

Academic Map: Journalism, Online Journalism

Department: _____ School of Communication _____ **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: <https://uca.edu/ubulletin/general-policies-information/uca-core/>
LD UCA Core Check Sheet: <https://uca.edu/academicbulletins/ld-uca-core/>
UD UCA Core Course List: <https://uca.edu/academicbulletins/ud-uca-core/>
Degree Requirements: <https://uca.edu/ubulletin/general-policies-information/degree-requirements/>
Program Description: <https://uca.edu/ubulletin/colleges-departments/ca/communication/>
Course Descriptions: <https://uca.edu/ubulletin/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](https://uca.edu/academicbulletins/ld-uca-core/) (https://uca.edu/academicbulletins/ld-uca-core/) takes the user to the *Undergraduate Bulletin's* Lower-Division (LD) UCA Core check sheet, where UCA Core options and ACTS course numbers are listed in full; an [acts link](https://uca.edu/academicbulletins/acts/) takes the user to the *Undergraduate Bulletin's* ACTS page (https://uca.edu/academicbulletins/acts/) for additional information and a UCA-ACTS crosswalk.

Scholarship recipients: Please be aware of eligibility criteria for your scholarship(s). In particular, pay attention to (1) the enrollment requirements each semester for disbursement of your scholarship(s) and (2) the number of hours and GPA required each semester and/or year for renewal of your scholarship(s). Some Academic Maps may suggest enrollment in fewer hours than required for disbursement of your scholarship(s). In such cases, work with your academic advisor to adjust your schedule to meet requirements most efficiently. Contact the Office of Student Financial Aid at (501) 450-3140 with any questions regarding enrollment/renewal requirements of your scholarship(s). For online information resources, see endnote 1.

Year 1

Fall – Semester 1 (credit hours: 16)

SUBJ	NUM	TITLE	SCH	ACTS
WRTG	1310	Introduction to College Writing	3	ENGL1013
COMM	1300	Principles of Communication [LD UCA Core: Effective Communication]	3	SPCH1003
MCOM	1300	Media and Society [LD UCA Core: Responsible Living] or First Year Seminar [LD UCA Core]	3	core link
MATH	1360	Quantitative Literacy ²	3	MATH1113
		LD UCA Core [Critical Inquiry: Lab Science]	4	core link

Spring – Semester 2 (credit hours: 16)

SUBJ	NUM	TITLE	SCH	ACTS
WRTG ENGL	1320 1320	Academic Writing and Research (preferred) or Interdisciplinary Writing and Research or Other approved alternative	3	ENGL1023 ENGL1023 core link
MCOM	1300	Media and Society [LD UCA Core: Responsible Living] or First Year Seminar [LD UCA Core]	3	core link
COMM	2308	Perspectives in Communication or other LD UCA Core	3	core link

SUBJ	NUM	TITLE	SCH	ACTS
		Related Course Requirement ³	3	
		LD UCA Core [Critical Inquiry: Lab Science]	4	core link

Year 2**Fall – Semester 3 (credit hours: 15)**

SUBJ	NUM	TITLE	SCH	ACTS
JOUR	2300	Beginning Reporting	3	
WRID	2325	Introduction to Rhetoric or other LD UCA Core	3	core link
PRLS	2305	Introduction to Public Relations or other LD UCA Core	3	core link
		LD UCA Core	3	core link
		Related Course Requirement ³ (if needed) or General Elective	3	acts link

Spring – Semester 4 (credit hours: 16)

SUBJ	NUM	TITLE	SCH	ACTS
JOUR	2325	Principles of Online Journalism	3	
JOUR	2305	Basic Press Photography	3	
JOUR	1121 1123	Print <u>or</u> Electronic Media Applications	1	
JOUR	3308	News Editing [UD UCA Core: I, C]	3	
		General Elective	3	
		General Elective	3	

Year 3**Fall – Semester 5 (credit hours: 16)**

SUBJ	NUM	TITLE	SCH	ACTS
JOUR	2340	Broadcast Journalism Production I	3	
MCOM	3301	Media Law and Ethics [UD UCA Core: R, D]	3	
JOUR	3345	Online Publishing I	3	
JOUR	2121 2123	Print <u>or</u> Electronic Media Applications	1	
		Minor Elective ⁴	3	
		Minor Elective ⁴	3	

Spring – Semester 6 (credit hours: 16)

SUBJ	NUM	TITLE	SCH	ACTS
JOUR	3346	Online Publishing II	3	
JOUR/ MCOM		JOUR or MCOM Elective ⁵	3	
JOUR	3121 3123	Print <u>or</u> Electronic Media Applications	1	
JOUR/ MCOM		JOUR or MCOM Elective ⁵	3	
		Minor Elective ⁴	3	
		Minor Elective ⁴	3	

Year 4**Fall – Semester 7 (Credit hours: 13)**

SUBJ	NUM	TITLE	SCH	ACTS
JOUR/ MCOM		JOUR or MCOM Elective ⁵	3	
JOUR	3321	Internship [UD UCA Core: Z]	3	
JOUR	4121 4123	Print <u>or</u> Electronic Media Applications	1	
		Minor Elective ⁴	3	
		Minor Elective ⁴	3	

Spring – Semester 8 (Credit hours: 12)

SUBJ	NUM	TITLE	SCH	ACTS
		General Elective	3	
		General Elective	3	
		Minor Elective ⁴	3	
		Minor Elective ⁴	3	

SIGNED – DEPARTMENT CHAIR

DATE

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 online information resources for UCA scholarships at <https://uca.edu/scholarships/> and for state scholarships at <https://scholarships.adhe.edu/scholarships-and-programs/a-z/>.

² MATH 1360 should be completed in the first year in either the first or the second semester. Students who have already earned credit for another 1000-level MATH course (i.e., concurrent credit, CLEP, AP, transfer, etc.) may substitute that course for MATH 1360. However, a student who has not completed a 1000-level MATH course must enroll in MATH 1360.

³ Option 1: Qualitative (3–6 hours)

Successfully complete six hours of any foreign language(s) at any level or sign language or computer programming language; or, if qualified, successfully complete a 2000-level or upper-division foreign language course (excluding 2340 and 2V12).

Students with no prior language experience should enroll in SPAN 1310, FREN 1310, GERM 1310, JAPN 1310, or CHIN 1410. Students with previous language experience (including high school courses) should take the placement exam administered by the School of Language and Literature and enroll in the level of their placement. Students may apply for up to six (6) hours of credit by examination in Spanish, French, German, or Japanese and up to 8 hours in Chinese for coursework below the level of placement as outlined in the Placement and Credit by Examination policy.

In cases of unusually thorough preparation, or in the case of international students, exemption may be sought from the School of Language and Literature. The Academic Advising Center and the Department of Languages, Linguistics, Literatures, and

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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.

Option 2: Quantitative (6–8 hours)

Two (2) classes in mathematics and/or laboratory science in addition to the lower-division core requirements. Science classes do not have to be in the same area. Students may take one mathematics course and one science course.

⁴ This Academic Map (AMAP) includes 24 credit hours in the Minor field of study. Minor requirements range from 15 to 26 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 AMAP.

⁵ A total of 9 elective hours are required for the major. Elective courses are listed in the *Undergraduate Bulletin* and on the Journalism checklist.