

JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION

TRANSFER POLICY

Feel inspired and want to tell your stories to the world? AUCA students seeking to transfer into the Journalism and Mass Communication department from other departments or programs will be accepted only if they meet the following requirements.

General AUCA transfer policy requirements:

1. Students are eligible to transfer after the first year of study
2. Students must meet all the admission requirements for the chosen major department.
3. Students must have a permission from Both Departments.
4. GPA 2.7 and higher.

Students should submit to the transferring department the following documents:

- Filled Application for Department transfer;
- Latest AUCA Transcript

Students are eligible to apply for a departmental transfer after the first successful year of study. However, please note that, in order to transfer within AUCA, students must meet all admissions requirements for the chosen major department, and receive permission from both Department Chairs. Admissions exam results from the previous program may be sufficient if exams are comparable between the programs. Otherwise, if admission exam scores do not satisfy the requirement of the chosen major, the student must retake the admission exam(s) along with prospective students. If a student has taken an advanced math course and received a B+ grade or above, the chair of the chosen major may count the grade as an entrance exam score. Entrance requirement waivers must be approved by the Program Chair and the Vice President/Chief Operating Officer. Moreover, the number of transfers allowed each year within specific departments may be limited based on the enrollment restrictions set by the Ministry of Education and Sciences of the Kyrgyz Republic. Each department also has the authority to specify additional selection criteria required for transfer. However, there is a university wide GPA requirement that all departments have to follow; transfer students must have a minimum 2.7 GPA.

Although students are not permitted to transfer departments until the second year at AUCA, they are encouraged to start working on proposed major coursework during the second semester of the first year. Students must take a required introductory course from the chosen Major and receive a grade no lower than a «B+». Students need to be advised about the impact of switching majors (especially in terms of time necessary to complete the degree and any changes in financial aid that may occur if students transfer departments). Each program is responsible for specifying its departmental transfer

standards and deadlines for transfer applications; please visit the specific major department for further information.

Please note: all transfers must be initiated prior to the start of the semester.

Minor Requirements:

- GPA 2.7 and higher
- Student must complete the following courses during 4 years of study:
 1. Intro to Mass Communications (Depends on the year of study)
 2. Newswriting skills
 3. Media Law and Ethics
 4. Advanced Reporting
 5. Multimedia Skills
 6. Internship (students must submit portfolio)

Double Major:

- GPA 2.7 and higher
- Student must complete the following courses during 4 years of study:
 1. Intro to Mass Communications (Depends on the year of study)
 2. Newswriting skills
 3. Data Journalism
 4. Advanced Reporting
 5. Multimedia Skills
 6. Mass Communication Theory
 7. Media Law and Ethics
 8. Mass Media Research Methods
- Elective courses (3 out of 6)