

Journalism Major (44 Hours)

2009-2011 44 hours in major
37-44 hours Mass Comm

Required Foundation & Advanced Communications Core: (10 hrs.)

- __ COMM 192 Intro to Mass Communications
- __ COMM 494 Mass Communication Law and Ethics, *junior*
- __ COMM 495 Mass Communication Research, *junior*
- __ COMM 497 Career Planning & Professional Dev., 1 hr, *senior*

Required Visual, Design & Copyediting Sequence (Choose Jrn 273 and then one 300 -level Course to complete sequence, 6 hrs)

- __ JRN 273 Digital Photography, Comm192
- __ JRN 374 Internet Communications, [Fall] Jrn 281 ** /or/
- __ JRN 386 Editing and Layout, [Fall] Jrn 281 **

Required Reporting, Writing & Editing Sequence: (9 Hrs)

- __ JRN 281 Basic Reporting, Comm192
- __ JRN 381 Advanced Reporting, [Fall] Jrn 281
- __ JRN 481 Public Affairs Reporting, [Spring] Jrn 381

Required Convergence Course: (3 Hrs)

- __ JRN 388 Online Journalism, [Spring] Jrn 281

Communications electives: (9-10 hours)

- __ JRN 180 Journalism Workshop, 1-3 hrs *
- __ RTV 255 Media Production, *sophomore*
- __ ADV 347 Advertising Copywriting, Comm192
- __ PRL 362 Writing for Public Relations, Comm192
- __ JRN 371 Advanced Photography, Jrn 273
- __ JRN 383 Editorial Writing, Jrn 281
- __ JRN 384 Feature Writing, Jrn 281
- __ JRN 400 Independent Study, 1-3, *junior* *
- __ JRN 473 Photojournalism, Jrn 273
- __ COMM 477 International Communications, *junior*
- __ JRN 484 Literary Journalism, Jrn 281
- __ JRN 488 Digital Storytelling, Jrn 388
- __ JRN 496 Mass Media Ethics, (Possible COGNATE) ***
- __ JRN 498 Internship, 1-3 hrs, *junior* *
- __ JRN 499 Special Topics in Journalism, *junior* (Possible COGNATE) ***

Communications Cognates: gender & ethnic cultures (6 hrs)

- __ Jrn 496 Mass Media Ethics, *junior* (COGNATE) ***
- __ Jrn 499 Special Topics in Journalism: Diversity in Mass Media, *junior* (COGNATE) *** [DE]
- __ or see the next page for more course options

Notes:

*Students may count no more than three hours from JRN 180, 400, and 498 as directed electives.

**After completing a required 300-level design and copyediting course, the other 300-level course would count as a Communications directed elective.

***Students who take a gender or ethnic cognate within their major cannot count the course as both a directed elective and a cognate.

For the **University Core requirements**, you will need to do one of the following:

- Download the http://www.usi.edu/libarts/ucore/core_cksheet.pdf
- Go to the web: <http://www.usi.edu/libarts/ucore/courses.asp>
- Look on Page 8 of the Class Schedule

Communications Cognates: Select one class from each list below.* This list is subject to change.

- XXX**-Special Topics*: (Media and Ethnic Diversity topics) (3)
CMST 308-Public Speaking in a Diverse Society (3)
CMST 317-Intercultural Communications (3)
COMM 477-Comparative Structures of Mass Media in a Global Community (3)
ENG 231-African American Literature (3)
ENG 330-Ethnic Literature in America (3)
SOC 370-Seminar (Race, ethnic topics) (3)
SOC 421-Race and Ethnicity (3)
- XXX**-Special Topics (Gender and media topics) (3)
CMST 402-Gender, Communication, & Culture (3)
ENG 288-Women in Lit thru 18th Century (3)
ENG 387-Women's Lit & Gender Issues (3)
GNDR 111-Intro to Gender Studies (3)
GNDR 333 Gender Studies Theory (3)
GNDR 449 Special Topics Gender Studies (3)
HIST 311 Women and Gender in America (3)
PHIL 364 Gender and Philosophy (3)
PSY 381-Psychology of Gender (3)
SOC 431-Gender and Society (3)

*Consult advisor for possible additional offerings

**May be offered as JRN, RTV, ADV and/or PRL

REGULATIONS FOR MAJORS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS

1. Students must take a minimum of 80 hours of courses outside Mass Communications (ADV, COMM, JRN, PRL, RTV), and LIBA 497--Mass Media and Society); of those minimum of 65 hours must be Liberal Arts/Science courses, therefore students are limited to a maximum of 44 hours of ADV, COMM, JRN, PRL, and RTV in the 124 hours counted toward graduation requirements.
2. Students are limited to a maximum of 16 hrs. of 100-200 level courses in Mass Communications.
3. A maximum of 12 hrs. of Mass Communications courses may be accepted as transfer credits from a two-year college.
4. Mass Communications transfer credits not accepted in the major may NOT be counted as general electives in the 124 hours required for a degree.
5. To enroll in any communications internship, a student must be of junior or senior standing and must have consent of the instructor.
6. Students must make certain that all prerequisites are met prior to enrolling in any class.
7. A minimum of 39 hrs. of coursework must be at the 300-400 level, including CORE, major, and electives.
8. Students must pass the department's spelling, grammar and punctuation examination prior to enrolling in any 300-400 level courses in the department. This rule is waived if the student has a C+ average for both Eng 101 and Eng 201.
9. The minimum grade of "C" must be attained in any prerequisite course before a student may take the course for which the prerequisite applies.
10. No course with a grade lower than "C" will be counted in the major requirements.
11. Students not following these guidelines may be required to take more than 124 hours to meet the requirements for a degree. Students with a Mass Communication major (ADV, JRN, PRL, or RTV) **and** a Mass Communication minor (or double major) **will** require more than 124 hours to graduate.
12. Liberal Arts requires all students to have a 2.0 GPA in their major; Communications requires 2.25.