

American University of Central Asia
Department: Journalism and Mass Communications
CHECKLIST FOR ADMITS 2026

General Education Courses						
Course Name	Course code	Course ID	Credits	Semester	Prerequisites	Comments
Academic Orientation program: August 17 - August 28, 2026	ORI		2*			Outside of 240
First Year Seminar I	FYS		4		none	
First Year Seminar II	FYS		4		FYS 1	
Introduction to Philosophy I (part of FYS)	FYS		2		none	
Introduction to Philosophy II (part of FYS)	FYS		2		Phil I	
English Composition I	ECL		6		none	
English Composition II	ECL		6		ECL I	
Kyrgyz Language and Literature I	KLL		4		none	
Kyrgyz Language and Literature II	KLL		4		KLL I	
Russian Language I	RUS		2		none	
Russian Language II	RUS		2		RUS I	
History of Kyrgyzstan	HIST		4		none	
Geography of Kyrgyzstan	GEO		2		none	
Manas Studies			2		none	
Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning			6		none	
Natural Sciences/Second Year Seminar**	SYS/NTR		6			
Arts/Second Year Seminar**	ART		12			
Humanities/Second Year Seminar**	SYS/HU M		12			
Social Sciences/Second Year Seminar**	SYS/SS		12			
Sports	SPO		0		none	400 hours
Total GenEd credits			92 [2] credits			

* Credits earned for the Academic Orientation program are not included into 240 credits for graduation.

**All students in their 2nd year must take one Second Year Seminar. This seminar substitutes for one required 6-credit course in either Humanities, Social Sciences, Arts or Natural Science.

Major Requirements						
Required Courses					Total - 54 credits	
Course Name	Course abbr.	Course ID	Credits	Semester	Prerequisites	Comments
Intro to Mass Communications	JOR-182	2936	6	1		
Effective Storytelling for the Media	JR/LIT—181.0	3649	6	2		
Newswriting Skills I	MC-235.1	3076	6	3	Intro to Mass Communications First Year Seminar	
Communication Theory and practice I	JMC-253	4824	6	3	Intro to Mass Communications	
Data Storytelling	JOR-285	4696	6	3		
Mass Media Research Methods	MC-321.1	3221	6	4	Intro to Mass Communications Communication Theory and Practice	
Multimedia Skills I (Video/Audio)	JOR/TCVA - 201	3340	6	5	Intro to Mass Communications	
Advanced Reporting	MC - 237.1	3341	6	5	Newswriting Skills I	
Media Law and Ethics	JR/LAW/TCMA-348.1	3475	6	8	Intro to Mass Communications	
Major Elective Courses from the following list					Total – 30 credits	
Course Name	Course code	Course ID	Credits	Semester	Prerequisites	Comments
Public Relations	JMC-385	4287	6	any		
Data Visualization	JOR-395	4819	6	any		
Journalism Investigations	JOUR-403	3868	6	any		
Visual Communication and Its Psychological Aspects	PSY/JMC-225	3476	6	any		
E-commerce and digital marketing	JOR/LAS-200	5530	6	any		
Public relations and media campaigns	JOR-304.1	4825	6	any		
Freedom of speech. International standards	JOR-350	4672	6	any		
Media, society and culture	JOUR/SOC/ART-336	3947	6	any		
Digital PR	BUS/JMC-374.1	4209	6	any		
3D design and animation	JMC/TCMA/COM-336	4047	6	any		

Graphic Design	JMC/COM/T CMA-301	3763	6	any		
Senior Thesis Seminar – 12 credits						
Senior Thesis I	JMC - 495.1	3656	6	7	Mass Media Research Methods	
Senior Thesis II	JMC-495.2	3912	6	8	Senior Thesis I	
Total (Major requirements, Major electives, and Senior Thesis):					96 credits	
Non-Major Elective Courses						
at least 18 credits should be taken outside of the major						
34 credits of elective courses can be taken within or outside of the major						
52 credits						
Internship – 6+9=15 credits (outside of 240 credits)						
Internship I			6	3-7		Pass/Non-pass
Internship II			9	3-7		Pass/Non-pass
Total Credits	240+2+15=257					

Order of study for 2026 admits

Academic Orientation Program [2 credits]			
1st semester (30 credits)		2nd semester (30 credits)	
First Year Seminar I	4	FYS II	4
English Composition I	6	English composition I	6
Intro to Philosophy I	2	Intro to Philosophy II	2
Russian Language I	6	Kyrgyz Language and Literature II	4
Kyrgyz Language and Literature I	2	Russian Language II	2
Intro to Mass Communications	6	Effective Storytelling for the Media	6
Elective	6	Mathematics	6
Sport – (100 hours)	0	Sport – (100 hours)	0
3rd semester (32 credits)		4th semester (30 credits)	
Newswriting Skills I	6	Mass Media Research Methods	6
Communication Theory and practice I	6	Elective	6
Data Storytelling	6	Geography of Kyrgyzstan	2
Manas Studies	2	Second year seminar/ART or HUM or SS etc	6
Second year seminar/ART or HUM or SS etc	6	History of Kyrgyzstan	4
Elective	6	Elective	6

Sport – (100 hours)	0	Sport – (100 hours)	0
5th semester (30 credits)		6th semester (30 credits)	
Multimedia Skills I (Video/Audio)	6	Elective	6
Internship	6	Elective	6
ART or HUM or SS	6	ART or HUM or SS	6
Advanced reporting	6	Elective	
Elective	6	Elective	6
7th semester (30 credits)		8th semester (30 credits)	
Senior Thesis Seminar I	6	Senior Thesis Seminar II	6
ART or HUM or SS	12	ART or HUM or SS	12
Elective Media Law and Ethics	6	Media Law and Ethics	6
Elective	6	Elective	6

Graduation requirements:

1. Earn at least 240 credits (+credits earned for orientation program and program internships)*
 - a. Complete all General Education requirements;
 - b. Complete all requirements for at least one major;
 - c. Earn no more than 102 credits of introductory (100-level) courses;
 - d. Complete at least 18 elective credits outside of a student's major and General Education program;
 - e. Complete the required number of internship credits (the number of credits is determined by each department);
 - f. Pass all state graduation examinations;
 - g. Successfully complete and defend a senior thesis/project;
 - h. Receive no "F" or "N/p" grades in the final semester;

To earn an overall GPA of at least 2.0.