BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (B.S.)
MAJOR IN JOURNALISM AND
MASS COMMUNICATION

Minimum required: 120
semester credit hours

Admission Requirements
1. Any student admitted to Texas State may declare and be admitted
to the program under a temporary status called pre-mass
communication. Once a student has accumulated at least thirty
credit hours and meets the requirements outlined below, the student
will be admitted to the school in full-major status. Students who fail
to meet these requirements will not be admitted to the major.
   a. An overall GPA of at least a 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
   b. A grade of a “C” or higher in MC 1100B and MC 1301.

General Requirements
1. The general education core curriculum courses are listed in the
degree plan below along with the statewide component code
number. See the General Education Core Curriculum (http://
mycatalog.txstate.edu/undergraduate/general-education-core-
curriculum) section of this catalog for the Texas State requirements
and options in the core curriculum, including Honors courses.

2. All students seeking B.S. or B.A. degrees within the School of
Journalism and Mass Communication must complete ENG 1310, ENG
1320 and COMM 1310 or their equivalent courses to meet degree
requirements. Most students will meet these requirements through
their general education core curriculum.

3. In addition to the general education core curriculum, this major
requires three additional hours of English literature, three hours of
math/science/logic/computer science courses and a minor.

4. Majors must select a minor from the approved list of Undergraduate
Minors (http://www.mycatalog.txstate.edu/undergraduate/minors).

5. For transfer students, 12 semester credit hours (7 additional hour
may also be acceptable at Texas State) may be transferred from a
Texas public institution of higher education for the Communication
Field of Study Sub-Area Journalism/Mass Communication and
be applied to the Bachelor of Science degree with a major in
Journalism and Mass Communication at Texas State University. More
information about the Field of Study (http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/
undergraduate/general-information/academic-policies/texas-
legislative-requirements) is available in the Academic Policies section
of this catalog. The transferable Texas Common Course Number
(TCCN) is listed below the Texas State University course number in
the following course list.

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4. All students in this degree program must earn a "C" or higher in all
prerequisite courses and in MC 4386.

Course Requirements

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1 Any mathematics course from the general education core curriculum Mathematics Component may be chosen except MATH 1316.