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# Journalism/Digital Communication and Media – AA to BA – West Texas A&M University

## Lower Division Requirements at South Plains College for an AA degree

The courses in this section meet the requirements for an Associate of Arts degree. Please reference the General Degree Requirements section in the catalog for additional information.

### First Semester

Course Name	Term Taken	Credit Hours	Grade
ENGL1301 – Composition I ( <i>Communication Core – 010</i> )		3	
COMM1307 – Introduction to Mass Communication will transfer as MCOM1307. ( <i>Language, Philosophy, and Culture Core – 040</i> )		3	
HIST1301 – United States History I ( <i>American History Core – 060</i> )		3	
MATH – ( <i>Math Core – 020</i> )		3	
COMM2305 – Editing and Layout will transfer as MCOM2310 – Media Design or COMM2331 Radio/Television Announcing will transfer as an elective.		3	
KINE Activity Course – 1 hour class ( <i>SPC AA degree requirement</i> )		1	
<b>Total Semester I Hours</b>		<b>16</b>	

### Second Semester

Course Name	Term Taken	Credit Hours	Grade
ENGL1302 – Composition II counts as Communication Core – 010 at SPC and as Component Area Option Core – 090 at WTAMU. Pre-requisite: ENGL1301 with a 'C' or better or English Chairperson Approval		3	
COMM2311 – News Writing will transfer as MCOM2311 Media Writing.		3	
COMM2315 – News Reporting will transfer as MCOM2335.		3	
Life and Physical Science ( <i>Life &amp; Physical Sciences Core – 030</i> )		3-4	
HIST1302 – United States History II ( <i>American History Core – 060</i> )		3	
KINE Activity Course – 1 hour class ( <i>SPC AA degree requirement</i> )		1	
<b>Total Semester Hours</b>		<b>16-17</b>	

### Third Semester

Course Name	Term Taken	Credit Hours	Grade
COMM1316 – News Photography or COMM1318 – Photography I will transfer as MCOM1318, Digital Photography.		3	
GOVT2305 – Federal Government will transfer as POSC2305 ( <i>Government Core – 070</i> ).		3	
BCIS1305 – Business Computer Applications will transfer as CIDM1301 – Introduction to Information Science ( <i>SPC &amp; WTAMU Institutional Option Core – 090</i> )		3	
SPAN 1411 – Beginning Spanish I or SPAN2311 – Intermediate Spanish I ( <i>WTAMU B.A. Foreign Language Requirement</i> )		4	
Life and Physical Science ( <i>Life &amp; Physical Sciences Core – 030</i> )		3-4	
<b>Total Semester Hours</b>		<b>16-17</b>	

<b>Fourth Semester</b>			
<b>Course Name</b>	<b>Term Taken</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>Grade</b>
GOVT2306 – Texas Government will transfer as POSC2306 (Government Core – 070).		3	
Speech Communication – Select one of the following: SPCH 1311, SPCH1315, or SPCH1321. (SPC Component Area Option Core – 090 and WTAMU Communication Core – 010).		3	
Creative Arts (Creative Arts Core - 050). COMM2366, Introduction to Cinema, is recommended.		3	
SPAN 1412 – Beginning Spanish II or SPAN2312 – Intermediate Spanish II (WTAMU B.A. Foreign Language Requirement)		4	
COMM1336 – Video Production will transfer as MCOM1336.		3	
<b>Total Semester Hours</b>		<b>16</b>	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>64-66</b>	
<p><b>SPC American History Core Component – 060 Options</b></p> <p>Additional options are available to complete the American History Core. <i>Instead of HIST1301, students can take HIST2327 – Mexican American History I, HIST2381 – African American History I, or *HIST2301 – Texas History. For HIST1302, students can take HIST2328 – Mexican American History II, HIST2382 – African American History II, or *HIST2301 – Texas History.</i> Texas History can be used one time to fulfill three of the six hours required.</p>			
<p><b>TSI-Compliance</b></p> <p>Students who are not TSI-compliant in reading or English are advised to take the INRW0300/ENGL1301 corequisite. Successful completion will grant TSI-compliance in these areas and college-credit for ENGL1301. ENGL1302 requires a 'C' or better in the corequisite or approval by the English Chairperson.</p> <p>Students who are not TSI-compliant in math are advised to take the MATH0332/MATH1332 corequisite. Successful completion will grant TSI-compliance in math and college-credit for MATH1332.</p>			
<p><b>Applicable Transfer Credit Hours</b></p> <p>Evaluation of course credit earned at other institutions by the WTAMU Transfer Evaluation Office does not decree approval of the credit for use toward degree requirements. Only the academic dean of the college offering the program in which a student is enrolled has authority for determining which courses will be applied toward any specific program. The only exception to this rule is that no transferred course completed with a grade below C- may be applied to fulfill course requirements in majors, minors, or concentrations. Applicants must submit official records from all accredited institutions attended. Official transcripts must be sent directly to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. All college-level, non-vocational courses completed with a passing grade of D or above at regionally accredited colleges and universities (not including trade or technical schools) will be evaluated for acceptance of transfer credit by the WTAMU Transfer Evaluation Office. The WTAMU Transfer Evaluation Office determines acceptable transfer credit on the basis of an evaluation of course content as described from the sending institution's catalog and in consultation with the appropriate academic units at West Texas A&amp;M University as necessary for clarification. While all credit hours presented on the sending institution's transcripts will be evaluated and equivalent college level courses posted to the student's academic record, <b>a maximum of 80 semester credit hours from two-year colleges may be applied toward West Texas A&amp;M University degree requirements.</b> Courses that are accepted for transfer do not necessarily apply toward college, departmental, or program degree requirements.</p>			
<p><b>Admission to WTAMU as a Transfer Student</b></p> <p>Transfer students have earned transferable 12 or more college-level credit at a regionally accredited institution the fall semester or later after high school graduation. College credits earned prior to high school graduation (dual-credit) and courses taken immediately following high school graduation during the summer do not count towards the 12 needed to classify a student as a transfer student. All new transfer students must complete Transfer Student Orientation. Transfer students must complete the online Transfer Student Orientation and then have the option to register for an optional Transfer Registration Day on campus. By selecting the following link, you can learn more about <a href="#">Transfer Student Orientation   WTAMU</a>.</p>			
<b>WTAMU Admission Decision</b>			

Applicants who hold an associate's degree from South Plains College OR have a combination of transferable hours and GPA outlined below are guaranteed admission:

Transferable Hours GPA

12 or more (post high school credit hours) 2.0 or higher cumulative

Applicants who do not meet the admission guarantee criteria above, will have to appeal the decision.

Students who are currently suspended from another college or university are not eligible for admission to West Texas A&M University.

### **Additional WTAMU Advising Notes**

- Make an appointment with an academic advisor of the major, once accepted to WTAMU, in order to clarify department, university policies and procedures, to review course sequencing, and to help with identifying resources for academic success. A current list of academic advising resources can be found at [Transfer Student Resources | WTAMU](#).
- Refer to the official source of information on specific courses within the WTAMU requirements of this degree plan from the WTAMU Undergraduate Catalog or visit the web site at [www.wtamu.edu](http://www.wtamu.edu).
- Read the WTAMU Undergraduate Catalog.
- Pay close attention to course sequencing and availability at WTAMU as it will affect the time it takes to complete the degree program. It is recommended to transfer when students earn between 60-66 hours.

### **Using this Transfer Advising Guide with WTAMU**

This Transfer Advising Guide represents West Texas A&M's degree plan and is subject to change at the university's discretion. It is intended for advising purposes only so students know exactly which courses they can take at South Plains College and have the courses count towards degree requirements when they transfer to West Texas A&M. It is highly recommended that students meet with their assigned academic advisor to review all graduation and transfer requirements listed in the Transfer Advising Guide.

The ultimate goal is to provide students with accurate information for transfer pathways while minimizing loss of credits in transfer. Students are encouraged to review West Texas A&M University's requirements frequently.

The Transfer Advising Guide is based upon [West Texas A&M University's Catalog](#) and is subject to change.

### **Automatic Scholarships for Transfer Students**

The following scholarships are awarded once you have: 1) been accepted for admission, 2) met the necessary criteria for the scholarship with official documentation, and applied for financial aid through submission of the FAFSA. You will receive the largest scholarship for which you are qualified.

**Resident Transfer Assistance Scholarship** - \$2,000/yr for up to 2 years

- 3.0 GPA + 30 transfer credit hours
- Texas resident
- Financial need as demonstrated by the FAFSA application
- FAFSA application submitted 60 days prior to the first day of class
- Enrolled full-time (minimum of 12 hours per term, Fall and Spring)

**Non-resident Transfer Assistance Scholarship** - \$1,000/yr for up to 2 years

- 3.0 GPA + 30 transfer credit hours

- Non-Texas resident or International Student (this scholarship qualifies international students for substantial tuition waiver, contact the WT Admissions Office at 806-651-2020 for details.)
- Enrolled full-time (12 or more hours per term, Fall and Spring)

**President's Transfer Scholarship** - \$3,000/yr for up to 2 years

- 3.5 GPA + 60 transfer credit hours
- U.S. Citizen
- Enrolled full-time (12 or more hours per term, Fall and Spring)

**Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship** - \$500 one time award in addition to any other eligible scholarships

- Transcript from prior community college with PTK membership identified

Award Process: Once required admission documentation (official transcripts, etc.) and FAFSA application (if required) are received, the scholarship with the highest monetary value will be applied to your account automatically. The Phi Theta Kappa scholarship will be applied to your account when membership has been documented.

Additional scholarships? You are encouraged to [apply directly to the Scholarship Office](#) for additional WT Foundation scholarships. These additional awards are not automatic and require an application before the listed deadline.

Renewal for second year: You must earn 30 credit hours and maintain a 3.3 GPA the first academic year at WT to be eligible for renewal of this scholarship. If you maintain this standard, your scholarship will be automatically renewed for a second year. Scholarships are divided equally between Fall and Spring terms.

Who is a transfer student? Students who enroll for the first time at WT with more than 12 post-high school credit hours will be considered transfer students for the purposes of these scholarships.

For additional transfer information, admissions deadlines and careers services, visit the [Transfer Student Resources page](#).