

**American University in Central Asia**  
**Department: Journalism**

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**CHECKLIST FOR ADMITS 2022**

| <b>General Education Courses</b>                                      |                     |                  |                           |                 |                      |                       |
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| <b>Course Name</b>                                                    | <b>Course abbr.</b> | <b>Course ID</b> | <b>Credits</b>            | <b>Semester</b> | <b>Prerequisites</b> | <b>Comments</b>       |
| <b>Academic Orientation program:<br/>August 22- September 2, 2022</b> |                     |                  | <b>2*</b>                 |                 |                      | <b>Outside of 240</b> |
| First Year Seminar I                                                  |                     |                  | 4                         |                 |                      |                       |
| First Year Seminar II                                                 |                     |                  | 4                         |                 |                      |                       |
| Introduction to Philosophy I (part of FYS)                            |                     |                  | 2                         |                 |                      |                       |
| Introduction to Philosophy II (part of FYS)                           |                     |                  | 2                         |                 |                      |                       |
| English Composition I                                                 |                     |                  | 6                         |                 |                      |                       |
| English Composition II                                                |                     |                  | 6                         |                 |                      |                       |
| Kyrgyz Language and Literature I                                      |                     |                  | 4                         |                 |                      |                       |
| Kyrgyz Language and Literature II                                     |                     |                  | 4                         |                 |                      |                       |
| Russian Language I                                                    |                     |                  | 2                         |                 |                      |                       |
| Russian Language II                                                   |                     |                  | 2                         |                 |                      |                       |
| History of Kyrgyzstan                                                 |                     |                  | 4                         |                 |                      |                       |
| Geography of Kyrgyzstan                                               |                     |                  | 2                         |                 |                      |                       |
| Manas Studies                                                         |                     |                  | 2                         |                 |                      |                       |
| Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning                                |                     |                  | 6                         |                 |                      |                       |
| Natural Sciences/Second Year Seminar**                                |                     |                  | 6                         |                 |                      |                       |
| Arts/Second Year Seminar**                                            |                     |                  | 12                        |                 |                      |                       |
| Humanities/Second Year Seminar**                                      |                     |                  | 12                        |                 |                      |                       |
| Social Sciences/Second Year Seminar**                                 |                     |                  | 12                        |                 |                      |                       |
| Sports                                                                |                     |                  | 400<br>hours/0<br>credits |                 |                      |                       |
| <b>Total GenEd credits</b>                                            |                     |                  | <b>92 [2]<br/>credits</b> |                 |                      |                       |

\* Credits earned for the Academic Orientation program are not included into 240 credits for graduation.

\*\*All students in their 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## Major Requirements – 66 credits

### Required Courses

| Course Name                          | Course abbr.       | Course ID | Credits | Semester    | Prerequisites                                                     | Comments |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Intro to Mass Communications         | JOR-182            | 2936      | 6       | Fall 2022   | None                                                              |          |
| Effective Storytelling for the Media | JR/LIT—181.0       | 3649      | 6       | Spring 2023 | None                                                              |          |
| Newswriting Skills                   | MC-235.1           | 3076      | 6       | Fall 2023   | Intro to Mass Communications<br>First Year Seminar                |          |
| Communication Theory and practice    | JMC-253            | 4824      | 6       | Fall 2023   | Intro to Mass Communications                                      |          |
| Development Communications           | MC-325.1           | 3247      | 6       | Fall 2023   | None                                                              |          |
| Mass Media Research Methods          | MC-321.1           | 3221      | 6       | Spring 2024 | Intro to Mass Communications<br>Communication Theory and Practice |          |
| Multimedia Skills                    | JOR/TCVA - 201     | 3340      | 6       | Fall 2024   | Intro to Mass Communications                                      |          |
| Advanced Reporting                   | MC - 237.1         | 3341      | 6       | Fall 2024   | Newswriting Skills I                                              |          |
| Senior Thesis Seminar I              | JMC - 495.1        | 3656      | 6       | Fall 2025   | Mass Media Research Methods                                       |          |
| Senior Thesis Seminar II             | JMC-495.2          | 3912      | 6       | Spring 2026 | Senior Thesis Seminar I                                           |          |
| Media Law and Ethics                 | JR/LAW/TCM A-348.1 | 3475      | 6       | Spring 2026 | Intro to Mass Communications                                      |          |

### 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       |          |               |          |

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| Gender and media (new)                                         | JMC/ANTH/S<br>OC/TCMA-<br>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<br>production (new)          | TCMA/JOR-<br>361              | 4975 | 6          |  |  |  |
| Freedom of speech. International<br>standards                  | JOR-350                       | 4672 | 6          |  |  |  |
| Media, society and culture                                     | JOUR/SOC/A<br>RT-336          | 3947 | 6          |  |  |  |
| Digital PR                                                     | BUS/JMC-<br>374.1             | 4209 | 6          |  |  |  |
| TV anchoring and News reading (new)                            | JOUR/TCMA-<br>217             | 4334 | 6          |  |  |  |
| <b>Other courses, at least 18 credits<br/>outside of major</b> |                               |      | <b>52</b>  |  |  |  |
| <b>Total number of credits</b>                                 |                               |      | <b>240</b> |  |  |  |
| <b>Internship (on the top of 240)</b>                          |                               |      | <b>15</b>  |  |  |  |

### Order of study for 2022 admits

| <b>Academic Orientation Program [2 credits]</b> |       |                                      |       |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------|--------------------------------------|-------|
| <b>1st semester (32 credits)</b>                |       | <b>2nd semester (30 credits)</b>     |       |
| 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 |
| <b>3rd semester (32 credits)</b>                |       | <b>4th semester (30 credits)</b>     |       |
| 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 |                                     |       |
| <i>Summer Internship I</i>        |       |                                     | 6     |
| <b>5th semester (30 credits)</b>  |       | <b>6th semester (30 credits)</b>    |       |
| 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     |
| <i>Summer Internship II</i>       |       |                                     | 9     |
| <b>7th semester (30 credits)</b>  |       | <b>8th semester (30 credits)</b>    |       |
| 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     |

**Graduation requirements:**

1. Earn at least 240 credits (+credit hours earned for program internships)
    - a. Complete all General Education requirements;
    - b. Complete all requirements for at least one major;
    - c. Earn no more than 102 credits of introductory (100-level) courses;
    - d. Complete at least 18 elective credits outside of a student's major and General Education program;
    - e. Complete the required number of internship credits (the number of credits is determined by each department);
    - f. Pass all state graduation examinations;
    - g. Successfully complete and defend a senior thesis/project;
    - h. Receive no "F" or "N/p" grades in the final semester;
- To earn an overall GPA of at least 2.0.