**American University of Central Asia**

**Liberal Arts and Sciences Department**

**Mass Communications Concentration**

**2021 – 2022 AY Checklist**

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

| **General Education – 100 credits**  **(102 credits limit of 100 level courses)** | **Credit** | **Yes** | **No** | **Grade** | **Notes** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Orientation | 2 |  |  |  |  |
| FYS I: English language for Liberal Arts - 4 credits,  English Composition for Liberal Arts I – 6 credits  Introduction to Philosophy I (part of FYS I) – 2 credits | 12 |  |  |  |  |
| FYS II: English language for Liberal Arts - 4 credits,  English Composition for Liberal Arts II – 6 credits  Introduction to Philosophy II (part of FYS II) – 2 credits | 12 |  |  |  |  |
| Kyrgyz Language and Literature I\* - 4 credits  Kyrgyz Language and Literature II\* - 4 credits  (to be completed during sophomore year) | 8 |  |  |  | State exam in  2 year |
| Russian Language I – 2 credits  Russian Language II – 2 credits | 4 |  |  |  |  |
| Mathematics (6 credits may overlap with major requirements; examples: Quantitative Research Methods and Statistics) | 12 |  |  |  |  |
| History of Kyrgyzstan – 4 credits  Geography of Kyrgyzstan – 2 credits  (to be completed second semester of sophomore year) | 6 |  |  |  | State exam in  2 year |
| Manas Studies | 2 |  |  |  |  |
| Natural Science (Concepts of Modern Sciences) | 6 |  |  |  |  |
| Humanities/Second Year Seminar: Humanities\*\* | 12 |  |  |  |  |
| Arts (these may overlap General Education, Electives or Major requirements)/Second Year Seminar: Arts | 12 |  |  |  |  |
| Social Sciences (from outside the student’s major)/Second Year Seminar: Social Sciences | 12 |  |  |  |  |
| Sports (any 4 courses during 4 years of study) | 0 |  |  |  | 400 hours |
| **Total General Education:** | **100** |  |  |  |  |
| **LAS Core Courses – 24 credits** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Concepts of Modern Sciences | 6 |  |  |  | This course is also  considered as 6 credits of Natural Science of Gen Ed requirement |
| World Literature | 6 |  |  |  | This course is also considered as 6 credits of Humanities of  Gen Ed requirement |
| Globalization and Social Sciences | 6 |  |  |  | This course is also considered as 6 credits of Social Science of Gen Ed requirement |
| Concepts of Modern Art | 6 |  |  |  | This course is also  considered as 6 credits of Art of  Gen Ed requirement |
| **Total LAS Core Courses** | **24** |  |  |  |  |
| **Concentration Required Courses – 66 credits** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Introduction to Mass Communications | 6 |  |  |  |  |
| Newswriting Skills | 6 |  |  |  |  |
| Data Journalism | 6 |  |  |  |  |
| Advanced Reporting | 6 |  |  |  |  |
| Multimedia Skills | 6 |  |  |  |  |
| Mass Communication Theory | 6 |  |  |  |  |
| Media Law and Ethics | 6 |  |  |  |  |
| Mass Media Research Methods | 6 |  |  |  |  |
| Internship | 6 |  |  |  |  |
| Senior Thesis Seminar I and II | 12 |  |  |  |  |
| **Total Concentration Courses** | **66** |  |  |  |  |
| **Major elective courses – choose any 3 courses (18 credits):** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Visual Anthropology | 6 |  |  |  |  |
| Media, Society and Culture | 6 |  |  |  |  |
| Documentary Filmmaking | 6 |  |  |  |  |
| Graphic Design | 6 |  |  |  |  |
| Investigative Journalism | 6 |  |  |  |  |
| Digital PR | 6 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Total:** | **18** |  |  |  |  |
| **Elective Courses (from outside the student’s major)** | **34** |  |  |  | **In fact, 58 credits are available due to overlap of LAS core courses with Gen Ed courses.** |
| **Total Number of Credits** | **242** |  |  |  | 240 credits must be earned to graduate |

\* All students are required to take state examination on these courses in their 2nd year.

\*\* Only 6 credits of foreign languages can be counted for Humanities requirement.

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**Recommended Order of Study**

| **First Year** | | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| *Semester 1* | *Credits* | *Semester 2* | *Credits* |
| Orientation | 2 | First Year Seminar II  English Composition for Liberal Arts II  Introduction to Philosophy II (part of FYS II) – 2 credits | 12 |
| First Year Seminar I  English Composition for Liberal Arts I  Introduction to Philosophy I (part of FYS I) – 2 credits | 12 |
| Introduction to Mass Communication | 6 | Effective Storytelling for the Media | 6 |
| Concepts of Modern Sciences | 6 | World Literature | 6 |
| Elective | 6 | Elective | 6 |
| Sport | 0 | Sport | 0 |
| Total | 32 |  | 30 |
| **Second Year** | | | |
| *Semester 3* | *Credits* | *Semester 4* | *Credits* |
| Concepts of Modern Art | 6 | Globalization and Social Sciences | 6 |
| Newswriting Skills | 6 | Kyrgyz language and literature 4  Russian language 2 | 6 |
| Communication Theory and Practice I | 6 | History and Geography of Kyrgyzstan | 6 |
| History of Journalism | 6 | Communication Theory and Practice II | 6 |
| Kyrgyz language and literature 4  Russian language 2 | 6 | Mass Media Research Methods | 6 |
| Sport | 0 | Sport | 0 |
| Total | 30 |  | 30 |
| **Third Year** | | | |
| *Semester 5* | *Credits* | *Semester 6* | *Credits* |
| Multimedia Skills I (Video/Audio) | 6 | Multimedia Skills II (Video/Audio) | 6 |
| Journalism Investigation | 6 | Newswriting Skills II | 6 |
| Advanced Reporting | 6 | General Education Course | 6 |
| General Education Course | 6 | General Education Course | 6 |
| Elective Course | 6 | Elective Course | 6 |
| Total | 30 |  | 30 |
| **Fourth Year** | | | |
| *Semester 7* | *Credits* | *Semester 8* | *Credits* |
| Senior thesis seminar I | 6 | Senior thesis seminar II | 6 |
| Elective Course | 6 | General Education Course | 6 |
| General Education Course | 6 | Elective Course | 6 |
| Elective Course | 6 | Elective Course | 6 |
| Elective Course | 6 | Elective Course | 6 |
| Total | 30 |  | 30 |