

# Mass Media (B.A.)

## Interactive Media

School of Communication

2017-2018 Undergraduate Catalog



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## sample plan of study

The requirements below pertain to the 2017-2018 Undergraduate Catalog and are intended as a guide for academic planning. Students should consult with their academic advisor to discuss their individual plan of study.

### General Education (36-43 credit hours)

Please consult your Undergraduate Catalog for a complete list of General Education courses.

#### Communication and Composition (2 courses required)

- \_\_\_\_ 3 COM 110 Communication as Critical Inquiry
- \_\_\_\_ 3 ENG 101 or ENG 101A10 Composition as Critical Inquiry

#### Mathematics (1 course required)

Please see major requirements for mathematics options

#### Natural Science/Natural Science Alternatives (2 courses required)

Students must complete 1 course from 2 different sciences.

#### United States Traditions (1 course required)

#### Individuals & Civic Life (1 course required)

#### Fine Arts (1 course/3 credit hours required)\*\*\*

#### Humanities (1 course required)\*\*\*

#### Language in the Humanities (1 course required)\*\*\*

#### Quantitative Reasoning (1 course required)

Exempt for Mass Media majors

#### Science, Math, & Technology (1 course required)

#### Social Sciences (1 course required)\*\*\*

### Additional Graduation Requirements

\_\_\_\_/120 minimum total credit hours

\_\_\_\_/42 minimum senior college hours

\_\_\_\_ College of Arts & Sciences language requirement

#### AMALI requirement

\*\*\*certain courses in General Education fulfill the AMALI requirement

#### B.A. LAN 115 (1 course required)

### Major (53 credit hours)

- \_\_\_\_ 1 COM 101 Introduction to the Study of Mass Media
- \_\_\_\_ 3 COM 111 Introduction to Communication Theories
- \_\_\_\_ 3 COM 160 Introduction to Mass Media
- \_\_\_\_ 3 COM 161 Convergent Media Writing
- \_\_\_\_ 3 COM 163 Television Production (P: COM 160 or 180 or conc. reg.)
- \_\_\_\_ 3 COM 240 Introduction to Visual Communication (P: COM 161)
- \_\_\_\_ 3 COM 241 Basic Photography
- \_\_\_\_ 3 COM 297 Communication Research Methods (P: COM 111; 60+ earned hours)
- \_\_\_\_ 3 COM 317 Digital Post Production (P: COM 160, 161, and 163)
- \_\_\_\_ 3 COM 319 Motion Graphics & Visual Effects\* (P: COM 111, 160, 161, 163, and 317 or conc. reg.)
- \_\_\_\_ 3 COM 361 Mass Media Law, Policy & Ethics (P: COM 111 and 160 or 165; 60+ earned hours)
- \_\_\_\_ 3 COM 366 Web Production & Design
- \_\_\_\_ 3 COM 367 Ethical Problems in Mass Media‡ (P: COM 111 and 160 or 165; 60+ earned hours)
- \_\_\_\_ 1 COM 396 Capstone in Mass Media (P: COM 111, 160, 161, 297; 105+ earned hours)

#### Take one of the following courses:

- \_\_\_\_ 3 COM 320 Mass Media: Cultural Criticism & Problems (P: COM 111 and 160 or 165)
- \_\_\_\_ 3 COM 360 Mass Media: Theory & Effects (P: COM 111 and 160 or 165)

Mass Media majors must complete a minimum of 31 senior college hours, including at least 16 hours at the 300-level (excluding COM 298 and 398).

#### Take four (12 credit hours) additional Communication electives:

(Suggested electives: COM 162, 167, 198A03, 211, 218, 228, 240, 262, 263, 266, 267, 273, 304, 314, 321, 324, 352, 355, 362, 369, 370, 371, 398)

\* - Generally Spring only

‡ - Please consult your academic advisor regarding standard Department of Philosophy substitutions for COM 367.

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Total Hours Required for Interactive Media - 120	
<b>First Year</b> <b>Fall Semester (16 credit hours)</b> _____ ENG 101 or COM 110 (3) _____ General Education course (3) _____ General Education course (3) _____ SPA 111 (4) _____ University wide elective (3)	<b>Spring Semester (16 credit hours)</b> _____ ENG 101 or COM 110 (3) _____ General Education course (3) _____ General Education course (3) _____ General Education course (3) _____ SPA 112 (4)
<b>Second Year</b> <b>Fall Semester (16 credit hours)</b> _____ COM 111 (3) _____ COM 160 (3) _____ General Education course (3) _____ General Education course (3) _____ SPA 115 - B.A. language (4)	<b>Spring Semester (17 credit hours)</b> _____ COM 101 (1) _____ COM 161 (3) _____ COM 163 (3) _____ COM 241 (3) _____ SPA 116 – LH General Education course (4) _____ General Education course (3)
<b>Third Year</b> <b>Fall Semester (15 credit hours)</b> _____ COM 240 (3) _____ COM 297 (3) _____ COM 320 or 360 (3) _____ SPA 213 (3) _____ General Education course (3)	<b>Spring Semester (15 credit hours)</b> _____ COM 366 (3) _____ Mass Media major elective (3) _____ Mass Media major elective (3) _____ SPA 214 or 240 (3) _____ Senior College University wide elective (3)
<b>Fourth Year</b> <b>Fall Semester (15 credit hours)</b> _____ COM 317 (3) _____ COM 361 (3) _____ Mass Media major elective (3) _____ Mass Media major elective (3) _____ SPA 215 or 233 (3)	<b>Spring Semester (13 credit hours)</b> _____ COM 319 (3) _____ COM 367 (3) _____ COM 396 (1) _____ Senior Level elective (3) _____ AMALI requirement (SPA 244) or University wide elective (3)

### NOTES:

**Panama participants will complete COM 320 & COM 390 either the summer between their second/third year or third/fourth year. This will take the place of two mass media major electives.**

Please consult with your academic advisor regarding University wide electives and appropriate minors/endorsements.