

Communication Arts: Digital Journalism and Writing

Recommended Graduation Plan (Fall 2025)

This recommended graduation plan is designed to provide a blueprint for students to complete their degrees on time. These plans are the recommended sequences of courses. Students must meet with their Academic Advisor to develop a more individualized plan to complete their degree. Three writing intensive courses are required in the major and/or school core (examples are marked by WI designation in the plan below). Consult with your advisor for specific details.

NOTE: This recommended Graduation Plan is applicable to students admitted into the major during the 2025-2026 academic year.

CRWT Placement
CRWT 101 to CRWT 102
CRWT 101S to CRWT 102S

Math Placement
MATH 021/022 to MATH 104-121

NOTE: CRWT and MATH courses are determined by placement testing and should be taken following the sequence above.

First Year					
Fall Semester	HRS	✓	Spring Semester	HRS	✓
Gen Ed: INTD 101 -First Year Seminar	4		General Education Requirement	4	
Gen Ed: CRWT 102-Critical Reading & Writing II	4		General Education Requirement	4	
General Education Requirement	4		COMM 204-Media Literacy	4	
Gen Ed: Quantitative Reasoning - MATH 104-Math for the Modern World (Recommended)	4		COMM 221-Speech for Communication Arts	4	
Career Pathways: CA1 - Career Pathways Module 1	Degree Rqmt.				
Total:	16		Total:	16	

Second Year					
Fall Semester	HRS	✓	Spring Semester	HRS	✓
Cat. 2 History/Theory/Criticism 200-level COMM227 The Press-History's First Draft; or COMM234 Intercultural Communication WI or COMM203- Film Representation Race, Class and Gender	4		Gen Ed: Values and Ethics COMM 231-Media Issues & Ethics (Required)	4	

Gen Ed: Historical Perspectives COMM 227- The Press: History's First Draft (recommended)	4		Cat. 3 Writing/Production COMM 303 Writing for Social Media Or COMM 324 Reporting and Producing Online news Or COMM 226 Copy Editing (Required)	4	
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General Education Requirement	4		Cat. 3 Digital Tools: (Select one.) COMM218 Fundamentals of Digital Filmmaking or COMM 206 Fundamentals of Audio or COMM 329 Photojournalism	4	
Career Pathways: CA2 - Career Pathways Module 2	Degree Rqmt.		Career Pathways: CA3 - Career Pathways Module 3	Degree Rqmt.	
Total:	16		Total:	16	

Third Year

Fall Semester	HRS	✓	Spring Semester	HRS	✓
Cat. 2 History/Theory/Criticism Course Level 300	4		Cat 3 Writing/Production COMM 324 - Reporting and Producing Online News Or COMM 226 Copy editingWI (Required)	4	
Cat. 3 Writing/Production Practicum: (Select one.) COMM 311 Community Journalism WI or COMM226 Copy Editing or COMM 319 Creative Nonfiction	4		Writing/Production course Level 300 (Cat. 3)- Specialized Writing: (Select one) COMM 390 - 03 Arts and Entertainment Reporting or COMM 304- Writing for Publication WI or COMM 344 - Writing the Screenplay WI Or COMM 368 Producing Digital Sports	4	

Cat. 3 Writing/Production course Level 300 (Category 3 - Digital Storytelling - Select one.) COMM 306 Videojournalism or COMM 329 Photojournalism or COMM 365 Broadcast and New Media or COMM 368 Producing Digital Sports or COMM 390-03 Topics Arts and Entertainment Reporting WI	4		Free Elective (minor, certificate, or second major requirement)	4	
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Total:	16		Total:	16	

Fourth Year					
Fall Semester	HRS	✓	Spring Semester	HRS	✓
Cat. 4 Capstone Portfolio (Select one) COMM 423 - Senior Capstone Writing or COMM 430 - Senior Capstone Journalism	4		Cat. 3 Writing/Production - Digital Storytelling. (Select one that you have not taken.) COMM 306 Videojournalism COMM 329 Photojournalism COMM 365 Broadcast and New Media COMM 368 Producing Digital Sports COMM 390-03 Arts and Entertainment ReportingWI	4	
School Core: CA Upper Level Interdisciplinary Course (outside of Comm.)	4		Free Elective (minor, certificate, or second major requirement)	4	
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Total:	16		Total:	16	

Total Credits Required: 128 credits.

GPA: 2.0

General Education courses can be done in any order with the exception of INTD 101, CRWT and MATH. Those three general education courses will need to be done first. First Year Seminar is taken in the first semester. Failure to complete CRWT and MATH will result in a hold when the student hits 64 credits. The following general education courses can be done in any order. For more info on these courses, please visit the [General Education program requirements website in the College Catalog](#):

- Social Science Inquiry (SOSC 110) [+W]
- Scientific Reasoning
- Historical Perspectives (*COMM 227- The Press: History's First Draft (recommended)*) [+W]
- Studies in the Arts & Humanities (*CRWT 102 is a prerequisite to this course*) [+W]
- Global Awareness [+W]
- Distribution Category (**Must be outside of CA**)
- Distribution Category (*COMM 231-Media Issues & Ethics (Required)*)

+W: Students transferring in with 48 or more credits are waived from these general education requirements.