**American University of Central Asia**

**Liberal Arts and Sciences Department**

***Mass Communications***

**2025 AY Checklist**

# Student’s Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ID # \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1️⃣

| **General Education – 92 credits** | **Credits** | **Completed** | **Grade** | **Notes** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 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 |  |  | State exam in  2 year |
| Kyrgyz Language and Literature II | 4 credits |  |  | State exam in  2 year |
| Russian Language I | 2 credits |  |  |  |
| Russian Language II | 2 credits |  |  |  |
| History of Kyrgyzstan | 4 credits |  |  | State exam in  2 year |
| Geography of Kyrgyzstan | 2 credits |  |  | State exam in  2 year |
| 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. | | | | |

**2️⃣**

| **LAS Core Courses**  **– 24 credits** | **Credits** | **Completed** | **Grade** | **Notes** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Concepts of Modern Art/Arts | 6 |  |  | Can be counted towards Arts requirement in the General Education program |
| World Literature/Humanities | 6 |  |  | Can be counted towards Humanities requirement in the General Education program |
| Concepts of Modern Sciences/Natural Sciences | 6 |  |  | Can be counted towards Natural Sciences requirement in the General Education program |
| Globalization and Social Sciences/Social Sciences | 6 |  |  | Can be counted towards Social Sciences requirement in the General Education program |
| ***Total LAS Core Courses*** | ***24*** |  |  |  |

**3️⃣**

| **Concentration Required Courses – 48 credits** | **Credits** | **Completed** | **Grade** | **Notes** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Introduction to Mass Communications | 6 |  |  | 1 semester |
| Newswriting Skills | 6 |  |  |  |
| Data Journalism | 6 |  |  |  |
| Advanced Reporting | 6 |  |  |  |
| Multimedia Skills | 6 |  |  |  |
| Research methods | 6 |  |  |  |
| Senior Project/Thesis I | 6 |  |  |  |
| Senior Project/Thesis II | 6 |  |  |  |
| Internship | 15 |  |  | **Out of 240 credits** |
| ***Total Concentration Courses*** | ***48*** |  |  |  |

**4️⃣**

| **Major elective courses**  **– 30 credits** *(choose from the list below)* | **Credits** | **Completed** | **Grade** | **Notes** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Mass Communication Theory | 6 |  |  |  |
| Media Law and Ethics | 6 |  |  |  |
| Media, Society and Culture | 6 |  |  |  |
| Documentary Filmmaking | 6 |  |  |  |
| Graphic Design I | 6 |  |  |  |
| Journalism Investigation | 6 |  |  |  |
| Digital PR | 6 |  |  |  |
| 3D Design and Animation | 6 |  |  |  |
| Data Storytelling | 6 |  |  |  |
| Visual Anthropology | 6 |  |  |  |
| Communication theory and practice | 6 |  |  |  |
| Development Communication | 6 |  |  |  |
| E-commerce and digital marketing | 6 |  |  |  |
| Making social impact through media | 6 |  |  |  |
| ***Total major elective courses*** | ***30*** |  |  |  |

**5️⃣**

| **Elective courses**  **(from outside the student’s major)** | **46** |  | In fact 70 credits are available due to overlap of LAS core courses and Gen Ed courses. | |
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| **TOTAL NUMBER OF CREDITS** | **240 [257] CREDITS** |  | 240 credits must be earned to graduate | |

**RECOMMENDED ORDER OF STUDY**

| ***Academic Orientation Program [2 credits]*** | | | | | | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **1st semester (30 credits)** | | | | **2nd semester (30 credits)** | | | |
| First Year Seminar I  English Composition for Liberal Arts I Introduction to Philosophy I (part of FYS I) | | | 12 | First Year Seminar II  English Composition for Liberal Arts II Introduction to Philosophy II (part of FYS II) | | | 12 |
| Concepts of Modern Sciences | | | 6 | World literature | | | 6 |
| Elective course | | | 6 | Elective Course | | | 6 |
| Elective Course | | | 6 | Elective Course | | | 6 |
| Sport *(100 hours)* | | | 0 | Sport *(100 hours)* | | | 0 |
| **3rd semester (33 credits)** | | | | **4th semester (33 credits)** | | | |
| Concepts of Modern Arts/Arts | | | 6 | Globalization and Social Sciences/SS | | | 6 |
| Major course | | | 6 | History and Geography of Kyrgyzstan | | | 6 |
| Elective Course | | | 6 | Concepts of Modern Sciences/NTR | | | 6 |
| Concentration required course | | | 6 | Elective Course | | | 6 |
| Kyrgyz language and literature | | | 4 | Kyrgyz language and literature | | | 4 |
| Russian language | | | 2 | Russian language | | | 2 |
| Elective course | | | 3 | Elective Course | | | 3 |
| Sport *(100 hours)* | | | 0 | Sport *(100 hours)* | | | 0 |
| **5th semester (33 credits)** | | | | **6th semester (33 credits)** | | | |
| Elective course |  |  | 6 | Major course |  | | 6 |
|  | | |  | | |
| Manas studies | | | 2 | Research Methods | | | 6 |
| General Education Course | | | 6 | General Education Course | | | 6 |
| Major course | | | 6 | General Education Course | | | 6 |
| Elective Course | | | 6 | Elective Course | | | 6 |
| Elective Course | | | 6 | Elective Course | | | 3 |
| **7th semester (33 credits)** | | | | **8th semester (33 credits)** | | | |
| Senior Thesis Seminar I |  | | 6 | Senior Thesis Seminar II | |  | 6 |
|  | | |  | | |
| Selective courses | | | 18 | Selective courses | | | 18 |
| General Education Course | | | 6 | Concentration required course | | | 6 |

**In order to graduate from AUCA:**

1. Earn at least 240 credits (+credit hours earned for 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 n the final semester;
   9. To earn an overall GPA of at least 2.0.

**Important Contacts:**

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***Registrar Office Writing and Academic Resources Center***

Phone: +996 (312) 915000 \*401,402 Phone: +996 (312) 915000 \*490

Room: 110 Room: 224

Email: [registrar@auca.kg](mailto:registrar@auca.kg) Email: [warc@auca.kg](mailto:warc@auca.kg)

***Shared Service Center Counseling Services***

Phone: +996 (312) 915019 Write an email to set up a meeting with

Room: 244 counselors:

Email: [service@auca.kg](mailto:service@auca.kg) [cs@auca.kg](mailto:cs@auca.kg)

**Student’s signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

*(I am informed and confirm that I have completed all required courses and necessary components for my department)*

**Advisor’s name and signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

*(I have reviewed and confirmed that the student has completed all required courses and necessary components for their department)*

**Department chair’s name and signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

*I have double-checked and confirmed that the student has completed all required courses and necessary components for their department and eligible to graduate)*