

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION

2026-27 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)	COM 201	Intro to Mass Comm (5)	COM 207	Intro to Human Comm (5)	
	*AWI Option	Academic Writing I (5)	K1 Option	Academic Writing II (5)	K2 Option	Community, Culture, & Citizenship (5)	
	*QR Option	Quantitative Reasoning (5)	Elective	Explore/minor (5)	Elective	Explore/minor (5)	
	Elective	Explore/minor (5)					
Total Quarter Credits		16	Total Quarter Credits		15	Total Quarter Credits	15

YEAR 2	Fall Quarter		Winter Quarter		Spring Quarter		
	MEDIA STUDIES	Rec: COM 300 Media Research or 369 Mass Media & Society (4)	ETHICS & LAW	Rec: COM 202 First Admend (5)	COM THEORY	Rec: COM 302 Intercult Comm (4) * Satisfies K4 Gen Ed	
	JOURN BASICS	COM 226 Media Writ & Reporting (4)	Elective	Explore/minor (5)	JOURN BASICS	COM 321 Visual Storytelling (4)	
	K7 Option	Physical & Natural World (5)	Elective	Explore/minor (5)	K5 Option	Humanities (5)	
					Elective	Explore/minor (4)	
Total Quarter Credits		13	Total Quarter Credits		15	Total Quarter Credits	17

YEAR 3	Fall Quarter		Winter Quarter		Spring Quarter		
	MEDIA	COM 444 The Observer (3)	ADV TOOLS	Choose option from Advanced Tools for Media Reporting (4) Rec: COM 303 Online & Soc Media Strategies	ADV TOOLS	Choose option from Advanced Tools for Media Reporting (4) Rec: COM 408 Feature Writing	
	K6 Option	Individual & Society (5)	JOURN BASICS	COM 347 Media Copyediting (3)	K8 Option	Science & Technology (5)	
	Elective	Explore/minor (4)	MEDIA	COM 446 PULSE Magazine (3)	Elective	Explore/minor (5)	
	Elective	Explore/minor (4)	Elective	Explore/minor (5)			
Total Quarter Credits		16	Total Quarter Credits		15	Total Quarter Credits	14

YEAR 4	Fall Quarter		Winter Quarter		Spring Quarter		
	MEDIA	COM 444 The Observer (3)	COM Elec	Choose option from list of dept approved electives (3-5)	COM 489	Portfolio Assessment (1)	
	UD Elective	Explore/minor (5)	MEDIA	COM 446 PULSE Magazine (3)	COM 490	Internship (5+)	
	UD Elective	Explore/minor (5)	K3 Option	Creative Expression (5)	UD Elective	Explore/minor (5)	
			Elective	Explore/minor (5)	Elective	Explore/minor (4)	
Total Quarter Credits		13	Total Quarter Credits		16-18	Total Quarter Credits	15

Total Credits

180-182

***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)

MEDIA & JOURNALISM MAJOR, BA (Large Plan)								
Communication Core Requirements:				Credits	Prerequisites	Fall 26	Winter 27	Spring 27
COM	201	Intro to Mass Communication	5			✓	✓	✓
COM	207	Intro Human Communication	5			✓	✓	✓
Total			10					
MEDIA CORE: 12-14 CREDITS REQUIRED								
Media Studies								
Select one or two from:								
COM	222	Media Literacy in the Digital	5					
COM	300	Media Research	4			✓		
COM	369	Mass Media and Society	4			✓		
Total			4-9					
Ethics and Law								
Select one or two from:								
COM	202	First Amendment	5				✓	
COM	333	Communication Ethics	4					
COM	460	Communication Law	4					
Total			4-9					
Communication Theory								
Select one or none:								
COM	302	Intercultural Communication	4	<i>Soph Standing or Above</i>		✓	✓	✓
COM	340	Rhetorical Theory	4			✓		
COM	350	Persuasion & Culture	4	<i>COM Major</i>				
COM	362	Conflict and Communication	4	<i>COM or Film Major</i>				✓
COM	365	Organizational Communication	4	<i>COM Major or by instr permission</i>			✓	
COM	401	Communication Theory	4	<i>COM or Film Major</i>		✓		
Total			0-4					
JOURNALISM CORE: 31 CREDITS REQUIRED								
Journalism Basics								
COM	226	Media Writing and Reporting 1	4			✓		
COM	321	Visual Storytelling	4					✓
COM	347	Media Copyediting	3				✓	
Total			11					
Advanced Tools for Media Reporting								
Select two from:								
COM	303	Online & Social Media Strategy	4			✓	✓	✓
COM	310	Broadcast Journalism	4	<i>COM 226</i>		✓		
COM	326	Media Writing and Reporting II	4	<i>COM 226</i>				
COM	342	Broadcast News Producing	4	<i>COM 226</i>				
COM	408	Feature Writing	4	<i>COM 226</i>				✓
COM	466	Investigative Journalism	4	<i>COM 226, 321, 347</i>				
Total			8					
Student Media								
Take each at least once; must achieve 12 total credits								
COM	442	CentralNewsWatch	3-6					
COM	444	The Observer	3-6			✓	✓	✓
COM	446	Pulse magazine	3-6			✓	✓	✓
Total			12					
DEPARTMENT-APPROVED ELECTIVES: 3-5 CREDITS								
Select one or more:								
ART	172	Cmptr Fndmntls Grph Design	3			✓	✓	✓
ART	225	Beginning Photography	4			✓	✓	✓
COM	202	First Amendment	5				✓	
COM	208	Intro to PR Writing	4				✓	
COM	222	Media Literacy in the Digital	5					
COM	270	Intro to Public Relations	4			✓		
COM	300	Media Research	4			✓		
COM	303	Online & Social Media Strategy	4			✓	✓	✓
COM	310	Broadcast Journalism	4	<i>COM 226</i>		✓		
COM	333	Communication Ethics	4					

COM	340	Rhetorical Theory	4		✓		
COM	342	Broadcast News Producing	4	COM 226			
COM	348	Publication Design	4	COM, Film, or Eng Writing Major			
COM	350	Persuasion & Culture	4	COM Major			
COM	362	Conflict and Communication	4	COM Major			✓
COM	365	Organizational Communication	4	COM Major		✓	
COM	369	Mass Media and Society	4		✓		
COM	375	Interv Princ and Techniques	4	COM 207 & COM Major			
COM	380	Nonverbal Communication	4				
COM	382	History of American Journalism	4	COM 201 & COM Major			
COM	401	Communication Theory	4	COM Major	✓		
COM	403	Family Communication	4				✓
COM	408	Feature Writing	4	COM 226			✓
COM	442	CentralNewsWatch	3				
COM	444	The Observer	3		✓	✓	✓
COM	446	Pulse magazine	3		✓	✓	✓
COM	451	Comm Analysis/Research	4	COM 401 & COM Major		✓	
COM	460	Communication Law	4				
COM	466	Investigative Journalism	4	COM 226, 321, 347			
COM	473	Crisis Communication Mgt	4	COM or Sports Mgmt Major or by perm			
FILM	214	Basic Film Equipment	2	Co-req: FILM 250			
FILM	216	Basic Audio Technology	1		✓	✓	✓
FILM	218	Basic Editing: Premier	1				
FILM	221	Color Correction	1				
FILM	340	Production I: Filmmaking Fund.	5	Co-req: FILM 216	✓		
Total			3-5				
INTERNSHIP: 5 CREDITS							
Must be taken for at least 5 credits							
COM	490	Cooperative Education	1-12				
Total			5				
CAPSTONE: 1 CREDIT							
COM	489	Portfolio Assessment	1	COM Major & Sr Standing	✓	✓	✓
Total			1				
TOTAL PROGRAM CREDITS			62-66				