**Check List**

**Journalism and Mass Communications Department 2021**

**Major in Journalism and Mass Communications**

**General Education Requirements for Admits 2021**

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| **Courses** | **Total 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 (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 | 100 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 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, ESCS, TCMA and GEO departments who hope to transfer to BA should enroll in Mathematics for Business and Economics I course. Students have to consult the Business Administration department’s web page to learn the transfer requirements of the department.
4. First year students in ANTH, ES, ICP, JMC, LAS, PSY, SOC, ESCS, 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. Students have to consult the web page of chosen department to learn the transfer requirements.
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 in ESCS department should take Introduction to Contemporary Mathematics I and Introduction to Probability and Statistics courses to fulfill their requirements in Mathematics.
7. 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, students 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 2021 | none |
| **History of Journalism** | **6** | Fall 2021 | none |
| **Effective Storytelling for the Media (writing and textual analysis)** | **6** | Spring 2022 | Russian Language |
| **Communication Theory and practice I** | **6** | Fall 2022 | Intro to Mass Communications |
| **Newswriting Skills I** | **6** | Fall 2022 | Intro to Mass Communications |
| **Mass Media Research Methods** | **6** | Spring 2023 | Visual Communication/ Intro to Sociology or Intro to Mass Communications |
| **Newswriting Skills II** | **6** | Spring 2023 | Newswriting Skills I |
| **Communication Theory and Practice II** | **6** | Spring 2023 | Mass Communications Theory I |
| **Multimedia Skills I (Video/Audio)** | **6** | Fall 2023 | Intro to Mass Communications |
| **Advanced Reporting** | **6** | Fall 2023 | Newswriting Skills I,  Newswriting Skills II |
| **Visual Communication and Its Psychological Aspects** | **6** | Fall 2023 | Intro to Mass Communications |
| **Multimedia Skills II (Video/Audio)** | **6** | Spring 2024 | Multimedia Skills I (Video/Audio) |
| **Journalism Investigations** | **6** | Spring 2024 | Intro to Mass Communications |
| **Senior Thesis Seminar I** | **6** | Fall 2024 | Mass Media Research Methods |
| **Senior Thesis Seminar II** | **6** | Spring 2025 | Senior Thesis I |
| **Media Law and Ethics** | **6** | Spring 2025 | 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 |
| History of Journalism | 6 | Russian Language II | 2 |
| Academic orientation program | 2 |  |  |
| Total | 32 |  | 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 |
| Natural Science | 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: 100**

**Major Required Courses: 96**

**Electives from major: 12**

**Electives outside major: 30**

**Internship: 6**

**Total: 244**

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).

**Policy on AUCA Academic Orientation program**

The AUCA Academic Orientation program is the major part of the Freshman orientation. It is a two-week intensive introduction to the liberal arts education with a specific focus on writing.

All entering students must enroll and receive a credit for Academic Orientation program. Credits earned for orientation program are in addition to 240 credits required for graduation. Students will receive either a **“Pass” or “Fail”** grade based on their attendance and performance during the Academic Orientation program. Satisfactory completion of Academic Orientation program is required in order to be eligible to enroll in *First Year Seminar: English Language for Liberal Arts and English Composition* courses in the first semester at AUCA.\* The Academic Orientation program is also part of Bard College requirements and students who do not meet this requirement do not qualify for Bard College diploma/certificate.

\* Students who are not able to complete the program due to extenuating circumstances or who failed the program are given the option to enroll in Academic Orientation program again the following year. The FYS program director will review on a case-by-case basis.