

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND HUMAN SCIENCES
BACHELOR OF ARTS IN COMMUNICATION
MAJOR in MULTIMEDIA JOURNALISM (MJ)
CHECKSHEET FOR STUDENTS GRADUATING IN CALENDAR YEAR 2017
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION

The major consists of the following requirements, totaling 120 hours necessary for graduation:

I. COMM Foundation & Development	22 hours	IV. CLE requirements	36 hours
II. MJ Major requirements	18 hours	V. Minor + Electives	<u>38 hours</u>
III. Culminating courses	<u>6 hours</u>		
Subtotal:	46 hours	Total:	120 hours

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (I-III)

Listed below are the in-major requirements for the Multimedia Journalism Major. Majors share 21 hours of common courses in COMM (Core Degree Requirements) and include other courses specific to the major. See reverse for other requirements and "progress to degree" criteria.

I. FOUNDATION & DEVELOPMENT (22 HOURS)

Required courses across all majors, including *Core Degree Requirements**:

- COMM 1004 First Semester Experience in Communication (1)
- COMM 1014* Introduction to Communication Studies (3)
- COMM 1015 Communication Skills (3)
- COMM 1016 Communication Skills (3)

Note: Alternative to 1015-16 for transfer students entering the major after freshman year:

- COMM 2004 Public Speaking (3) COMM elective (3)
- COMM 2124* Intro to Communication Research (3) Pre: 1014, (1016 or ENGL 1106)
- COMM 2024* Media Writing (3) Pre: 1014
- COMM 2034* Visual Media (3) Pre: 1014
- COMM 2084* Media Institutions (3)

II. MAJOR-SPECIFIC COURSES (18 HOURS)

Required 3 courses:

- COMM 3154 Multimedia Reporting (3) Pre: 2024, 2034
- COMM 3174 Advanced Multimedia Reporting (3) Pre: 3154
- COMM 4154 Digital Newsroom (3) Pre: 3174

Select 3 courses from:

- COMM 1114 Introduction to Media Production Technology (3)
- COMM 3114 Video Production: Studio (3) Pre: 2034
- COMM 4014 Media Effects (3) Pre: sr. standing
- COMM 4044 International Communication (3) Pre: sr. standing
- COMM 4114 Photojournalism (3) jr. standing, Pre 2034
- COMM 4134 Editorial Writing (3) Pre: jr. standing
- COMM 4144 Magazine Writing (3) jr. standing, Pre: 2024
- COMM 4264 Social Media Theory and Practice (3) Pre: sr. standing

III. CULMINATING COURSES (6 HOURS)

Required courses for all majors, including *Core Degree Requirements**:

- COMM 4024* Communication Law (3) Pre: sr. standing
- COMM 4404* Communication Capstone (3) Pre: sr. standing

**Core Degree Requirements -- 21 total hours common across all COMM majors*

TOTAL hours: 46

IV. UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM FOR LIBERAL EDUCATION (CLE)

Although courses taken in the CLE may also fulfill major or minor requirements, COMM majors are encouraged to broaden their education by sampling courses from many disciplines.

Area 1	Writing and Discourse COMM 1015 & COMM 1016 (Note: ENGL 1105-1106 for students transferring into the major after the freshman year)	(6 hours)	(3)_____	(3)_____
Area 2	Ideas, Cultural Traditions, and Values Select 2 courses from CLE	(6 hours)	(3)_____	(3)_____
Area 3	Society and Human Behavior COMM 1014 and 1 other course from CLE	(6 hours)	(3)_____	(3)_____
Area 4	Scientific Reasoning and Discovery Select 2 courses from CLE	(6 hours)	(3)_____	(3)_____
Area 5	Quantitative and Symbolic Reasoning Select 2 courses from CLE	(6 hours)	(3)_____	(3)_____
Area 6	Creativity and Aesthetic Experience Select 1 3-credit course from CLE	(3 hours)	(3)_____	
Area 7	Critical issues in a Global Context Select 1 course from CLE	(3 hours)	(3)_____	

CLE Hours: 36

V. MINOR + ELECTIVES

In addition to Major and CLE requirements, students must complete the following to reach 120 hours for graduation:

- Minor, cognate or double major** -- Outside of the major, students must build content knowledge in another area of focus by completing a minor or cognate (minimum 18 hours) or double major (varies by major)
- Free electives** -- Once students complete a minor or cognate, they still have 20 hours they will use toward graduation. Students might consider education abroad, an internship, a field study, undergraduate research, independent study, or other non-required CLE or foreign language courses.

Minor and Elective Hours: 38

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum of 120 semester hours from the following categories:

I. COMM Foundation & Development	IV. Curriculum for Liberal Education
II. MJ Major requirements	V. Minor + Electives
III. Capstone Course	
- Minimum of 42 hours in COMM
Maximum 51 COMM hours; COMM courses beyond 54 hours will not count toward graduation.
- Overall GPA of 2.0; COMM GPA 2.0
- Courses taken in major to fulfill graduation requirements must be graded A-F (not pass/fail).
- COMM courses taken for a minor may NOT be counted toward major requirements.
- Completion of foreign language requirement, which can be met in one of three ways:
 - 3 years of single foreign language in high school OR
 - 2 years of a single language in high school plus 1106 or equivalent in college OR
 - 1105-1106 or equivalent in college (This credit must be in addition to the 120 credits for graduation.)

Total hours for graduation: 120

PROGRESS TOWARD DEGREE

A student will be certified as making satisfactory progress toward a degree by meeting these requirements:

- Completion 2124 no later than the 72nd hour.
- Overall GPA -- Students who fall below 2.0 will follow university policies for probation and subsequent suspension if the GPA is not raised during the probation period.
- COMM GPA -- Students who fall below 2.0 in COMM will have one semester to regain the required GPA standards. All COMM courses are included in this calculation. A student who fails to make satisfactory progress toward degree after that semester will be blocked from continuing in the major.