

Major Map: Communication Studies B.A. (Journalism and Mass Communication Emphasis)
First-time College Students
Catalog Year: 2013-2014

Four-Year Graduation Plan - Courses and Critical Benchmarks

The following is a sample course of study. It is the Student's responsibility to ensure that all program requirements are met. This guide is not a substitute for academic advisement. **All incoming freshmen must develop an academic plan (which maps out all courses needed to graduate within your intended major/degree). Your academic advisor is available to meet with you and create your specific plan.**

Your path to graduation may vary slightly based on factors such as college credit you earned while in high school, transfer work from other institutions of higher learning and placement in Mathematics. You are responsible of checking prerequisites to any courses. Critical Courses (and Min. Grades as noted below) provide feedback regarding major fit and help indicate the likelihood of successful completion of chosen academic program and degree.

Mathematics: Math 110 or MATH 116, or 200-level MATH/STAT Foreign Language Requirement: Yes Free Elective Hours: 19-31

Critical Course or Bench mark ◆	Course Subject, Number, and Title and Academic Plan Benchmarks Bold = UMKC General Education Core Requirement *Prerequisite May Be Required **Co-Requisite Enrollment Required	Hours	Min. Recommended Grade	Notes
Fall Semester Year 1: 14-15 hours				
	**Anchor I: Reasoning and Values – Click for Options	3		Foreign Language is required for all B.A. degrees in the College of Arts and Sciences; The foreign language placement exam is highly recommended to ensure placement in the correct level.
	**Discourse I: DISC 100 – Reasoning and Values (Speech and Writing)	3		
	Foreign Language Requirement (110 or higher) – Click for Options	3-5		
◆	COMM-ST 110: Fundamentals of Effective Speaking and Listening	3	C	
	<i>Free elective (only take this course if foreign language is 3-credit course instead of 5-credit course)</i>	0-3		
◆	Complete 12 term hours minimum toward degree Earn minimum 2.000 term GPA Earn minimum 2.000 cumulative UM GPA			
Spring Semester Year 1: 14-15 hours				
	**Anchor II: Culture and Diversity – Click for Options	3		Math Entrance Exam required prior to enrollment in MATH 110.
	**Discourse II: DISC 200 – Culture and Diversity (Speech and Writing)	3		
	MATH 100: Intermediate Algebra (no credit) OR MATH 110: College Algebra (Focus B) OR MATH 116: Math for Liberal Arts (Focus B) OR *MATH/STAT 200+ – Click for Options	3		MATH 110 & MATH 116 satisfy Focus B - Scientific Reasoning & Quantitative Analysis Requirements.
	Foreign Language Requirement (120 or higher) – Click for Options	3-5		
	<i>Free Elective (only take this course if foreign language is 3-credit course instead of 5-credit course)</i>	0-3		
◆	Complete Discourse I and Anchor I Complete 12 term hours minimum toward degree			

	Complete 28 total hours minimum toward degree Complete at least one Foreign Language course (110 or higher) Earn minimum 2.000 term GPA Earn minimum 2.000 cumulative UM GPA			
Summer Semester Year 1				
				May use summer semester ensure completion of 30 hours per academic year or to lighten fall and spring course loads.
◆	Complete Math requirement (110, 116, or 200-level MATH/STAT course)			
Fall Semester Year 2: 15 hours				
◆	COMM-ST 220: Modern Communications Media (Required)	3	C	POL-SCI 210, HIST 1100 or 1101 fulfill Focus C as well as the Missouri Constitution requirement. Take the RooWriter Writing Assessment the semester immediately following Discourse II and at least a semester before registering for a Writing Intensive course. COMM-ST 303WI or 351WI is recommended for next semester.
	Foreign Language Requirement (211 or higher) – Click for Options	3		
	Focus A – Arts & Humanities – Click for Options	3		
	CAS Social & Behavioral Sciences Requirement - Click for Options	3		
	Focus B - (if not fulfilled above) – Click for Options OR Free Elective	3		
◆	Complete 12 term hours minimum toward degree Earn minimum 2.000 term GPA Earn minimum 2.000 cumulative UM GPA			
Spring Semester Year 2: 16-17 hours				
◆	COMM-ST 3XX/4XX Journalism/Mass Comm Elective – Click for Options	3	C	
◆	COMM-ST 303WI: Introduction to Journalism (CAS Writing Intensive Requirement) OR COMM-ST 351WI: Fundamentals of Writing for the Media (CAS Writing Intensive Requirement)	3	C	
	Focus C- Human Values & Ethical Reasoning – Click for Options (May choose Focus C Course to also fulfill MO Constitution Requirement)	3		
	CAS Arts & Humanities Requirement – Click for Options	3		
	CAS Science & Math Requirement – Must take Lab Science to fulfill Laboratory requirement	4-5		
◆	Complete Discourse II and Anchor II Complete Foreign Language Requirement (211 or higher) Complete 12 term hours minimum toward degree Complete 60 total hours toward degree Earn minimum 2.000 term GPA Earn minimum 2.000 cumulative UM GPA			
Summer Semester Year 2				
Fall Semester Year 3: 15 hours				
	Discourse III: Civic and Community Engagement	3		
	Anchor III: Civic and Community Engagement – Click for Options	3		

	COMM-ST 3XX/4XX Journalism/Mass Comm Elective – Click for Options	3	C	
	Focus Elective – Click for Options	3	C	
	Free Elective	3		
◆	Complete RooWriter Writing Assessment Complete 12 term hours minimum toward degree Earn minimum 2.000 term GPA Earn minimum 2.000 cumulative UM GPA			
Spring Semester Year 3: 15 hours				
	COMM-ST 3XX/4XX: Journalism/Mass Communication Elective (optional, COMM-ST 484: Communication Studies Activities [Internship]) – Click for Options	3	C	
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	Missouri Constitution course (if not fulfilled by Focus C above) or other CAS Social & Behavioral Sciences Requirement course	3		
	CAS Arts & Humanities Requirement – Click for Options	3		
	Free Elective	3		
Summer Semester Year 3				
Fall Semester Year 4: 15 hours				
	COMM-ST 484: Communication Studies Activities (Internship)	3	C	Apply for graduation and complete Final Degree Audits for the following: UMKC General Education Core, CAS Degree Requirements, Major Requirements, and/or Minor Requirements.
	COMM-ST 3XX/4XX: Journalism/Mass Communication Elective – Click for Options	3	C	
	CAS Science & Math Requirement - Click for Options	3		
	Free Elective	3		
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				Take the ETS Proficiency Profile (EPP) exit exam.
Spring Semester Year 4: 13-16 hours				
	COMM-ST 483: Research Seminar in Communication Studies	3	C	In combination with required upper-level courses, take enough Free Elective hours at the 300/400-level to meet the minimum requirement of 36 upper-level credit hours.
	COMM-ST 3XX/4XX: Journalism/Mass Communication Elective (COMM-ST 484: Communication Studies Activities [Internship] recommended, if two not already taken) – Click for Options	3	C	
	Free Elective	3		
	Free Elective	4		
	<i>Free Elective (only take these credits if needed to reach 120 minimum hours)</i>	0-3		

Non-course requirements

RooWriter Writing Assessment
ETS Proficiency Profile (EPP) exam

Met

The School reserves the right to make changes in courses, degree requirements and course schedules without notice.

Students are expected to maintain a quality of achievement significantly above minimum UMKC standards for degree work. Individual student progress will be monitored throughout the program. Satisfactory progress is required of all students for retention in the program. Students are expected to maintain academic standards, perform satisfactorily in courses, refrain from academic dishonesty, comply with the established University and teacher education timetables and requirements, and refrain from unethical or unprofessional behavior or behaviors that obstruct the training process or threaten the welfare of the student or others. Other circumstances involving student behavior will be addressed by the faculty on an individual basis.

Graduation Requirements Summary:

Total Hours (120 minimum)	Totals Hrs at UMKC (30 hours minimum)	Upper-level Hours (36 minimum)	Major GPA (2.0 Minimum)	UMKC GPA

All students completing an undergraduate education degree must meet the following conditions in order to graduate and be recommended for graduation or certification:

- [list of requirements as stated in the catalog pertaining to minimum GPA, capstone coursework, additional licensure exams, etc.]