

Check List
Journalism and Mass Communications Department 2021
Major in Journalism and Mass Communications

General Education Requirements for Admits 2021

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.

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

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

First Year			
<i>Semester 1</i>		<i>Semester 2</i>	
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	10 0 h
History of Journalism	6	Russian Language II	2
Academic orientation program	2		
Total	32		30
Second Year			
<i>Semester 3</i>		<i>Semester 4</i>	

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	10 0 h
Sport	100 h		
Total	26		30
Third Year			
<i>Semester 5</i>		<i>Semester 6</i>	
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			
<i>Semester 7</i>		<i>Semester 8</i>	
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.

