**American University of Central Asia**

**Liberal Arts and Sciences Department**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***Digital Cultures Concentration***

**CHECKLIST FOR ADMITS 2023**

| **General Education Courses** | |
| --- | --- |
| **Courses** | **Total major 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 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.

\*\*\*One 6-credit course in Major requirements could be counted towards General Education requirements.

| **Major Requirements** | | | | | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ***LAS Core Courses – 24 credits*** | | | | | | |
| **Course Name** | **Course abbr.** | **Course ID** | **Credits** | **Semester** | **Prerequisites** | **Comments** |
| Concepts of Modern Art/Arts | LAS/ ART 230 | 4257 | 6 | 1 | - | Can be counted towards Arts requirement in the General Education program |
| World Literature/Humanities | LAS/ HUM 220 | 4977 | 6 | 2 | - | Can be counted towards Humanities requirement in the General Education program |
| Concepts of Modern Sciences/Natural Sciences | LAS/ NTR 100 | 3110 | 6 | 1 | - | Can be counted towards Natural Sciences requirement in the General Education program |
| Globalization and Social Sciences/Social Sciences | LAS/ SS 102 | 3314 | 6 | 2 | - | Can be counted towards Social Sciences requirement in the General Education program |
| ***Concentration Required Courses – 39 credits*** | | | | | | |
| Digital Cultures | LAS/ART 205 | 4991 | 3 |  |  |  |
| Art and Technology | LAS/ART - 202 | 5555 | 6 |  |  |  |
| Digital Histories | LAS/DC/HUM-200 | 5399 | 6 |  |  |  |
| Central Asian Social Media | LAS/DIG 301 |  | 6 |  |  |  |
| Senior Project/Thesis I |  |  | 6 |  |  |  |
| Senior Project/Thesis II |  |  | 6 |  |  |  |
| Research Methods |  |  | 6 |  |  |  |
| ***Elective Courses in the Concentration - 39 credits from the following list:*** | | | | | | |
| **Course Name** | **Course abbr.** | **Course ID** | **Credits** | **Semester** | **Prerequisites** | **Comments** |
| Intro to Mass Communication | JMC 182 | 2936 | 6 |  |  |  |
| Intro to Digital Humanities | LAS/HUM/COM 101 | 5147 | 3 |  |  |  |
| Photography and creativity | TCMA/JMC/ART-135 | 4401 | 6 |  |  |  |
| Film analysis and criticism | TCMA/JMC-208 | 4274 | 6 |  |  |  |
| Intro to Data Journalism | JMC-250.1 | 3377 | 6 |  |  |  |
| Digital Humanities | COM/HUM-203 | 4731 | 3 |  |  |  |
| Media, Memory, and History | SYS/HUM/ART/SS-249 | 4590 | 6 |  |  |  |
| The Culture Industry | SYS/ HUM/ ART-261 | 4895 | 6 |  |  |  |
| Digital Dystopias | SYS/ HUM/ ART-261 |  | 6 |  |  |  |
| Black Mirror: Navigating the Digital World | HUM/SS-360 | 4657 | 6 |  |  |  |
| Technology and Culture | SYS/ HUM/ ART/ SS-263 | 4148 | 6 |  |  |  |
| Storytelling with statistics | MAT/HUM 200 | 4659 | 6 |  |  |  |
| Cross-cultural communication in the age of Google translate | ANTH 240 | 4964 | 6 |  |  |  |
| Media, Society, Culture | JMC/ SOC/ ART-336 | 3947 | 6 |  |  |  |
| People and Things: Culture, Science, and Technology | ANTH-242 | 4966 | 6 |  |  |  |
| Gender and Technology | SOC/LAS-272 | 4978 | 3 |  |  |  |
| Digital Communication strategy | JMC-359 | 4960 | 6 |  |  |  |
| Language, culture and technology | ANTH-346 | 4963 | 6 |  |  |  |
| Video blogging | JMC-356 | 4961 | 6 |  |  |  |
| Sound and Podcast production | TCMA/JMC-315 | 4682 | 6 |  |  |  |
| Social Identity and Politics | SOC/ANTH/ LAS/ICP 465 | 4995 | 6 |  |  |  |
| GIS for Liberal Arts | LAS - 201 | 5531 | 6 |  |  |  |
| ***Other courses outside of major = 70 credits.*** | | | | | | |
| **Total Number of Credits** |  |  | **240** |  |  |  |

**Order of study for 2023 admits**

| ***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 |
| Digital Cultures | 3 | World Literature | 6 |
| Intro to Digital Humanities | 3 | Elective | 6 |
| Elective | 6 | Elective | 6 |
| Sport | 0 | Sport | 0 |
| **3rd semester (32 credits)** | | **4th semester (30 credits)** | |
| Concepts of Modern Arts | 6 | Globalization and Social Sciences | 6 |
| Art and Tehcnology | 6 | Digital Histories | 6 |
| Kyrgyz language and literature I | 4 | History and Geography of Kyrgyzstan | 6 |
| Russian language | 2 | Kyrgyz language and literature II | 4 |
| Elective | 6 | Russian language | 2 |
| General Education course | 6 | Elective | 6 |
| Manas studies | 2 |  |  |
| Sport | 0 |  |  |
| **5th semester (30 credits)** | | **6th semester (\_30 credits)** | |
| Central Asian Social Media | 6 | Research Methods | 6 |
| Elective | 6 | General Education course | 6 |
| General Education course | 6 | Elective | 6 |
| General Education course | 6 | Elective | 6 |
| General Education course | 6 | Internship | 6 |
|  |  |  | |
| **7th semester (30 credits)** | | **8th semester ( 30 credits)** | |
| Senior thesis seminar I | 6 | Senior thesis seminar II | 6 |
| Elective | 6 | Elective | 6 |
| Elective | 6 | Elective | 6 |
| General Education course | 6 | General Education course | 6 |
| General Education course | 6 | General Education course | 6 |

## Graduation requirements:

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 in the final semester;

To earn an overall GPA of at least 2.0.