**American University of Central Asia Department: Journalism and Mass Communication Department**

 CHECKLIST FOR ADMITS 2025

**General Education Requirements for Admits 2025**

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| **Courses** | **Total major credits:** |
| Academic Orientation program | [2 credits] \* |
| First Year Seminar I | 4 credits |
| First Year Seminar II | 4 credits |
| Introduction to Philosophy I (part of FYS) | 2 credits |
| Introduction to Philosophy II (part of FYS) | 2 credits |
| English Composition I | 6 credits |
| English Composition II | 6 credits |
| Kyrgyz Language and Literature I | 4 credits |
| Kyrgyz Language and Literature II | 4 credits |
| Russian Language I | 2 credits |
| Russian Language II | 2 credits |
| History of Kyrgyzstan | 4 credits |
| Geography of Kyrgyzstan | 2 credits |
| Manas Studies | 2 credits |
| Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning  | 6 credits |
| Natural Sciences/Second Year Seminar\*\* | 6 credits |
| Arts/Second Year Seminar\*\* | 12 credits |
| Humanities/Second Year Seminar\*\* | 12 credits |
| Social Sciences/Second Year Seminar\*\* | 12 credits |
| Sports | 400 hours/0 credits |
| Total  | 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.

## **Graduation requirements:**

1. Earn at least 240 credits (+credits earned for orientation program and program internships)\*
	1. Complete all General Education requirements;
	2. Complete all requirements for at least one major;
	3. Earn no more than 102 credits of introductory (100-level) courses;
	4. Complete at least 18 elective credits outside of a student’s major and General Education program;
	5. Complete the required number of internship credits (the number of credits is determined by each department);
	6. Pass all state graduation examinations;
	7. Successfully complete and defend a senior thesis/project;
	8. Receive no "F" or "N/p" grades in the final semester;
	9. To earn an overall GPA of at least 2.0.

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| **Major Requirements**  |
| **Required Courses** |
| **Course Name** | **Course abbr.** |  **Course ID** | **Credits** | **Semester** | **Prerequisites** | **Comments** |
| Intro to Mass Communications | JOR-182 | 2936 | 6 | Fall 2024 | None |  |
| Effective Storytelling for the Media | JR/LIT—181.0 | 3649 | 6 | Spring 2025 | None |  |
| Newswriting Skills I | MC-235.1 | 3076 | 6 | Fall 2025 | Intro to Mass Communications First Year Seminar |  |
| Communication Theory and practice I | JMC-253 | 4824 | 6 | Fall 2025 | Intro to Mass Communications  |  |
| Development Communications | MC-325.1 | 3247 | 6 | Fall 2025 | None |  |
| Mass Media Research Methods | MC-321.1 | 3221 | 6 | Spring 2026 | Intro to Mass Communications Communication Theory and Practice |  |
| Multimedia Skills I (Video/Audio) | JOR/TCVA - 201 | 3340 | 6 | Fall 2026 | Intro to Mass Communications  |  |
| Advanced Reporting | MC - 237.1 | 3341 | 6 | Fall 2026 | Newswriting Skills I |  |
| Senior Thesis Seminar I | JMC - 495.1 | 3656 | 6 | Fall 2027 | Mass Media Research Methods |  |
| Senior Thesis Seminar II | JMC-495.2 | 3912 | 6 | Spring 2028 | Senior Thesis Seminar I |  |
| Media Law and Ethics | JR/LAW/TCMA-348.1 | 3475 | 6 | Spring 2028 | Intro to Mass Communications |  |
| **Internship 6 credits** |
| **Elective courses 30 credits from the following list** |
| **Course Name** | **Course abbr.** |  **Course ID** | **Credits** | **Semester** | **Prerequisites** | **Comments** |
| 3D design and animation | JMC/TCMA/COM-336 | 4047 | 6 |  |  |  |
| Graphic Design | JMC/COM/TCMA-301 | 3763 | 6 |  |  |  |
| Public Relations | JMC-385 | 4287 | 6 |  |  |  |
| Data Visualization | JOR-395 | 4819 | 6 |  |  |  |
| Media Lab (new) | JOR-358 | 4952 | 6 |  |  |  |
| Basics of international journalism | JAD-230.1 | 2432 | 6 |  |  |  |
| Digital communication strategy | JOR-359 | 4960 | 6 |  |  |  |
| Journalism Investigations | JOUR-403 | 3868 | 6 |  |  |  |
| Visual Communication and Its Psychological Aspects | PSY/JMC-225 | 3476 | 6 |  |  |  |
| New Media (New) | JMC-245 | 2754 | 3 |  |  |  |
| Gender and media (new) | JMC/ANTH/SOC/TCMA-419 | 4295 | 6 |  |  |  |
| Media Literacy (new) | JOR-260.1 | 4383 | 6 |  |  |  |
| Solutions journalism | JOR-286 | 5280 | 6 |  |  |  |
| E-commerce and digital marketing | JOR/LAS-200 | 5530 | 6 |  |  |  |
| Making a social impact through media | JOR-218 | 5529 | 6 |  |  |  |
| Public relations and media campaigns | JOR-304.1 | 4825 | 6 |  |  |  |
| Practices in radio journalism and production (new) | TCMA/JOR-361 | 4975 | 6 |  |  |  |
| Freedom of speech. International standards | JOR-350 | 4672 | 6 |  |  |  |
| Media, society and culture | JOUR/SOC/ART-336 | 3947 | 6 |  |  |  |
| Digital PR | BUS/JMC-374.1 | 4209 | 6 |  |  |  |
| TV anchoring and News reading (new) | JOUR/TCMA-217 | 4334 | 6 |  |  |  |
|  **Total Number of Credits** |  |  | **240** |  |  |  |

**Order of study for 2025 admits**

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|  **Academic Orientation Program [2 credits]** |
| **1st semester (32 credits)** | **2nd semester (30 credits)** |
| Intro to Mass Communications | 6 | Effective Storytelling for the Media |  6 |
| Academic orientation program | 2 | First Year Seminar II | 4 |
| First Year Seminar I | 4 | Intro to Philosophy II | 2 |
| Intro to Philosophy I | 2 | English Composition II | 6 |
| Kyrgyz Language and Literature I | 4 | Mathematics | 6 |
| Russian language I | 2 | Kyrgyz language and Literature II | 4 |
| English Composition I | 6 | Russian Language II | 2 |
| Elective  | 6 |  |  |
| Sport | 100 h  | Sport | 100 h |
| **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 |
| Geography of Kyrgyzstan  | 2 | Elective | 6 |
| Natural Science | 6 | Social Sciences/Second Year Seminar | 6 |
| History of Kyrgyzstan | 4 | Humanities | 6 |
| Manas Studies  | 2 | Sport  | 100 h |
| Development Communications | 6 |  |  |
| Sport | 100 h |  |  |
| **5th semester (30 credits)** | **6th semester (30 credits)** |
| Multimedia Skills I (Video/Audio) | 6 | Mathematics  | 6 |
| Advanced Reporting | 6 | Elective | 6 |
| Elective | 6 | Elective | 6 |
| Elective | 6 | Elective | 6 |
| Social Sciences | 6 | Arts | 6 |
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| **7th semester (30 credits)** | **8th semester (30 credits)** |
| Senior Thesis Seminar I | 6 | Senior Thesis Seminar II | 6 |
| Humanities | 6 | Media Law and Ethics | 6 |
| Arts | 6 | Elective | 6 |
| Elective  | 6 | Elective  | 6 |
| Elective | 6 | Elective | 6 |