



ACADEMIC MAP TO B.A. IN COMMUNICATIONS - JOURNALISM CONCENTRATION

2026-2027



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YEAR 1	SEMESTER 1				Milestones	Grade	Credits	Minimum Grade
	ENGL 1010: Composition & Rhetoric I			3	C			
	MATH 1020: College Algebra OR MATH 1035: Contemporary Mathematics			3				
	COMM 1010: Oral Communication			3	C			
	FA 1040: Exploring the Arts			3				
	GEOG 1010: World Regional Geography			3				
	UNIV 1000: The University Experience			1				

Semester Credits _____

SEMESTER 2				Milestones	Grade	Credits	Minimum Grade
ENGL 1020: Composition & Rhetoric II			3	C			
MATH 1060: Finite Mathematics			3				
HIST 1010: History			3				
PSYC 1010: General Psychology OR SOC 1010: Principles of Sociology			3				
COMM 2020 Mass Media & Society			3	C			

Semester Credits _____

Total Credits _____

YEAR 2	SEMESTER 1				Milestones	Grade	Credits	Minimum Grade
	ENGL 2110: Introduction to Literature			3				
	SCI 1010: Basic Concepts of Physical Science I			3				
	COMM 1040: Writing Fundamental for Communication Professionals			3	C			
	COMM 2040: Communication Law			3	C			

Semester Credits _____

Total Credits _____

SEMESTER 2				Milestones	Grade	Credits	Minimum Grade
SCI 1020: Basic Concepts of Biological Science I			3				
COMM 2510: Writing for Mass Media			3	C			
COMM 2400: Audio Production OR COMM 2610: Photojournalism			3	C			
Communication Elective			3	C			
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Semester Credits _____

Total Credits _____

Consider COMM 3030 Investigative Journalism (Spring Only) and COMM 3000 Student Media Practice & Management (Spring Only) as communication electives. Communication elective is defined as any communication course that is not included in the major core curriculum and not included in the required concentration course list.

YEAR 3	SEMESTER 1				Milestones	Grade	Credits	Minimum Grade
	SCI 2020: Basic Concepts of Biological Science II OR SCI 2010: Basic Concepts of Physical Science II			3				
	COMM 3260: Social Media Management			3	C			
	COMM 2530: Visual Communication (Fall Only) OR COMM 2610: Photojournalism			3	C			
	COMM 3430: News Producing (Fall Only) OR COMM 3520: Beat Reporting (Fall Only)			3	C			
	Communication Elective			3	C			

Communication elective is defined as any communication course that is not included in the major core curriculum and not included in the required concentration course list.

Semester Credits _____

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SEMESTER 2				Milestones	Grade	Credits	Minimum Grade
COMM 4230: Digital Magazine (Spring Only)			3	C			
Communication Elective			3	C			
Minor			3				
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Semester Credits _____

Total Credits _____

Consider COMM 4240 Documentary Production (Spring Only) as a communication elective. Communication elective is defined as any communication course that is not included in the major core curriculum and not included in the required concentration course list.

YEAR 4	SEMESTER 1				Milestones	Grade	Credits	Minimum Grade
	COMM 4910: Communication Internship			3	C			
	Minor			3				
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Semester Credits _____

Total Credits _____

SEMESTER 2				Milestones	Grade	Credits	Minimum Grade
COMM 4700: Communication Capstone			3	C			
Minor/Academic Elective (Communication class recommended for academic elective)			3				
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Semester Credits _____

Total Credits **120**

Apply for graduation before mid-semester in your last semester.

YOU'VE FINISHED!

- Major Core Requirement
- MILESTONE
- Concentration Requirement/Elective
- Academic Elective



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Major Requirements = 48 | Minor Requirements = 18-27 (depending on minor) | University Core/Support = 40 | Academic Electives 5-14

Courses taken outside of a student's degree program are not eligible for Title IV federal financial aid (grants and loans). However, elective courses are eligible for Title IV aid if they are required and included in the student's program of study. Once a student has completed all required elective credits, any additional elective courses taken beyond the program's requirements will not be eligible for Title IV funding.

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MILESTONE



Major Electives

Academic Electives



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