

Student Name: _____ ID # _____

Advisor Name: _____ Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

MEDIA & COMMUNICATION MAJOR

PROFESSIONAL WRITING STREAM CHECKLIST (122 s.h.)

2025-26 Academic Calendar

1. Inquiry: Ways of Knowing – Core Requirements (37 s.h.*)

**University Core Requirements are modified for students who transfer in with 57 s.h. or more of initial transfer credit. See [Academic Calendar](#) for details.*

✓	COURSE	S.H.	NOTES	✓	COURSE	S.H.	NOTES
FOUNDATIONAL INQUIRIES (28 sem. hrs.)				Academic Writing Requirement ¹			
Academic Research & Writing				WAYS OF KNOWING (9 sem. hrs.)			
	ENGL _____	3	Choose two of ENGL 101, 102, 103, 104.	In addition to the courses on the left, students must take an additional 9 sem. hrs. from each of the following categories, <i>all of which must be from outside of the student's major</i> .			
	ENGL _____	3					
Foundations				Aesthetic & Performance Inquiry			
	FNDN 101	1	Compulsory during the first semester of the first year for all new students unless they have a minimum 24 sem. hrs. initial transfer credit.		**	**	Satisfied by MCOM 221 or 231.
	FNDN 102	3	Normally taken before year three.	Cultural & Linguistic Inquiry			
	FNDN 201	3				3	Choose 3 sem. hrs. from the Cultural & Linguistic Inquiry category below.
Logical & Ethical Reasoning				Experiential & Embodied Inquiry			
	PHIL _____	3	Choose one of PHIL 100, 103, 105, 106, 109, or 210.		**	**	Satisfied by MCOM 281.
Religious & Spiritual Thought				Historical & Archival Inquiry			
	RELS _____	3	Choose RELS 110 or 160. Recommended in 1st semester of the 1st year.			3	Choose 3 sem. hrs. from the Historical & Archival Inquiry category below.
	RELS 111	3		Quantitative & Computational Inquiry			
	RELS 112	3				3	Choose 3 sem. hrs. from the Quantitative & Computational Inquiry category below.
Scientific Method & Lab Research				Social & Global Inquiry			
		3	Choose one of BIOL 103/196, 104/197, 113/198, 114/199, 216, 241, 262, CHEM 101, 103/198, 111/198; GENV 109, 121, 262; GEOL 109; PHYS 111.		**	**	Satisfied by MCOM 171.

¹**Academic Writing Requirement:** students must take WRTG 100 (native English speakers) or WRTG 101 (non-native English speakers) in their first semester at TWU, unless exempt at the time of admission to the University. WRTG course credit may be included toward a degree program as elective credit.

Ways of Knowing: Categories

Cultural & Linguistic Inquiry	ANTH 210, 395; EDUC 496; ENGL 334, 340, 482; GREE 235; HEBR 245; HIST 237; IDIS 201; POLS 237; RELS 235, 245; SOCI 395; any World Languages & Cultures course (CHIN, FREN, JAPA, RUSS, SPAN).
Historical & Archival Inquiry	ART 237, 238; ECON 306; GENV 312; HIST 107, 108, 135, 306, 339, 391; MUSI 131, 132; NURS 230; PHIL 203, 314, 421; POLS 391; PSYC 408; RELS 320, 351, 352, 475; SAMC 112; SOCI 391; THTR 331, 332.
Quantitative & Computational Inquiry	BUSI 176, 275; CHEM 104, 112; CMPT 140; DATA 100; ECON 176, 275; GENV 282, 382, 383; MATH 102, 108, 123, 150, 190, 191; PHYS 112; PSYC 207; SOCI 207; SOCS 305, 383; STAT 102, 108.

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2. Required Media & Communication Courses (24 s.h.)

Of the 42 s.h. required for a Media and Communication Major, 24 s.h. must be upper level.

✓	COURSE	S.H.	NOTES	✓	COURSE	S.H.	NOTES
	MCOM 171	3	Take in fall of first year.		MCOM _____	3	Choose 6 hours from MCOM 369, 372, 373, 399, 411, 412, 452, 471, 472, or 490.
	MCOM 191	3	Take in second year.		MCOM _____	3	
	MCOM _____	3	MCOM 221 or 231. Take in first two years.		MCOM _____	3	Any two additional courses (6 hrs.) to round out the core.
	MCOM 281	3	Take in first two years.		MCOM _____	3	

3. Professional Writing Stream Courses (18 s.h.)

✓	COURSE	S.H.	NOTES	✓	COURSE	S.H.	NOTES
	MCOM _____	3	Choose either MCOM 251 or 261.		MCOM _____	3	Choose 12 s.h. from the following: MCOM 252, 290, 351, 352, 361, 362, 369, 390, 391-393*, 451, 452, 453, 461 or 490.
	MCOM 469	3			MCOM _____	3	
	MCOM _____	3	Choose from list on the right.		MCOM _____	3	

*Only 3 s.h. of Media Communication practica (MCOM 351 – 359) may count toward the major. Up to 5 s.h. more may count toward electives. (The only exception to this applies to students completing the Laurentian Leadership Centre program, for which 6 s.h. may count toward the major, and 2 s.h. more toward electives.)

4. Ancillary Requirements (9 s.h.)

✓	COURSE	S.H.	NOTES	✓	COURSE	S.H.	NOTES
		3	6 s.h. in one foreign language, ancient or modern.			3	HIST*, POLS, SAMC 112, or PSYC 207.
		3		*In addition to HIST required for the Core.			

5. Communication Colloquium (3 s.h.)

MCOM majors must take MCOM 192 s.h. three times, and must take MCOM 190 every semester they are not taking MCOM 192.

✓	COURSE	S.H.	NOTES	✓	COURSE	S.H.	NOTES
	MCOM 190	0			MCOM 190	0	
	MCOM 190	0			MCOM 192	1	
	MCOM 190	0			MCOM 192	1	
	MCOM 190	0			MCOM 192	1	

6. Elective Courses (31 s.h.)

Students are encouraged, but not required, to take elective classes that contribute to a concentration or a minor. If you choose to take a concentration or a minor, please attach the appropriate concentration/minor checklist available at twu.ca/advising.

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NOTES:

- A total of 122 s.h. of credit, including a minimum of 42 s.h. of upper-level credit (24 s.h. in Media & Communication) is required to complete this degree. Students must have a minimum overall (cumulative) GPA of 2.0 to graduate.
- You must complete an [Application for Graduation](#) via the Student Portal and [submit a copy of your filled in program checklist\(s\)](#) (i.e. this document) to the Office of the Registrar by April 30 of the year prior to your completion. For more information on the graduation process, please visit twu.ca/graduation.

THIS CHECKLIST IS INTENDED TO ASSIST STUDENTS AND ADVISORS IN ENSURING THAT ALL REQUIREMENTS ARE MET. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE **STUDENT** TO MEET ALL REQUIREMENTS.

YEAR 1			YEAR 2			YEAR 3			YEAR 4		
✓	s.h.	Fall	✓	s.h.	Fall	✓	s.h.	Fall	✓	s.h.	Fall
	1	FNDN 101		3	FNDN 201		3	Core ³		3	Core ³
	3	RELS 110 or 160		3	RELS 111		1 - 3	MCOM ⁵		1 - 3	MCOM ⁷
	3	ENGL ¹		3	PHIL ²		1 - 3	MCOM ⁵		1 - 3	MCOM ⁷
	3	MCOM 171		0	MCOM 190		0	MCOM 190		1	MCOM 192
	0	MCOM 190		3	MCOM 191		3	Ancillary ¹⁰		3	Elective
	3	Ancillary ⁹		3	MCOM 261		3	Elective		3	Elective
Semester Total: 15			Semester Total: 15			Semester Total: 11 - 15			Semester Total: 12 - 16		
YEAR 1			YEAR 2			YEAR 3			YEAR 4		
✓	s.h.	Spring	✓	s.h.	Spring	✓	s.h.	Spring	✓	s.h.	Spring
	3	FNDN 102		3	RELS 112		3	Core ³		3	MCOM ⁸
	3	ENGL ¹		3	Core ³		1 - 3	MCOM ⁶		1	MCOM 192
	0	MCOM 190		3	MCOM ⁴		1	MCOM 192		3	Elective
	3	MCOM 221		3	MCOM ⁴		3	MCOM 469		3	Elective
	3	MCOM 281		0	MCOM 190		3	Elective		3	Elective
	3	Ancillary ⁹		3	Elective		3	Elective		3	Elective
Semester Total: 15			Semester Total: 15			Semester Total: 12 - 16			Semester Total: 16		

COURSE LEGEND

Core Courses

1. Choose from ENGL 101, 102, 103, or 104
2. Choose from PHIL 100, 103, 105, 106, 109, 210
3. Core electives should be chosen as follows:
 - ONE Scientific Method & Lab Research
 - ONE Historical & Archival Inquiry
 - ONE Quantitative & Computational Inquiry

Major Courses

4. Choose from MCOM 369 (recommended), 372, 399, 411, 412
5. Choose from: MCOM 312, 323, 331, 332, 333, 334, 340, 351, 352, 354, 362, 371, 372, 390, 391, 392, 393, 421, 451, 472
6. Choose from: MCOM 351, 354, 361, 369, 390, 391, 392, 393, 452, 453, 490
7. Choose from MCOM 351, 354, 390, 391, 392, 393, 452, 490
8. Choose from MCOM 354, 369, 390, 391, 392, 393, 453, 490

Major + Core Courses

Ancillary Courses

9. Choose a total of 6 s.h. in one foreign language, ancient or modern.
10. Choose one of the following: SAMC 112, PSYC 207, any POLS, or HIST (in addition to HIST required for core).

Ancillary + Core Courses

Electives

.Summer Sessions are encouraged to reduce semester load and/or repeat courses.

This is an example of what a 4-year degree plan might look like. It is not the official program checklist. In the case of any discrepancy between this program plan and the checklist, the checklist shall prevail. It is the student's responsibility to ensure they complete all program requirements as laid out in the approved checklist.