

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION

2025-26 catalog 4-year degree pathway

College of Arts and Humanities

Bachelor of Arts, Media and Journalism (Large Plan)

Sample only—your academic advisor will help you create an individualized plan. Students with more than one major should communicate with their advisor prior to enrollment. Upper-division (UD) electives should be selected in consultation with advisor and department faculty members.

Actual courses offered may be in different terms than the quarter listed in this sample plan.

YEAR 1	Fall Quarter		Winter Quarter		Spring Quarter		
	UNIV 101	Transition to CWU (1)	K1 Option	Academic Writing II (5)	COM 207	Intro to Human Comm (5)	
	*AWI Option	Academic Writing I (5)	K3 Option	Creative Expression (5)	K2 Option	Community, Culture, & Citizenship (5)	
	*QR Option	Quantitative Reasoning (5)	Elective	Explore/minor (5)	Elective	Explore/minor (5)	
	K7 Option	Physical & Natural World (5)					
Total Quarter Credits		16	Total Quarter Credits		15	Total Quarter Credits	15

YEAR 2	Fall Quarter		Winter Quarter		Spring Quarter		
	COM 201	Intro to Mass Comm (5)	COM Elect	Choose one Dept approved COM elective from catalog list (3-5)	COM Elect	Choose one Dept approved COM elective from catalog list (3-5)	
	COM 222	Media Literacy in Dig Age (5)	K4 Option	Global Dynamics (5)	K5 Option	Humanities (5)	
	COM 226	Media Writ & Reporting (4)	Elective	Explore/minor (5)	Elective	Explore/minor (5)	
Total Quarter Credits		14	Total Quarter Credits		13-15	Total Quarter Credits	13-15

YEAR 3	Fall Quarter		Winter Quarter		Spring Quarter		
	COM Elec	Choose option from Advanced Tools for Media Reporting (4)	COM 300	Media Research (4)	COM Elec	Choose option from Advanced Tools for Media Reporting (4)	
	COM 444	The Observer (3)	COM 333	Communication Ethics (4)	K8 Option	Science & Technology (5)	
	K6 Option	Individual & Society (5)	COM 446	PULSE Magazine (3)	Elective	Explore/minor (5)	
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Total Quarter Credits		17	Total Quarter Credits		16	Total Quarter Credits	14

YEAR 4	Fall Quarter		Winter Quarter		Spring Quarter		
	COM 347	Media Copyediting (3)	COM 202	First Amend: Rights & Responsibilities (5)*optional	COM 489	Portfolio Assessment (1)	
	COM 444	The Observer (3)*optional	COM 321	Visual Storytelling (5)	COM 490	Internship (5+)	
	Elective	Explore/minor (5)	COM 446	PULSE Magazine (3)	Elective	Explore/minor (5)	
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Total Quarter Credits		13-16	Total Quarter Credits		8-13	Total Quarter Credits	16

Total Credits

This plan shows 178-182 (180 min required for graduation)

***Assumes appropriate placement. If placement needs are different, your advisor will help you create a suitable first-year Math/Academic Writing sequence to set you up for success.**

K1, K2, etc = Knowledge Area (Gen Ed)

LD = Lower Division (100-200 level)

UD = Upper Division (300-400 level)