department recommends HIST 2010; however, HIST 2030, HIST 2060, HIST 2070 or HIST 2700 satisfy this requirement.

**Four semesters of single foreign language are required for the B degree

Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 4	Hrs.	Semester 4
THTR 1020	3	
Humanities/Fine Arts Elective*	3	
HIST 2020**	3	
ENGL Literature ***	3	
Foreign Language IV or Elective	3	Four semesters of single foreign language are required for the BA degree.
Total Hours	15	

*Students must take credit hour course from the following list of approved general education Humanities courses: AREN 2310, ART, 1010, HIST 1000, THTR 1020, MUSC 1010, PHIL 1030, or RELS 2010.

**The Department recommends HIST 2020; however, HIST 2030, HIST 2060, HIST 2070, or HIST 2700 satisfy this requirement.

***Courses within the range of ENGL 1012--- 232 will meet this requirement.

Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 5	Hrs.	Semester 5
COMM 4550	3	
COMM 3550	3	Recommended Elective
COMM 2800	3	
COMM 3140	3	Pre---Requisite Course for 4150; Minimum grade of "C"
COMM 3130	3	Recommended Elective
Total Hours	15	

Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 6	Hrs.	Semester 6
COMM 3520	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
COMM 3240	3	
COMM 3440	3	
COMM 3150	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required for COMM 4500 and COMM 4510
COMM 3950*	3	Student must have place of intern employment approved by the Instructor or Department Chair.
Total Hours	15	

* hours of COMM 3910, at hour per semester, may be taken in place of COMM 3950

Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 7	Hrs.	Semester 7
		Review degree requirements with the advisor and/or Department head. Complete the Senior Standing Form
COMM 4150	3	Minimum Grade of "B" Required for COMM 4510; permission need to enroll in this course
COMM 3950 or 3000---4000 Elective*	3	
3000 – 4000 Electives*	6	
Social/ Behavior Science I**	3	
Total Hours	15	

*Chosen in consultation with advisor from all available 3000---4000---level courses. Course prerequisites apply.

**The following courses can meet the Social Science elective AFAS 2010, ANTH 2300, ECON, 2010, GEOG 1010, HPSS 1510, POLI 101 PSYC 2010, WMST 2000, and URBS 2010.

Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 8	Hrs.	Semester 8
		Take Senior Exit Exam and Apply for Graduation
COMM 4500 or COMM 4510	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required for COMM 4500 with production project or Minimum Grade of "B" Required for COMM 4510; Permission required to take 4510.
Electives 3000 – 4000 Level Course *	3	
Electives Any Level Course*	6	
Social Behavior Science II**	3	
Total Hours	15	

*Chosen in consultation with academic advisor from all available 3000---4000---level courses. Course prerequisites apply.

**The following courses can meet the Social Science elective AFAS 2010, ANTH 2300, ECON, 2010, GEOG 1010, HPSS 1510, POLI 101 PSYC 2010, WMST 2000, and URBS 2010.

Employment Information:

Many career options are available with a degree in Mass Communication. These include Advertising/Marketing, Business, Broadcasting, cable and corporate video, Film, Journalism, Publishing, Radio and Live Events production. Students who choose the Film/TV production emphasis within Mass Communication will have employment opportunities in writing, producing, shooting, editing, production management and promotions in the film and television industry. They will be prepared with the technical knowledge required to use camera and lighting equipment, production software, sound equipment and post---production/editing equipment and software.

Representative Job Titles Related to this Major:

Production Assistant, Producer, Writer, Editor, Sound Editor, Sound Designer, Cinematographer, Gaffer, Director, Technical Director, Production Manager, Floor Manager, Video Graphics artist.

Representative Employers:

Independent Production Companies, Hollywood Production Companies, Post---production Houses, Networks, Netflix, Live Event Production groups, Local Television stations, Music Labels, Large Companies with Internal Communications/Corporate Video divisions, Advertising Agencies

International study is available for all TSU students and may include opportunities for internships or taking course work towards various minors. International study may have an impact on the academic map; therefore, it is important to consult with the academic advisor for this major before participating in an international program opportunity. Students interested in study abroad opportunities should contact the Office of International Programs and consult with their academic advisor.

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