

JOURNALISM

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Completed	Course	Title	Prerequisites	Notes	
[21 units] Communications Core Requirements					
	Required Core Courses: Take all three of these courses				
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM 233	Mass Communication in Modern Society (GE D.1)	none	"C" required	
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM 317	Digital Foundations	GE C.1 or C.2		
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM 407	Communications Law	COMM 233; jr.		
	Core Elective: Select one of the following courses				
<div><div></div><div></div></div>	COMM 300	Visual Communication (GE C [UD])	GE C.1 or C.2	"C" required	
	COMM 310	Mass Media Ethics	jr.		
	COMM 315	Mass Media and Diversity (GE D/Z* [UD], if taken F'20 or later)	GE D.1 or COMM 233		
	COMM 333	Mass Media Effects (GE D [UD])	GE D.1		
	COMM 410	Principles of Communications Research	COMM 233; jr.		
	COMM 422	Communications Technologies	COMM 233		
	COMM 426	Global Media Systems	COMM 233; jr.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM 480	Persuasive Communications	COMM 233; jr.		
	Principles Course: Take the following course				
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM 370	Principles and Ethics of Journalism (GE D.4 [UD]) (formerly 425)	GE D.1 (all mjrs) and pre- or co-req.: COMM 233 or 317 (COMM mjrs)		
	Capstone Course: Select one of the following courses				
<div><div></div><div></div></div>	COMM 471	Capstone - Daily Titan News [UDW] (http://dailytitan.com/)	COMM 325 or 372	"C" required to meet [UDW]; "C-" minimally req. to meet capstone req. (but "C-" will not meet [UDW])	
	COMM 472	Capstone - TV News	COMM 325 or 372	"C-" required; repeatable once for non-major credit	
	Internship Course: Take the following course				
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM 495T	Mass Media Internship (http://communications.fullerton.edu/internship) (Mandatory Internship Orientation required prior to enrollment; RSVP via website)	COMM 325 or 372; jr.; 2.25 GPAs: CSUF, major, CUM "CR/NC" grading repeatable once for non-major elec. credit (6 unit limit: total intern. units)		
[18 units] Journalism Concentration Requirements					
	Lower-Division Concentration Courses: Take all three of these courses				
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM 101	Writing for the Mass Media	(Take COMM 101 as early as possible)	ENGL 101	
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM 201	Digital Reporting and Writing	(COMM 201 and COMM 202 are suggested to be taken concurrently)	COMM 101	
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM 202	Digital Reporting and Production		COMM 101	
	Upper-Division Concentration Course: Select one of the following courses				
<div><div></div><div></div></div>	COMM 325	Multimedia Journalism (may only count once toward major reqs.)	COMM 201 and 202	"C" required	
	COMM 372	TV News Production (may only count once toward major reqs.)	COMM 201 and 202	"C" required	
	Journalism Electives: Select two of the following courses				
<div>Note: students taking COMM 472 to meet the capstone requirement must choose at least one [UDW]-designated elective ("C" required).</div> <div><div></div><div></div></div>	Upper Division Writing Requirement: All students must complete at least one [UDW] course with a "C" or higher				
	COMM 304	Spanish Language TV News ^ (Al Dia: https://tinyurl.com/COMM-Al-Dia)	GE D.1	^ added F'21	
	COMM 331	News Literacy	COMM 233		
	COMM 332	Social Media, Editing and Design	pre- or co-req.: COMM 201 and 317		
	COMM 334	Feature Article Writing [UDW]	COMM 101		
	COMM 335	Public Affairs Reporting [UDW]	COMM 201		
	COMM 336	Sports Broadcast Journalism ^	GE D.1	^ added F'21	
	COMM 377	Radio-Audio News [UDW]	GE A.1		
	COMM 380	Interactive Media Design (*see note)	COMM 317	*through S'21 catalog year	
	COMM 432	TV Newsmagazine ^	COMM 304 or 372	^ added F'21	
	COMM 434	Magazine Editing and Production	COMM 201 or 362	repeatable once for credit	
	COMM 435	Opinion Writing [UDW]	ENGL 101; jr.		
	COMM 436	Reporting on the Entertainment Industry [UDW]	COMM 201 or 202		
	COMM 437	Advanced Magazine Writing	COMM 334		
	COMM 438T	Specialized Reporting [UDW]	COMM 201 or 202 or consent	repeatable once with a different topic	
	COMM 441	Sports Reporting ^	COMM 201	^ added F'21	
		COMM 325 or 372 may be taken as may be taken as a journalism elective if the "325 or 372" requirement is fulfilled with the other course (for F'18 -- S'21 catalog years).			
	[= 39 units] 13 Total Communications Courses				
	[+ 72 units] Courses outside of Communications (72 units must be completed outside the areas of the 'COMM' department, including non-major GE, collaterals, minor/second major, and/or free electives.)				
	[+ 9 units] Additional COMM Courses to Earn 120 Minimum Units (Up to 9 units of additional COMM department coursework [beyond the 39 COMM units required for the major] may be taken as free electives to count toward the 120 minimum units required. Students are strongly encouraged to consider additional COMM coursework to further their development as media professionals and to enhance their digital media skills. [These units may be chosen from any department, however.])				
[= 120 units] Minimum Units Required for the B.A. Degree (Review your TDA and visit the College of Communications Student Success Center [CP-210; http://communications.fullerton.edu/advising/] to confirm overall unit requirements for graduation and TDA accuracy.)					

Note: students taking COMM 472 to meet the capstone requirement must choose at least one [UDW]-designated elective ("C" required).

[12 units] COLLATERAL REQUIREMENT

To enhance learning, all communications majors must complete at least 12 units of supplementary, upper-division courses.

You may complete this 'collateral requirement' in ONE of the following ways:

- **Option 1: Collateral Courses:** Select four courses (12 units) from the below list of approved collateral courses; **select ANY four courses from ANY category**
- **Option 2: Minor or Double Major:** Completion of a minor or double major in any **OTHER department** (COMM majors cannot minor in advertising, journalism or PR)
- **Option 3: Certificate:** Completion of one of these certificates: 1) Digital Communications Media; 2) Photocommunications; 3) Radio-Audio; 4) Sports Media

Collateral Course List: Select any four courses

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'GE' column: denotes courses that double-count with GE reqs. (subject to change; double-check GE statuses on the GE website)

Fall 2018–Spring 2019 catalog years: GE C (UD) meets upper-division **GE C.4**; for **Fall 2019–later catalog years: GE C (UD)** meets upper-division **GE C.3**

Fall 2018–Spring 2021 catalog years: GE D (UD) meets upper-division **GE D.4**; for **Fall 2021–later catalog years: GE D (UD)** meets upper-division **GE D.3**

Prerequisites: these are indicated in parentheses () next to the course title (subject to change; double-check [Titan Online class schedule](#) for currently enforced prerequisites)

Collateral Courses Approved for the Journalism Concentration

Course	Title	GE	Course	Title	GE
AMST 377	Prejudice and American Culture (prereq.: GE D.1)		PHYS 301	Energy and Sustainability (prereq.: GE B.1)	GE B.5 (UD)
AMST 405	Images of Crime & Violence in American Culture (prereq.: GE D.2)		POSC 310	Political Behavior (POSC 100)	GE D (UD)
AMST 445	Cold War and American Culture (prereq.: GE D.2 or POSC 100)		POSC 315	Introduction to Public Policy (prereq.: GE D.1 and POSC 100)	GE D (UD)
AMST 488	Race, Sex and American Urban Culture (prereq.: GE D.2 or POSC 100)		POSC 340	Political Philosophy (prereq.: POSC 100 or HONR 201B)	GE C (UD)
CAS 360	Adolescents and the Media (prereq.: GE D.1)	GE E	POSC 350	International Relations (POSC 100)	GE D (UD)
CRJU 455	Gangs and the Criminal Justice System (CRJU 300)		POSC 352	American Foreign Policy (prereq.: GE D.1 and POSC 100)	GE D (UD)
ECON 330	Comparative Economic Systems (ECON 100, 201 or 202)	GE D (UD)	POSC 375	Law, Politics and Society (prereq.: GE D.1 and POSC 100)	GE D (UD)
ECON 335	The International Economy (ECON 100, 201 or 202)	GE D (UD)	POSC 405	Campaigns and Elections (POSC 100 or HONR 201B)	
ECON 350	American Economic History (ECON 100, 201 or 202)	GE D (UD)	POSC 410	Political Parties (POSC 100 or HONR 201B)	
ECON 361	Urban Economics (ECON 100 or 201)		POSC 451T	Problems in International Politics (POSC 100 or HONR 201B)	
ENGL 300	Analysis of Literary Forms		POSC 461	The United Nations and International Organizations (POSC 100)	
ENGL/LING 305	The English Language in America		POSC 473	Constitutional Law (POSC 100 or HONR 201B)	
HCOM 330	Rhetoric of Popular Culture		PUBH 321	Drugs and Society (prereq.: non-frosh and GE D.1) if taken F'25-later: GE D (UD)	
HIST 479A	The Urbanization of American Life (prereq.: GE D.1 or D.2)		PUBH 415	Environmental Health (PUBH 320 or PUBH minor)	
HIST 480D	United States Foreign Relations (HIST 170B, 180)		RLST 306	Contemporary Practices of the World's Religions	GE E
HIST 481B	American Legal and Constitutional History (prereq.: GE D.1 or D.2)		RLST/POSC 381	Religion and Politics in the United States (prereq.: GE D.1)	GE D (UD)
HIST 486	U. S. Cultural History (prereq.: GE C.1, C.2, UD D, POSC 100 or HONR 201B)		SOCI 341	Social Interaction (prereq.: GE D.1)	GE E
PHIL 301	History of Philosophy: Kant and 19th Century (PHIL 300)		SOCI 410	Theories of Social Behavior (SOCI 101 or jr. standing)	
PHIL 345	Social and Political Philosophy (3 units of a PHIL course)				

Additional Collateral Courses Approved for ALL Concentrations (Including Journalism)

AFAM 335	History of Racism (prereq.: GE D.1)	GE D/Z* (UD)	HCOM 313	Interpersonal Communication Theory	
AMST 300	Introduction to American Popular Culture (prereq.: GE D.1)	GE D (UD)	HCOM 320	Intercultural Communication	GE D/Z* (UD)
AMST 301	American Experiences (prereq.: GE D.1)	GE D/Z* (UD)	HCOM 321	Latina/o Intercultural Communication (HCOM 100 or 102)	
AMST 324	American Immigrant Cultures (prereq.: C.1 or C.2) If taken F'20-later: GE C/Z* (UD)		HCOM 324	Communicating in Teams and Groups	
AMST 345	The American Dream (prereq.: C.1 or C.2) If taken F'21-later: GE C/Z* (UD)		HCOM 325	Interviewing: Principles and Practices	
AMST 395	California Cultures (prereq.: GE D.1)	GE D/Z* (UD)	HCOM 332	Processes of Social Influence	
ASAM/PSYC 346	Asian American Psychology (prereq.: GE D.1)	GE D/Z* (UD)	HCOM 333	Communication in Business and the Professions	
ASAM 360	Multiple Heritage Asian American & Pac Islanders (prereq.: GE D.1)	GE D/Z* (UD)	HCOM 334	Persuasive Speaking (HCOM 100 or 102)	
CHIC 303	Chicano/Mexican Cultures (prereq.: GE D.1)	GE D/Z* (UD)	HCOM/LING 360	Nonverbal Communication (HCOM 100 or LING 106)	
CPSC 313	The Computer Impact (prereq.: GE B.4 & jr.) <i>offered summers only</i>	GE B.5 (UD)	KNES/PUBH 342	Stress Management (prereq.: sophomore standing or above)	GE E
CTVA 300	Language of Film		PHIL 312	Business and Professional Ethics (jr. standing)	GE C (UD)
CTVA 301	Critical Studies: Cinema		POSC 300	California Government and Politics (POSC 100)	GE D (UD)
CTVA 302	Critical Studies: Television		POSC 448	Media and Politics (POSC 100)	
CTVA 350	Story Structure (ENGL 101)		POSC/WGST 485	Women, Gender and Politics (POSC 100)	GE D (UD)
CTVA 362	Media Literacy (prereq.: GE C.1 or C.2)	GE E	PSYC 351	Social Psychology (PSYC 101)	GE D (UD)
CTVA 480	Management in CTVA (CTVA 100)		PUBH 325	Consumer Health (prereq.: non-frosh and GE A.1 or A.2)	
ENGL 301	Advanced College Writing (ENGL 101)		RLST 400	Religion, Media & Contemp. Culture (AMST 201, COMM 233, HIST 180, RLST 105 or 110)	
ENGL 303	The Structure of Modern English (jr. standing)		SOCI 345	Sociology of Communication (prereq.: GE D.1)	
FIN 310	Personal Financial Management (prereq.: GE B.4) If taken F'18 or later: GE B.5 (UD)		SPAN 303	Writing for Hispanic Media (SPAN 301)	
GSS 420	Queer Theory (prereq.: GE C.1 or UD D) [was 'WGST 420' before F'25]		SPAN 405	Spanish Editorial Convergence Model (SPAN 301)	

IMPORTANT ADVISING NOTES

- **COMM 325, 372, 471 and 472 may only count ONCE** toward fulfilling major requirements | "jr.": junior standing (60+ units) | "sr.": senior standing (90+ units)
- **[UDW]:** at least one UDW course must be passed with a "C" or higher to satisfy the university's upper-division baccalaureate writing requirement.
- **COMM major and collateral courses that are approved GE courses may "double-count" to fulfill both requirements** (you will not earn double the units, however).
- **Student may need to be a declared COMM major to enroll in select COMM courses:** check the "Enrollment Requirements" description in the course details on Titan Online.
- **"C" REQUIREMENT:** Students must earn an overall GPA of 2.0 or better in the major, as well as a "C" or better in 1) major courses that are prerequisites for other major courses taken, 2) one [UDW] course, and 3) courses noted as "C" required" on the checklist; a "C minus [C-]" will not fulfill a "C" required" designated course.
- **GE and Major Academic Advisement:** [College of Communications Student Success Center](#) (CP-210): professional staff academic advisement for GE, major, overall degree requirements; TDA reviews, class registration assistance/permits, university policies, academic probation holds, graduation check approvals. For hours of operation, visit <http://communications.fullerton.edu/advising/>. Faculty Advisement: faculty office hours available online and in the communications department (CP-400).