

American University of Central Asia
Department: Television, Cinema and Media Arts
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/NT R		6			
Arts/Second Year Seminar**	ART		12			One 6-credit course in Major requirements could be counted towards General Education requirements
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.

***One 6-credit course in Major requirements could be counted towards General Education requirements.

Major Requirements						
Required Courses						Total - 72 credits
Course Name	Course abbr.	Course ID	Credits	Semester	Prerequisites	Comments
History of cinema I-II	TCMA/HUM-106	4349	12	1, 2	none	
TV, Cinema and Media Arts Techniques	TCMA-110	4184	6	2	none	
Scriptwriting I-II	TCMA -235	5690	12	3, 4	FYS I-II	
Art and Theory of Editing	TCMA-214	4724	6	3	TCMA-110	
Artistic Research Methods	TCMA-360	4775	6	4	TCMA/HUM-106	
Film and TV Directing Skills I-II	TCMA-344	6201	12	5, 6	TCMA-110 , TCMA-214	
Film Production Management	TCMA-213	4541	6	5	TCMA-110 , TCMA-214	
Documentary Filmmaking	TCMA/JMC-310	6203	6	6	TCMA-110 , TCMA-214	
Film Analysis and Criticism	TCMA-414	5811	6	7	TCMA-344	
Major Elective Courses						Total - 24 credits
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Photography and creativity	TCMA/ART-135	6195	6	3	none	Can be counted towards ART requirements in the General Education program.
Cinema in Kyrgyzstan: Art & Industry	TCMA/JMC-200	6298	6	2-8	none	
Intro to Acting	TCMA/JMC/LAS-210	5943	6	2-8	none	
Explore Animation: Visual Storytelling	TCMA/ART-261	6193	6	2-8	TCMA-110	
Non-Major Elective CoursesTotal - 40 credits						
Course 1	any		6	any		
Course 2	any		6	any		
Course 3	any		6	any		
Course 4	any		6	any		
Course 5	any		6	any		
Course 6	any		6	any		
Course 7	any		4	any		
Senior Thesis SeminarTotal - 12 credits						
Senior Project I	TCMA-405	4879	6	7		
Senior Project II	TCMA-410	4723	6	8	Senior Project I	
Total (Major requirements, Senior Thesis):108 credits						
Non-Major Elective Courses at least 18 credits should be taken outside of the major40 credits						
Internship - 15 credits (outside of 240 credits)						
Internship			0	4-6		Pass/Non-pass
Total Credits	255					

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	2	Kyrgyz Language and Literature II	4
Kyrgyz Language and Literature I	4	Russian Language II	2
ART or HUM or SS or MATH or NTR	6	TV, Cinema and Media Arts Techniques	6
History of cinema I	6	History of Cinema II	6
Sport – (100 hours)	0	Sport – (100 hours)	0
3rd semester (32 credits)		4th semester (30 credits)	
Scriptwriting I	6	Scriptwriting II	6
Art and Theory of Editing	6	Artistic Research Methods	6
Photography and Creativity (covers ART)	6	Geography of Kyrgyzstan	2
Manas Studies	2	Second year seminar/ART or HUM or SS	6
Second year seminar/ART or HUM or SS	6	History of Kyrgyzstan	4
Major or Outside of Major Elective	6	ART or HUM or SS or MATH or NTR	6
		Internship I	0
Sport – (100 hours)	0	Sport – (100 hours)	0
5th semester (30 credits)		6th semester (30 credits)	
Film and TV Directing Skills I	6	Film and TV Directing Skills II	6
Film Production Management	6	Documentary Filmmaking	6
ART or HUM or SS or MATH or NTR	6	ART or HUM or SS or MATH or NTR	6
Major Elective	6	Major Elective	6
Major or Outside of Major Elective	6	Major or Outside of Major Elective	6
		Internship II	0
7th semester (30 credits)		8th semester (30 credits)	
Senior Thesis Seminar I	6	Senior Thesis Seminar II	6

Film Analysis and Criticism	6	Major or Outside of Major Elective	6
Major or Outside of Major Elective	12	Major or Outside of Major Elective	12
ART or HUM or SS or MATH or NTR	6	ART or HUM or SS or MATH or NTR	6

Graduation requirements:

1. Earn at least 240 credits (+credit hours earned for orientation program and for 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.