

**Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communication
BROADCAST JOURNALISM EMPHASIS CURRICULUM GUIDE**

FRESHMAN SEMESTER – 1			FRESHMAN SEMESTER – 2		
Course Number	Course Name	Credits	Course Number	Course Name	Credits
ENGL 1301	Academic Writing and Argumentation	3 hours	ENGL 1302 (PR) or 2311 (PR)	Research & Rhetoric or Professional & Technical writing	3 hours
CORE 90	Institutionally Designated Option	3 hours	CORE 30	Natural Science Core	3-4 hrs
CORE 20	Mathematics Core	3 hours	MCOM 2376	Mass Communication Theory	3 hours
MCOM 2315	Writing for Media	3 hours	CORE 60	Refer to Degree Checklist	3 hours
MCOM 1307	Intro. to Mass Communication	3 hours	COMM 1315	Basic Public Speaking	3 hours
	Total Semester Hours	15		Total Semester Hours	15 -16

SOPHOMORE SEMESTER – 1			SOPHOMORE SEMESTER – 2		
Course Number	Course Name	Credits	Course Number	Course Name	Credits
POSC 2305 or 2370	American National Government	3 hours	POSC 2306	State & Local Govt.	3 hours
CORE 30	Natural Science Core	3 -4 hrs	BR-JN/ELECTIVE	See list below ♦	3 hrs
MCOM 2310	Media Design	3 hours	ELECTIVE	Non Mass Communication Course	3 hours
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CORE 50	Refer to Degree Checklist	3 hours	COMM 2377	Intercultural Communication	3 hour
	Total Semester Hours	15-16		Total Semester Hours	15

JUNIOR SEMESTER – 1			JUNIOR SEMESTER – 2		
Course Number	Course Name	Credits	Course Number	Course Name	Credits
Foreign Language	Refer to Degree Checklist	3-4 hrs	BR-JN/ELECTIVE	See list below ♦	3 hours
MCOM 2327, 3379 or 3331	Advertising Principles, Media Mgt. or Media History	3 hours	MCOM 3312 or 3335(PR)	Advertising Techniques or Television Reporting	3 hours
MCOM 3302 or 3314 or COMM 3315 (S)	Journalism Research or PR and AD Research or Research Methods (S)	3 hours	CORE 60	Refer to Degree Checklist	3 hours
BR-JN/ELECTIVE	See list below ♦	3 hours	Foreign Language	Refer to Degree Checklist	3-4 hrs
ELECTIVE	Non Mass Communication Course	3 hours	ELECTIVE(S) ♦♦	Non Mass Communication Course	1-5 hrs.
	Total Semester Hours	15-16		Total Semester Hours	14-18♦♦

SENIOR SEMESTER – 1			SENIOR SEMESTER – 2		
Course Number	Course Name	Credits	Course Number	Course Name	Credits
MCOM 4302(PR)	Mass Communication Ethics	3 hours	ELECTIVE	Non Mass Communication Course	3 hours
BR-JN/ELECTIVE	See list below ♦	3 hours	BA Requirement	Refer to Degree Checklist	3 hours
MCOM 3305(PR)	New Media	3 hours	MCOM 3327	Media Law	3 hours
BA Requirement	Refer to Degree Checklist	3 hours	MCOM 4398	Media Internship	3 hours
ELECTIVE	Non Mass Communication Course	3 hours	MCOM 4191	Portfolio & Professional Dev.	1 hour
			MCOM 4191(PR)	Portfolio & Professional Dev.	1 hour
	Total Semester Hours	15		Total Semester Hours	13

F=Fall only PR=Prerequisite N=See note S=Spring only

Notes:

- All Mass Communication Majors must take MCOM 1307 for **CORE 40**, MCOM 2315 and Choose one research course from research course options.
- **MCOM 3305** pre-requisite is **MCOM 1307**.
- **MCOM 3335** pre-requisites are **MCOM 1307 & MCOM 2315**.
- **MCOM 4191** pre-requisite is **senior level standing**. This course should be taken during a student's final semester at WT.
- **MCOM 4302** pre-requisites are **MCOM 2315 & junior level standing**.
- **MCOM 4310** Media Design is now **MCOM 2310**.
- Communication Department section of **IDS 1071** highly recommended for all Mass Communication majors.
- **MCOM majors** are limited to completing 43 semester credit hours in MCOM (28-hour core and 15 hours of internship and emphasis courses) because of accreditation standards that encourage the completion of up to 80 semester credit hours in non-mass communication courses.

♦ **BROADCAST JOURNALISM ELECTIVES—12 hours not taken for MCOM Core from:** MCOM 1319, 2173, 2327, 2375 w/lab, 3301 (S), 3302 (S of even yrs.), 3309 w/lab (S; PR: 2315), 3310 (F of even yrs.), 3331 (S), 3335 (S; PR: 1307 & 2315), 3350, 4390 (PR: senior standing).

NON-MCOM ELECTIVE OPTIONS for mass comm. majors include, but are not limited to: COMM 3341 Persuasion (F/S); COMM 3320 Nonverbal Communication (F); COMM 3345 Small Group Discussion (S); COMM 3360 Gender Com (F/S); COMM 4310 Training and Dev. (S); COMM 4330 Storytelling (F/S).

♦♦ **ELECTIVE(S):** Hours needed will vary according to hours completed for Core 30 and foreign language. Minimal total for degree is 120 hours.