COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND HUMAN SCIENCES BACHELOR OF ARTS IN COMMUNICATION (BACOM) MULTIMEDIA JOURNALISM (MJ)

CHECKSHEET FOR STUDENTS GRADUATING IN CALENDAR YEAR 2020 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION

The Multimedia Journalism Major requires 120 hours for graduation. The curriculum includes the following elements: Core Degree Requirements, Major Requirements, Major Electives, Curriculum for Liberal Education, Minor and Electives.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (I-III)

Multimedia Journalism Majors take 21 hours in Core Degree Requirements and 27 hours in courses specific to the major. See reverse for other requirements and "progress to degree" criteria. Only Communication (COMM) courses can meet degree requirements.

I. CORE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS (21 HOURS)—Required courses across all majors in Communication:
COMM 1014 Introduction to Communication (3) COMM 2024 Media Writing (3) Sophomore standing. Pre: 1016 or ENGL 1106 or ENGL 1204H COMM 2034 Visual Media (3) Sophomore standing. Pre: 1016 or ENGL 1106 or ENGL 1204H COMM 2084 Media and Society (3) COMM 2124 Introduction to Communication Research (3) Sophomore standing. Pre: 1016 or ENGL 1106 or ENGL 1204H COMM 3064 Persuasion (3) Junior standing. Pre: 1014 COMM 4024 Communication Law (3) Pre: Senior standing.
II. MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (18 HOURS)—6 required courses for MJ majors:
COMM 1015 Communication Skills I (3) Note: Alternative to 1015-16 for transfer students entering the major after freshman year: COMM 2004 Public Speaking (3) Pre: Sophomore standing. COMM 3154 Multimedia Reporting (3) Pre: 2024, 2034 COMM 3174 Advanced Multimedia Reporting (3) Pre: 3154 COMM 4154 Digital Newsroom (3) Pre: 3174 COMM 4334 Communication Ethics (3) Pre: Junior standing.
III. MAJOR ELECTIVES (9 HOURS)—Select 2 courses from one grouping and 1 from the other:
Application courses COMM 1114 Introduction to Media Production Technology (3) COMM 3114 Video Production: Studio (3) Pre: 2034 COMM 4114 Photojournalism (3) Junior standing. Pre: 2034 COMM 4144 Magazine Writing (3) Junior standing. Pre: 2024 COMM 4254 Topics in Multimedia Journalism (3) Pre: 2024, 2034 (application topic) COMM 4274 Broadcasting Performance (3) Pre: 3154
Theory courses COMM 4014 Media Effects (3) Junior standing. Pre: 2124 COMM 4264 Social Media Theory and Practice (3) Pre: 2034 COMM 4344 Free Speech in Cyberspace (3) Senior standing. COMM 4254 Topics in Multimedia Journalism (3) Pre: 2024, 2034 (theory topic) COMM 4374 New Communications Technology (3) Pre: 2084 or 4014 COMM 4974 Independent Study (Internship) (3)

Total COMM hours: 48

Prerequisites: Some courses listed on this checksheet have prerequisites. Be sure to consult the University Catalog and/or check with your adviser.

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CLE hours: 36

IV. UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM FOR LIBERAL EDUCATION (CLE)

Multimedia Journalism Majors are encouraged to broaden their education by sampling courses from many disciplines. Courses taken to meet Core Degree Requirements (see reverse) cannot double-count in the CLE.

Area 1	Writing and Discourse	(6 hours)	(3)	(3)
	Select 2 courses from CLE			(3)
Area 2	Ideas, Cultural Traditions, and Values	(6 hours)	(3)	(3)
	Select 2 courses from CLE		(0)	(3)
Area 3	Society and Human Behavior	(6 hours)	(3)	(3)
	Select 2 courses from CLE			(3)
Area 4	Scientific Reasoning and Discovery	(6 hours)	(3)	(3)
	Select 2 courses from CLE			(5)
Area 5	Quantitative and Symbolic Reasoning	(6 hours)	(3)	(3)
	Select 2 courses from CLE		. /	\-/
Area 6	Creativity and Aesthetic Experience	(3 hours)	(3)	
	Select 1 3-credit course from CI	LE	, ,	
Area 7	Critical issues in a Global Context	(3 hours)	(3)	
	Select 1 course from CLF	And the second s	(-)	

V. MINOR + ELECTIVES

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

1. Minor, cognate or double major—Beyond studies in Communication, students must build content knowledge in another area of focus by completing a minor or cognate (minimum 18 hours) or double major (hours varies by major). Students should NOT take COMM courses as part of this requirement.

2. Free electives—Once students complete a minor or cognate, they still need 18 hours for graduation. Students might consider education abroad, an internship, a field study, undergraduate research, independent study, or other non-required CLE or foreign language courses. Students should NOT include COMM courses among these free electives.

Minor and elective hours: 36

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Minimum of 120 semester hours from the following categories: Core Degree Requirements, Major Requirements, Major Electives, Curriculum for Liberal Education, Minor and Electives

Total hours for graduation: 120

2. Minimum of 48 hours in COMM.

Note: Accreditation standards require Multimedia Journalism Majors to complete 72 hours outside COMM.

- 3. Overall GPA of 2.0; COMM GPA 2.0, based on all COMM courses the student has completed.
- 4. Courses taken in major to fulfill graduation requirements must be graded A-F (not pass/fail).
- 5. COMM courses taken for a minor may NOT be counted toward major requirements.
- 6. Foreign Language—Requirement 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 hours required for graduation.)

PROGRESS TOWARD DEGREE

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

- Completion of COMM 1014 within the first 6 classes (18 hours) in the major. Minimum grade of 70% (C-) required.
- Completion of COMM 2124 within the first 8 classes (24 hours) in the major.
- 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 MJ or another COMM major.

In accordance with SCHEV requirements, a course may not be used to satisfy both a common degree core and general education (i.e., CLE or Pathways) requirements.