

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION

2026-27 catalog 4-year degree pathway

College of Arts and Humanities

Bachelor of Arts, Media and Journalism (Small Plan)

Requires a minor or second major

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)	
Total Quarter Credits		13	Total Quarter Credits		15	Total Quarter Credits	13

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

YEAR 4	Fall Quarter		Winter Quarter		Spring Quarter		
	MEDIA	COM 444 The Observer (3)	MEDIA	COM 446 PULSE Magazine (3)	COM 489	Portfolio Assessment (1)	
	UD Elective	Explore/minor (4)	K3 Option	Creative Expression (5)	Elective	Explore/minor (5)	
	UD Elective	Explore/minor (4)	UD Elective	Explore/minor (4)	UD Elective	Explore/minor (5)	
	Elective	Explore/minor (5)	UD Elective	Explore/minor (4)	Elective	Explore/minor (5)	
Total Quarter Credits		16	Total Quarter Credits		16	Total Quarter Credits	16
Total Credits						180	

*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 (Small Plan) - Requires Minor or Second Major							
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: 24 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 one 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>			✓
Total			4				
Student Media							
Take each at least once; must achieve 9 total credits							
COM	442	CentralNewsWatch	3-6				
COM	444	The Observer	3-6		✓	✓	✓
COM	446	Pulse magazine	3-6		✓	✓	✓
Total			9				
CAPSTONE: 1 CREDIT							
COM	489	Portfolio Assessment	1	<i>COM Major & Sr Standing</i>	✓	✓	✓
Total			1				
TOTAL PROGRAM CREDITS			47-49				