**Check List**

**Journalism and Mass Communications Department 2016**

**Major in Journalism and Mass Communications**

**General Education Requirements**

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| **Courses** | **Total Credits** |
| First Year Seminar I | 6 credits |
| Kyrgyz Language ( part of FYS I) | 2 credits |
| Russian Language ( part of FYS I) | 2 credits |
| Introduction to Philosophy I (Part of FYS) | 2 credits |
| First Year Seminar II | 8 credits |
| Manas Studies (part of FYS II) | 2 credits |
| Introduction to Philosophy II (Part of FYS) | 2 credits |
| Kyrgyz Language\*  (can count towards other requirement) | 6 credits |
| Russian Language\* (can count towards other requirement) | 6 credits |
| Introduction to Probability and Statistics (6 credits may overlap with major requirements; examples include Quantitative Research Methods and Statistics) / Computer Science\*\* | 6 credits |
| Mathematical and statistical methods (SPSS), (6 credits may overlap with major requirements; examples include Quantitative Research Methods and Statistics) / Computer Science\*\* | 6 credits |
| Natural Science (Ecology/Geography/ Geophysics/ History and Philosophy of Science/Concepts of Modern Sciences)/Second Year Seminar: Natural science\*\*\* | 6 credits |
| History of Kyrgyzstan (to be completed during sophomore year) | 4 credits |
| Social Sciences/Second Year Seminar: Social Sciences\*\*\*\* (outside from the student’s major) | 12 credits |
| Humanities/Second Year Seminar: Humanities | 12 credits |
| Arts/Second Year Seminar: Arts \*\*\*\*\* | 12 credits |
| Sports | 400 hours/0 credits |
| Total | 94 credits |

**\*** Student can take course from the list provided by Registrar’s office (such as literature, history, arts, humanities, major courses)

**\*\*** Students from ECO, EMSD (in LAS) and SFW should not take General Education Quantitative Reasoning (Mathematics) courses. They fulfill their requirements in this area as part of their program requirements.

The General Education Department will offer the following courses that fulfill the General Education Requirements in this area:

1. Introduction to Contemporary Mathematics I
2. Math for Life I
3. Introduction to Probability and Statistics
4. Introduction to Computer Programming
5. First year students in ANTH, ES, IBL, ICP, JMC, LAS, PSY and SOC departments who hope to transfer to BA, ECO Applied Math, or SFW should enroll in Introduction to Contemporary Mathematics I; in order to be eligible to transfer, they must receive a final grade of B+ or higher. Starting with the second semester of the 2015-16 year, this course will be open only to freshmen. For students who take this course and transfer successfully, this is the only required Gen Ed mathematics course. If not (and assuming they pass Introduction to Contemporary Mathematics I), they need to take one of the other courses listed above to fulfill their requirements at some point during their academic career.
6. Students from PSY and SOC, JMC, TCVA departments should take Introduction to Probability and Statistics during their freshman or sophomore year. In their junior year they will take a more advanced quantitative methods course (SPSS) that covers their second quantitative reasoning requirement.
7. Students from ANTH, ES, ICP, JMC, and LAS who do not intend to transfer to BA, ECO, Applied Math, or SFW should take two of the following three courses to fulfill their general education requirements in Mathematics over the course of their four years at AUCA: a) Math for Life I; b) Introduction to Probability and Statistics; c) Introduction to Computer Programming.

**\*\*\*** All students in their 2nd year must take 1 Second Year Seminar. This seminar substitutes for one required 6-credit course in either Humanities, Social Sciences, Arts or Natural Sciences.

**\*\*\*\*** Student has to choose 6 credits from the following list of Majors and LAS Concentrations:

1. Anthropology
2. Economics
3. European Studies
4. International and Business Law (Law)
5. International and Comparative Politics (International Relations)
6. Psychology
7. Sociology

**LAS Concentrations:**

1. Anthropology
2. Environmental Management and Sustainable Development
3. European Studies
4. International and Comparative Politics
5. Human Rights
6. Mass Communications
7. Mathematical Modelling in Natural and Social Sciences
8. Psychology
9. Sociology

\*\*\*\*\* Arts courses may overlap with Major, General Education or Elective requirements.

**Required Courses**

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| **Name of Course** | **Credits** | **Semester Taken** | **Prerequisites** |
| Intro to Mass Communications | **6** | Fall 2016 | none |
| Effective Storytelling for the Media (writing and textual analysis) | **6** | Spring 2017 | Russian Language |
| Mass Communications Theory I | **6** | Fall 2017 | Intro to Mass Communications |
| Newswriting Skills I | **6** | Fall 2017 | Intro to Mass Communications or FYS 100 |
| Research Methods in Social Sciences | **6** | Fall 2017 | Intro to Mass Communications |
| Mass Media Research Methods | **6** | Spring 2018 | Visual Communication/ Intro to Sociology or Intro to Mass Communications |
| Newswriting Skills II | **6** | Spring 2018 | Newswriting Skills I |
| Mass Communications Theory II | **6** | Spring 2018 | Mass Communications Theory I |
| Multimedia Skills I (Video/Audio) | **6** | Fall 2018 | Intro to Mass Communications |
| Advanced Reporting | **6** | Fall 2018 | Newswriting Skills I,  Newswriting Skills II |
| Mathematical and statistical methods (SPSS) | **6** | Spring 2019 | Introduction to Probability and Statistics |
| Multimedia Skills II (Video/Audio) | **6** | Spring 2019 | Multimedia Skills I (Video/Audio) |
| Visual Communication and Its Psychological Aspects | **6** | Spring 2019 | Intro to Mass Communications |
| Senior Thesis Seminar I | **6** | Fall 2019 | Mass Media Research Methods |
| Senior Thesis Seminar II | **6** | Spring 2020 | Senior Thesis I |
| Media Law and Ethics | **6** | Spring 2020 | Intro to Mass Communications |
| **Total:** | **90** |  |  |

Elective Courses (50 credits)

A student should complete one elective course (6 credits) from Journalism and Mass Communications major. 44 credits can be taken outside major.

All students should complete two internships (6 credits) at the relevant media organization during their sophomore and junior year.

**General Education Courses: 94**

**Major Required Courses: 90**

**Electives from major: 6**

**Electives outside major: 44**

**Internship: 6**

**Total: 240**

In order to graduate from AUCA a student must earn a minimum of 240 credits. These are credits major requirements (the number of credits varies within each department) and General Education requirements (these may differ from year to year).

**Suggested Order of Study**

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| First Year of Study | |
| **Fall (I semester)** | **Spring (II semester)** |
| Intro to Mass Communications (6)  First Year Seminar I (6)  Kyrgyz Language (Part of FYS I) (2)  Russian Language (Part of FYSI) (2)  Introduction to Philosophy I (Part of FYS) (2)  Intro to Probability and Statistics (6)  Sport (0)  Kyrgyz Language (6) | Effective Storytelling for the Media (RU) (6)  First Year Seminar II (8)  Manas Studies (Part of FYS II) (2)  Introduction to Philosophy II (Part of FYS II) (2)  Social Science (6)  Social Science (6)  Sport (0) |
| Second Year of Study | |
| **Fall (III semester)** | **Spring (IV semester)** |
| Mass Communication Theory I (6)  Newswriting Skills I (6)  Research Methods in Social Sciences (6)  Arts (6)  Humanities (6)  Sport (0) | Mass Media Research Methods (6 )  Newswriting Skills II (6)  Mass Communication Theory II (6)  Internship I (3)  Russian Language (6)  History of Kyrgyzstan (4)  Sport (0) |
| Third Year of Study | |
| **Fall (V semester)** | **Spring (VI semester)** |
| Multimedia Skills I (Video/Audio) (6)  Advanced Reporting (6)  Natural Sciences (6)  Arts (6)  Humanities (6) | Multimedia Skills II (Video/Audio) (6)  Statistical and Mathematical Methods (SPSS) (6)  Visual Communication and its psychological aspects (6)  Internship II (3)  Elective (6)  Elective (2) |
| Fourth Year of Study | |
| **Fall (VII semester)** | **Spring (VIII semester)** |
| Senior Thesis Seminar I (6)  Electives (24) | Senior Thesis Seminar II (6)  Media Law and Ethics (6)  Electives (18) |