Program Completion Plan (Eight Semester Plan)

Department: Mass Communication and Theatre   **Degree:** BA

Program/Major: Journalism

Track/Emphasis: Online Journalism

Does this program require a minor? (Yes/No) Yes

Important program information in the online *Undergraduate Bulletin*:

UCA Core Requirements: http://uca.edu/ubulletin2013/general-policies-information/uca-core/

Degree Requirements: http://uca.edu/ubulletin2013/general-policies-information/degree-requirements/

Program Description: http://uca.edu/ubulletin2013/colleges-departments-programs/college-of-fine-arts-and-communication/department-of-mass-communication-and-theatre/

Course Descriptions: http://uca.edu/ubulletin2013/courses/

This degree program requires a total of 120 semester credit hours, including at least 40 upper-division credit hours.

Comparable courses in the Arkansas Course Transfer System (ACTS) are cross-referenced in the ACTS column of each semester block below; a core link (http://uca.edu/go/ubulletin-ldcore/) takes the user to the *Undergraduate Bulletin*'s UCA Core page, where UCA Core options and ACTS course numbers are listed in full; an acts link takes the user to the *Undergraduate Bulletin*'s ACTS page (http://uca.edu/go/acts) for additional information and a full UCA-ACTS crosswalk.

Year 1

Fall – Semester 1 (credit hours: 15)

SUBJ	NUM	TITLE	SCH	ACTS
WRTG	1310	Introduction to College Writing	3	ENGL1013
		UCA Core Requirement[1]	3	core link
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		UCA Core Requirement[1]	3	core link
		Foreign Language (2000 Level)[2]	3	acts link

Spring – Semester 2 (credit hours: 16)

SUBJ	NUM	TITLE	SCH	ACTS
WRTG	1320	Academic Writing and Research	3	ENGL1023
MCOM	1300	Media and Society	3	
		UCA Core Requirement	3	core link
		UCA Core Requirement	3	core link
		UCA Core Requirement (Critical Inquiry: Natural Science)	4	core link

Year 2

Fall – Semester 3 (credit hours: <u>16</u>)

SUBJ	NUM	TITLE	SCH	ACTS
JOUR	2300	Beginning Reporting	3	
		UCA Core Requirement	3	core link
		UCA Core Requirement	3	core link
		UCA Core Requirement	3	core link
		UCA Core Requirement (Critical Inquiry: Natural Science)	4	core link

Spring – Semester 4 (credit hours: <u>16</u>)

SUBJ	NUM	TITLE	SCH	ACTS
JOUR	2325	Principles of Online Journalism	3	
JOUR	2340	Broadcast Journalism I	3	
JOUR	1211	Print Media Applications	1	
JOUR		JOUR Elective[3]	3	
		General Elective	3	
		General Elective	3	

Year 3

Fall – Semester 5 (credit hours: <u>16</u>)

SUBJ	NUM	TITLE	SCH	ACTS
JOUR	2305	Basic Press Photography	3	
MCOM	3301	Media Law and Ethics	3	
JOUR	3345	Online Publishing I	3	
JOUR	2123	Electronic Media Applications	1	
		Minor Elective[4]	3	
		Minor Elective	3	

Spring – Semester 6 (credit hours: <u>16</u>)

SUBJ	NUM	TITLE	SCH	ACTS
JOUR	3346	Online Publishing II	3	
JOUR		JOUR Elective	3	
JOUR	2121 or 3123	Print or Electronic Media Applications	1	
MCOM	3307	Theories of Mass Communication	3	
		Minor Elective	3	
		Minor Elective	3	

Year 4

Fall – Semester 7 (Credit hours: <u>13</u>)

SUBJ	NUM	TITLE	SCH	ACTS
JOUR	3308	News Editing	3	
JOUR	3321	Internship	3	
JOUR	3121 or 4123	Print or Electronic Media Applications	1	
		Minor Elective	3	
		Minor Elective	3	

Spring – Semester 8 (Credit hours: <u>12</u>)

SUBJ	NUM	TITLE	SCH	ACTS
		General Elective	3	
		General Elective	3	
		Minor Elective	3	
		Minor Elective	3	

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SIGNED – DEPARTMENT CHAIR   DATE

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SIGNED – COLLEGE DEAN   DATE

To be completed by the advisor when an Eight-Semester Plan is accepted by the student:

If applicable, has student selected a minor? Type "x" as appropriate. _____ **No** _____ **Yes**
If "yes," specify: _____

Notes

[1] See appropriate choices, alternatives, or substitutions under "UCA Core" in the *Undergraduate Bulletin*. During the first year, a student must complete a UCA Core course designated as a First-Year Seminar (FYS) in Critical Inquiry, Diversity, or Responsible Living. The student will also need to complete major, minor, or general elective courses designated as fulfilling the upper-division and capstone requirements of the UCA Core.

[2] Students with no previous experience with a foreign language may need to enroll in up to six hours of lower-level instruction to prepare for this requirement. These courses are not included in this plan of study. Please note that such need voids the guaranteed Eight-Semester Plan.

The Academic Advising Center and the Department of World Languages, Literatures, and Cultures recommend that students complete the foreign language requirement as early as possible in their program in order not to lose fluency gained in high school.

[3] A total of 6 elective hours are required for the major. Elective courses are listed on the Journalism checklist.

[4] This Program Completion Plan includes 24 credit hours in the Minor field of study. Minor requirements range from 15 to 31 credit hours. Depending on the minor selected, the student will need to adjust the number of general elective and minor elective credit hours in this PCP.