**Check List**

**Journalism and Mass Communications Department 2020**

**Major in Journalism and Mass Communications**

**General Education Requirements for Admits 2020**

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| **Courses** | **Total 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 (6 credits may overlap with major requirements)\*\*** | **12 credits** |
| **Natural Science/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** | **98 credits** |

**\* All students are required to take state examination on these courses in their 2nd year. It is highly recommended to complete them by the end of 4th semester.**

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1. **Students from EMSD (in LAS), AMI and SFW should not take General Education Mathematics courses. They fulfill their requirements in this area as part of their program requirements.**
2. **Students of Anthropology department are required to take additional 3 credits in Computer Science.**
3. **First year students in ANTH, ES, ICP, JMC, LAS, PSY, SOC, TCMA and GEO departments who hope to transfer to BA should enroll in Introduction to Contemporary Mathematics I; in order to be eligible to transfer, they must receive a final grade of B+ or higher. For students who take this course and transfer successfully, this is the only required Gen Ed mathematics course. If not (and assuming they pass Introduction to Contemporary Mathematics I), they need to take one of the other General Education Mathematics courses to fulfill their requirements at some point during their academic career.**
4. **First year students in ANTH, ES, ICP, JMC, LAS, PSY, SOC, TCMA and GEO departments who hope to transfer to ECO, AMI or SFW departments should enroll in “Linear Algebra and Geometry for ECO/SFW/AMI” course. Only students who got passing grade for this course will be considered for transfer.**
5. **Students in PSY, SOC and JMC departments should take Introduction to Probability and Statistics during their freshman or sophomore year. In their junior year they will take a more advanced quantitative methods course that covers their second Mathematics requirement.**

**6. Students from ANTH, ES, ICP, GEO, TCMA and LAS departments who do not intend to transfer to BA, ECO, AMI or SFW should take two of General Education Mathematics courses to fulfill their requirements in Mathematics over their four years at AUCA.**

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**1. Students of PSY and SOC departments have to cover only 3 credits of Natural Science.**

**2. Students of AMI department have to take 6 credits of Physics in order to fulfill this requirement.**

**3. 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.**

**4. Only 6 credits of foreign languages can be counted for Humanities requirement. However, you must take two semesters for the language courses to count towards graduation.**

**Required Courses**

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| **Name of Course** | **Credits** | **Semester Taken** | **Prerequisites** |
| **Intro to Mass Communications** | **6** | Fall 2020 | none |
| **Effective Storytelling for the Media (writing and textual analysis)** | **6** | Spring 2021 | Russian Language |
| **Communication Theory and practice I** | **6** | Fall 2021 | Intro to Mass Communications |
| **Newswriting Skills I** | **6** | Fall 2021 | Intro to Mass Communications |
| **History of Journalism** | **6** | Fall 2021 |  |
| **Mass Media Research Methods** | **6** | Spring 2022 | Visual Communication/ Intro to Sociology or Intro to Mass Communications |
| **Newswriting Skills II** | **6** | Spring 2022 | Newswriting Skills I |
| **Communication Theory and Practice II** | **6** | Spring 2022 | Mass Communications Theory I |
| **Multimedia Skills I (Video/Audio)** | **6** | Fall 2022 | Intro to Mass Communications |
| **Advanced Reporting** | **6** | Fall 2022 | Newswriting Skills I,  Newswriting Skills II |
| **Visual Communication and Its Psychological Aspects** | **6** | Fall 2022 | Intro to Mass Communications |
| **Multimedia Skills II (Video/Audio)** | **6** | Spring 2023 | Multimedia Skills I (Video/Audio) |
| **Journalism Investigations** | **6** | Spring 2023 | Intro to Mass Communications |
| **Senior Thesis Seminar I** | **6** | Fall 2023 | Mass Media Research Methods |
| **Senior Thesis Seminar II** | **6** | Spring 2024 | Senior Thesis I |
| **Media Law and Ethics** | **6** | Spring 2024 | Intro to Mass Communications |
| **Total:** | **96** |  |  |

Elective Courses (50 credits)

**Recommended Order of Study**

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| **First Year** | | | |
| *Semester 1* |  | *Semester 2* |  |
| First Year Seminar I | 4 | First Year Seminar II | 4 |
| Intro to Philosophy I | 2 | Intro to Philosophy II | 2 |
| Intro to Mass Communications | 6 | Effective Storytelling for the Media (writing and textual analysis) | 6 |
| Kyrgyz Language and Literature I | 4 | English Composition II | 6 |
| Russian language I | 2 | Mathematics | 6 |
| Sport | 100 h | Kyrgyz language and Literature II | 4 |
| English Composition I | 6 | Sport | 100 h |
| Natural Science | 6 | Russian Language II | 2 |
| Total | 30 |  | 30 |
| **Second Year** | | | |
| *Semester 3* |  | *Semester 4* |  |
| Communications Theory and Practice I | 6 | Communications Theory and Practice II | 6 |
| Newswriting Skills I | 6 | Newswriting Skills II | 6 |
| Geography of Kyrgyzstan | 2 | Mass Media Research Methods | 6 |
| History of Journalism | 6 | Social Sciences/Second Year Seminar | 6 |
| History of Kyrgyzstan | 4 | Humanities | 6 |
| Manas Studies | 2 | Sport | 100 h |
| Sport | 100 h |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| Total | 26 |  | 30 |
| **Third Year** | | | |
| *Semester 5* |  | *Semester 6* |  |
| Multimedia Skills I (Video/Audio) | 6 | Mathematics | 6 |
| Advanced Reporting | 6 | Multimedia Skills II (Video/Audio) | 6 |
| Visual Communication and Its Psychological Aspects | 6 | Journalism Investigations | 6 |
| Data journalism I (recommended elective) | 6 | Data journalism II (recommended elective) | 6 |
| Social Sciences | 6 | Arts | 6 |
| Total | 30 |  | 30 |
| **Forth Year** | | | |
| *Semester 7* |  | *Semester 8* |  |
| 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 |
| Total | 30 |  | 30 |

A student should complete two elective courses (12 credits) from Journalism and Mass Communications major. 30 credits can be taken outside major.

All students should complete two internships (6 credits) at the relevant media organization during their sophomore and junior year.

**General Education Courses: 98**

**Major Required Courses: 96**

**Electives from major: 12**

**Electives outside major: 30**

**Internship: 6**

**Total: 242**

In order to graduate from AUCA a student must earn a minimum of 240 credits. These are credits major requirements (the number of credits varies within each department) and General Education requirements (these may differ from year to year).