

American University of Central Asia
Liberal Arts and Sciences Department
Mass Communication
2026 AY Checklist

Student's Name _____ **ID #** _____

General Education – 97 credits (102 credits limit of 100 level courses)	Credits	Completed	Grade	Notes
Academic Orientation program	2	☐		
FYS I: English language for Liberal Arts - 4 credits, English Composition for Liberal Arts I – 6 credits Introduction to Philosophy I (part of FYS I) – 2 credits	12	☐		
FYS II: English language for Liberal Arts - 4 credits, English Composition for Liberal Arts II – 6 credits Introduction to Philosophy II (part of FYS II) – 2 credits	12	☐		
Kyrgyz Language and Literature I - 4 credits Kyrgyz Language and Literature II - 4 credits (to be completed during sophomore year)	8	☐ ☐		State exam in 2 year
Russian Language I – 2 credits Russian Language II – 2 credits	4	☐ ☐		
Mathematics	6	☐		
Artificial intelligence/digital literacy and math/natural sciences*	3	☐		
History of Kyrgyzstan – 4 credits Geography of Kyrgyzstan – 2 credits (to be completed during sophomore year)	6	☐ ☐ ☐		State exam in 2 year
Manas Studies	2	☐		
Arts/Second Year Seminar**	6	☐ ☐		
Humanities/Second Year Seminar**	6	☐ ☐		
Social Sciences/Second Year Seminar**	6	☐ ☐		
Sports (any 4 courses during 4 years of study)	0	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐		400 hours/0 credits
Total General Education:	73			

* These include: Digital Literacy/Introduction to Computing/Computer Science/AI or any math/natural science related courses.

**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.

LAS Core Courses – 24 credits				
Concepts of Modern Art/Arts	6	☐		
World Literature/Humanities	6	☐		
Concepts of Modern Sciences/Natural Sciences	6	☐		
Globalization and Social Sciences/Social Sciences	6	☐		
Total LAS Core Courses	24			
Concentration Required Courses – 63 credits				
Introduction to Mass Communications	6	☐		
Newswriting Skills	6	☐		
Data Journalism	6	☐		
Advanced Reporting	6	☐		
Multimedia Skills	6	☐		

Research methods	6	☐		
Senior Project/Thesis I	6	☐		
Senior Project/Thesis II	6	☐		
Internship	15	☐		
Total Concentration Courses	63			
Major elective courses – 30 credits				
Mass Communication Theory	6	☐		
Media Law and Ethics	6	☐		
Media, Society and Culture	6	☐		
Documentary Filmmaking	6	☐		
Graphic Design I	6	☐		
Journalism Investigation	6	☐		
Digital PR	6	☐		
3D Design and Animation	6	☐		
Data Storytelling	6	☐		
Visual Anthropology	6	☐		
Communication theory and practice	6	☐		
Development Communication	6	☐		
E-commerce and digital marketing	6	☐		
Making social impact through media	6	☐		
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Total major elective courses	30			
Note: the list of concentration electives is subject to constant update				
Other elective courses	67	At least, 18 credits must be taken outside of LAS, 49 credits can taken within or outside of LAS.		
General Education and LAS Core Courses	97	☐		
Concentration Required Courses	63	☐		
Major elective courses	30	☐		
Other electives	67	☐		
Total credits	257	☐	257 credits must be earned to graduate	

RECOMMENDED ORDER OF STUDY

Academic Orientation Program [2 credits]

1st semester (30 credits)		2nd semester (30 credits)	
First Year Seminar I English Composition for Liberal Arts I Introduction to Philosophy I (part of FYS I)		First Year Seminar II English Composition for Liberal Arts II Introduction to Philosophy II (part of FYS II)	
Concepts of Modern Sciences		World literature	
Elective course		Elective Course	
Elective Course		Elective Course	
Sport (100 hours)		Sport (100 hours)	
3rd semester (33 credits)		4th semester (33 credits)	
Concepts of Modern Arts/Arts		Globalization and Social Sciences/SS	
Major course		History and Geography of Kyrgyzstan	
Elective Course		Concepts of Modern Sciences/NTR	
Concentration required course		Elective Course	
Kyrgyz language and literature		Kyrgyz language and literature	
Russian language		Russian language	
Elective course		Elective Course	
Sport (100 hours)		Sport (100 hours)	
5th semester (33 credits)		6th semester (33 credits)	
Elective course		Major course	
Manas studies		Research Methods	
General Education Course		General Education Course	
Major course		General Education Course	
Elective Course		Elective Course	
Elective Course		Elective Course	
7th semester (33 credits)		8th semester (33 credits)	
Senior Thesis Seminar I		Senior Thesis Seminar II	
Selective courses		Selective courses	
General Education Course		Concentration required course	

Graduation requirements:

1. Earn at least 257 credits
 - 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;
 - i. To earn an overall GPA of at least 2.0.

Important Contacts:

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Registrar Office

Phone: +996 (312) 915000 *401,402

Room: 110

Email: registrar@auca.kg

Writing and Academic Resources Center

Phone: +996 (312) 915000 *490

Room: 224

Email: warc@auca.kg

Shared Service Center

Phone: +996 (312) 915019

Room: 244

Email: service@auca.kg

Counseling Services

Write an email to set up a meeting with counselors:

cs@auca.kg

Student's signature: _____

(I am informed and confirm that I have completed all required courses and necessary components for my department)

Advisor's name and signature: _____

(I have reviewed and confirmed that the student has completed all required courses and necessary components for their department)

Department chair's name and signature: _____

I have double-checked and confirmed that the student has completed all required courses and necessary components for their department and eligible to graduate)