The following is an example 8-semester plan. This is used to illustrate the course sequencing and the expectations for course loading. Students may use this as a guide as they plan their undergraduate education, but should adjust it to fit their personal goals. Students are responsible for completing requirements in the official degree sheet for each major. It is mandatory for a student to meet with an academic advisor prior to course enrollment each semester.

**Current Course Rotation:** (F) = Fall only | (S) = Spring only

Student must refer to the current course catalog for the availability of course offerings as well as visit with their academic advisor to find out about any special offerings.

### Proposed Four-Year Degree Plan (125 Total Hours)

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<td><strong>Fall Semester</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>A&amp;S 1111</td>
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<td>ENGL 1113</td>
<td>Freshman Composition I</td>
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<td>MATH 1483 or 1513</td>
<td>Math Functions or College Algebra</td>
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<td>HIST 1103</td>
<td>Survey of American History</td>
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<td>MC 1143</td>
<td>Media in a Diverse Society (D)</td>
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Get involved with student organizations to further your experiences. Interested in Study Abroad? Visit the Study Abroad Office this term.

28 cumulative hours earned and 2.5 cumulative graduation/retention GPA are required for enrollment in 2000-level courses and higher in MC, MMJ, SC or SPM.

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<td><strong>Fall Semester</strong></td>
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<td>MC 2003</td>
<td>Media Style &amp; Structure</td>
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<td>MC 2023</td>
<td>Electronic Communication</td>
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<td>SPM 2843</td>
<td>Sports and the Media (F)</td>
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<td>5 hours</td>
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Register with Career services for countless opportunities. Start looking into 2nd Major or Minor; most minors are 15 - 18 hours.

Passing score on the English Language Proficiency Exam is required for upper-division major requirements.

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<td><strong>Fall Semester</strong></td>
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<td>SPM or MMJ 3853 or 3913</td>
<td>News: Advanced Sports Writing or Production: Field Production</td>
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<td>SPM 3863</td>
<td>Electronic Sports Reporting (F)</td>
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<td>4 hours</td>
<td>Natural Science</td>
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Interested in an internship? This is an ideal time to research possibilities. If you are interested in departmental honors, apply this semester.

Between Years Three and Four, contact your advisor about an official graduation check.
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<td><strong>Fall Semester</strong></td>
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<td>MMJ 3313 News: Editing in Multimedia or</td>
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<td>SPM 4883 Sports in the Newsroom</td>
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<td>MC 4163 Mass Communication Law</td>
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Apply for Spring graduation this semester. Check on 2nd Major or Minor. Celebrate at May Graduation with your fellow Cowboys!!

**OTHER REQUIREMENTS:**

A minimum of 72 hours must be taken outside of JB/MC/MMJ/SC/SPM. No more than 12 hours of JB/MC/MMJ/SC/SPM can be transferred from other institutions. Students are required to develop and maintain a portfolio exhibiting specific and appropriate work including required class assignments.

The College of Arts & Sciences requires 6 hours Upper-Division General Education outside the major department. Total hours must include at least 40 hours in courses numbered 3000 or above.

Hours in one department in excess of 53 will be added to the minimum total of 125 required for graduation.

1. **GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**
   a. No more than two courses (or eight hours) from the major department may be used to meet General Education and College and Departmental Requirements. The General Education Controlled Elective, required English Composition, required U.S. History, required American Government, one required MATH course, and required foreign language for B.A. degrees do not count against the two-course maximum.
   b. The Diversity, International Dimension, and Scientific Investigation requirements may be satisfied by courses also used to satisfy any part of a student’s degree program (i.e., in General Education, College Departmental Requirements, Major Requirements or Electives).

2. **A&S COLLEGE/DEPARTMENTAL REQUIREMENTS**
   a. Arts and Humanities are defined as any course carrying an (H) designation or courses from AMST, ART, ENGL (except 3323), HIST, MUSI, PHIL(except 1313 and 3003), REL, TH, and foreign languages (second year and above). No more than six hours may be music or theatre performance or art studio.
   b. Natural and Mathematical Sciences are defined as any course from the following prefixes: ASTR, BIOL, BOT, CHEM, CS (except 4883), GEOG, MATH, MIRC, PHYS, STAT and ZOOL; or courses from other departments that carry an (A) or (N) general education designation.
   c. The required six hours of upper-division General Education may not include courses from the student’s major department. This requirement may be satisfied by courses also used to satisfy any part of a student’s degree program (i.e., in General Education, College Departmental Requirements, Major Requirements or Electives).
   e. The College of Arts & Sciences requires a minimum 2.0 GPA in all major requirements and a minimum 2.0 GPA in all major-prefix courses.

3. **FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY**
   a. The foreign language requirement for the B.A. may be satisfied by 10 hours college credit in the same language, or equivalent proficiency (e.g., passing an advanced standing examination; completing a second-year or higher college-level course in the language, etc.).
   b. The foreign language requirement for the B.S., B.M. and B.F.A. may be satisfied by presenting a high school transcript which demonstrates two years of study of a single foreign language (passing grades at second year level of study). It may also be satisfied by any of the options listed above for the B.A. utilizing elective hours.
   c. In addition to a. and b., students pursuing secondary education teacher certification must meet novice-high foreign language proficiency by presenting a high school transcript which demonstrates two years of study of a single foreign language with no grade below B. Or, students may complete 5 hours college credit in the same language with no grade below C (or pass an advanced standing examination equivalent to 5 hours of college credit.)

4. **EXCLUSIONS**
   a. Courses used to satisfy the English Composition, American History and Government requirement will not count toward the 54 hour maximum allowed from one department.
   b. Courses with ATHL or LEIS prefixes and leisure activity courses may not be used for degree credit.