# Unofficial Degree Planning Worksheet Catalog Year: 2023 – 2024

# Major: BA in Communication and Media Studies

This worksheet is designed to help you plan and track your progress toward your degree. It lists all graduation requirements. Course descriptions are available in the current catalog. More detailed descriptions of the program can be found in the [2023 – 2024 catalog](https://ut.smartcatalogiq.com/current/catalog/).

## University Graduation Requirements

Students must earn 124 hours to be eligible for graduation.

Students must maintain an overall minimum GPA of 2.0 to be eligible for graduation.

Students must maintain a major minimum GPA of 2.0 to be eligible for graduation.

Students must complete 31 credit hours in residency at UT to be eligible for graduation.

Students must complete 15 credit hours in residency at UT in their major coursework.

## Spartan Studies Requirements

### First-Year

| **First-year Requirement** | **Course Taken** | **Semester Taken** |
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| UTAMPA 101 (1cr)/102 (1cr) – First-Year seminar two semester sequence **or** UTAMPA 103 (2cr) – Transfer student seminar  **or** UTAMPA 104 (2cr) Veteran student seminar  – must be taken in residency |  |  |
| AWR 101 (4cr) - Reading Locally & Globally  **or** AWR 110 (5cr) – Academic Writing for Multilingual Students |  |  |
| Math (4cr) Requirement (choose one):  MAT 155, MAT 160, MAT 170, MAT 201, MAT 225, MAT 260, MAT 261 |  |  |

### Core

| **Core Requirement** | **Course Taken** | **Semester Taken** |
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| AWR 201 (4cr) – Writing and Research: The Local and the Global  *Pre-requisite (one of the following): AWR 101, AWR 110, or equivalent* |  |  |
| [Core Humanities](https://www.ut.edu/uploadedFiles/Academics/Provost/SpartanStudies/SpartanStudies_CoreHumanitiesLink.pdf) (4cr) – must be taken in residency, AWR 201 is a prerequisite or must be taken concurrently |  |  |
| [Core Social Science](https://www.ut.edu/uploadedFiles/Academics/Provost/SpartanStudies/SpartanStudies_CoreSocialSciencesLink.pdf) (4cr) – must be taken in residency, AWR 201 is a prerequisite or must be taken concurrently |  |  |
| UTAMPA 200 (1cr) Digital Literacy: Coding  **or** one of the following: CSC 101, ITM 251, MAT 285, PHY 180 |  |  |
| UTAMPA 201 (0cr) Career Readiness |  |  |
| Spartan Studies Culminating Experience (4cr)  – must be taken in residency  *Pre-requisite: Spartan Studies First-year and Core Requirements (UTAMPA 101/02 or UTAMPA 103 or UTAMPA 104, AWR 101, Math, AWR 201, UTAMPA 200, UTAMPA 201, Core Humanities, Core Social Science); individual courses may have additional pre-requisites* |  |  |

### Distribution Requirements

Note that **one** of the distribution requirements may also be used to meet requirements in the major if there is overlap.

| **Distribution Requirement** | **Course Taken** | **Semester Taken** |
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| [Social or Behavioral Science](https://www.ut.edu/uploadedFiles/Academics/Provost/SpartanStudies/SpartanStudies_SocialScienceDistributionLink.pdf) (4cr) | COM 224 |  |
| [Visual and Performing Arts](https://www.ut.edu/uploadedFiles/Academics/Provost/SpartanStudies/SpartanStudies_VisualandPerformingArtsLink.pdf) (3cr) |  |  |
| [Text-Based Humanities](https://www.ut.edu/uploadedFiles/Academics/Provost/SpartanStudies/SpartanStudies_Text-BasedHumanitiesDistributionLink.pdf) (4cr) |  |  |
| [Natural Science](https://www.ut.edu/uploadedFiles/Academics/Provost/SpartanStudies/Spartanstudies_NaturalScienceDistributionLink.pdf) (4cr) |  |  |

## Communication and Media Studies (48 Credits)

### Communication Core Requirement

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| **Communication Core Requirement (24 credits)** | **Course Taken** | **Semester Taken** |
| COM 224 (4cr) –Media and Society (Can fulfill Spartan Studies Distribution Requirement) |  |  |
| COM 232 (4cr) – Visual Literacy |  |  |
| COM 242 (4cr) – Digital Citizenship |  |  |
| COM 323 (4cr) – Digital Communication and Society |  |  |
| COM 327 (4cr) – Communication and Law |  |  |
| COM 475 (4cr) – Communication and Media Studies Capstone |  |  |

### Media Production Requirement

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| **Media Production Requirement (8 credits)**  At least one course at the 300-level or above.  Refer to catalog for the [Elective Options](https://ut.smartcatalogiq.com/en/current/catalog/college-of-arts-and-letters/department-of-communication/communication-and-media-studies/).  *Pre-requisites will depend on the course chosen.* | **Course Taken** | **Semester Taken** |
| Media production course (4cr) |  |  |
| Media production course at 300-level or above (4cr) |  |  |

### Media Studies Elective Requirement

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| **Media Studies Elective Requirement (8 credits)**  At least one course at the 300-level or above.  Refer to catalog for the [Elective Options](https://ut.smartcatalogiq.com/en/current/catalog/college-of-arts-and-letters/department-of-communication/communication-and-media-studies/).  *Pre-requisites will depend on the course chosen.* | **Course Taken** | **Semester Taken** |
| Media Studies Elective (4cr) |  |  |
| Media Studies 300+ Elective (4cr) |  |  |

### Major Elective Requirement

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| **Major Elective Requirement (8 credits)**  COM 354 Internship in Communication and COM 392 Independent Study in Communication can only count for four credit hours toward electives.  Refer to catalog for the [Elective Options](https://ut.smartcatalogiq.com/en/current/catalog/college-of-arts-and-letters/department-of-communication/communication-and-media-studies/).  *Pre-requisites will depend on the course chosen.* | **Course Taken** | **Semester Taken** |
| Major Elective (4cr) |  |  |
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