

JOURNALISM

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Completed	Course	Title	Prerequisites	Notes
[24 units] Communications Core Requirements				
Required Core Courses: Take all six of these courses (18 units)				
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM 233	Mass Communication in Modern Society (GE 4.A)	none	"C" required
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM 101	Writing for Mass Media (Take COMM 101 as early as possible)	ENGL 101 (GE 1.A)	"C" required
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM 317	Digital Foundations	GE 3.A or 3.B	
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM 407	Communications Law	COMM 233; jr.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM 410	Principles of Communication Research	COMM 233; jr.	
Internship Course (part of the "Required Core" courses): Take the following course (start planning 6-12 months ahead)				
<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)	
Core Elective: Select two of the following courses (6 units)				
	COMM 300	Visual Communication (UD GE 3.U)	GE 3.A or 3.B	"C" required
	COMM 310	Mass Media Ethics	jr.	
	COMM 315	Mass Media and Diversity (UD GE 4.U/Z*, if taken F'20 or later)	GE 4.A or COMM 233	
	COMM 328	Global Media (formerly COMM 426, 'Global Media Systems' prior to F'24)	jr.	
	COMM 333	Mass Media Effects (UD GE 4.U)	GE 4.A	
	COMM 339	Politics in the Mediasphere	none	
	COMM 380	Interactive Media Design	COMM 317	
	COMM 422	Communications Technologies	COMM 233	
	COMM 480	Persuasive Communications	COMM 233; jr.	
[21 units] Journalism Concentration Requirements				
Lower-Division Concentration Courses: Take both of these courses (6 units)				
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM 201	Digital Reporting and Writing (COMM 201 and COMM 202 are advised to be taken concurrently)	COMM 101	"C" required
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM 202	Digital Reporting and Production	COMM 101	"C" required
Upper-Division Concentration Course: Select one of the following courses (3 units)				
	COMM 325	Multimedia Journalism	COMM 201 and 202	"C" required
	COMM 372	TV News Production	COMM 201 and 202	"C" required
Principles Course: Take the following course (3 units)				
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM 370	Principles and Ethics of Journalism (UD GE 4.U) (formerly 'Principles and History of American Mass Communication' prior to F'25)	GE 4.A (all mjrs) and pre- or co-req.: COMM 233 or 317 (COMM mjrs)	
Capstone Course: Select one of the following courses (3 units)				
	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
Journalism Electives: Select two of the following courses, with at least one from "Jour. UD Writing" (6 units)				
Journalism Upper-Division (UD) Writing Elective: All students must complete at least one [UDW] course with a "C" or higher				
	COMM 334	Feature Article Writing [UDW]	COMM 101	
	COMM 335	Public Affairs Reporting [UDW]	COMM 201	
	COMM 435	Opinion Writing [UDW]	ENGL 101 (GE 1.A); jr.	
	COMM 436	Reporting on the Entertainment Industry [UDW]	COMM 201 or 202	
	COMM 438T	Specialized Reporting [UDW]	COMM 201 or 202	repeatable once with a different topic
	Journalism Elective: Take no more than one course from this section; however, if you take TWO "Jour. UD Writing" electives above, this is not required			
	COMM 331	News Literacy	COMM 233	
	COMM 332	Editing and Design	pre- or co-req.: COMM 201 and 317	
	COMM 336	Sports Broadcast Journalism	GE 4.A	
	COMM 432	TV Newsmagazine	COMM 304 or 372	
	COMM 434	Magazine Editing and Production	COMM 201 or 362	repeatable once (as of F'25)
	COMM 441	Sports Reporting	COMM 201	

[= 45 units] 15 Total Communications Courses

[120 units] Minimum Units Required for the B.A. Degree

In addition to the major, GE and collateral requirements, free electives to earn 120 units may be required. Review your TDA and visit the College of Communications Student Success Center [CP-210; <http://communications.fullerton.edu/advising/>] to confirm unit requirements for graduation and TDA accuracy.

[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

Option 1: Collateral Courses: Select any four courses

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'GE' column: courses that double-count with GE reqs. (subject to change; check GE statuses: <https://www.fullerton.edu/general-education/student-info/approved-courses.html#box2>)
 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 4.A)		PHYS 301	Energy and Sustainability (prereq.: GE 5.A)	UD GE 5.U
AMST 405	Images of Crime & Violence in American Culture (prereq.: GE 4.B [Am. Hist.])		POSC 310	Political Behavior (POSC 100)	UD GE 4.U
AMST 445	Cold War and American Culture (prereq.: GE 4.B [Am. Hist.] or POSC 100)		POSC 315	Introduction to Public Policy (prereq.: GE 4.A and POSC 100)	UD GE 4.U
AMST 488	Race, Sex and American Urban Culture (prereq.: GE 4.B [Am. Hist.] or POSC 100)		POSC 340	Political Philosophy (POSC 100 or HONR 201B)	UD GE 3.U
CAS 360	Adolescents and the Media (prereq.: GE 4.A)		POSC 350	International Relations (POSC 100)	UD GE 4.U
CRJU 455	Gangs and the Criminal Justice System (CRJU 300)		POSC 352	American Foreign Policy (prereq.: POSC 100)	UD GE 4.U
ECON 330	Comparative Economic Systems (ECON 100; or ECON 201, 202)	UD GE 4.U	POSC 375	Law, Politics and Society (prereq.: GE 4.A and POSC 100)	UD GE 4.U
ECON 335	The International Economy (ECON 100; or ECON 201, 202)	UD GE 4.U	POSC 405	Campaigns and Elections (POSC 100 or HONR 201B)	
ECON 350	American Economic History (ECON 100, 201 or 202)	UD GE 4.U	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 4.A) If taken F'25-later: UD GE 4.U	
HIST 479A	The Urbanization of American Life (prereq.: GE 4.A or 4.B [Am. Hist.])		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	
HIST 481B	History of California (prereq.: GE 4.A or 4.B [Am. Hist.])		RLST/POSC 381	Religion and Politics in the United States (prereq.: GE 4.A)	UD GE 4.U
HIST 486	U. S. Cultural History (prereq.: GE 3.A, 3.B, 4.B, 4.U, POSC 100 or HONR 201B)		SOCI 341	Social Interaction (prereq.: GE 4.A)	
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 4.A)	UD GE 4.U/Z*	HCOM 313	Interpersonal Communication Theory	
AMST 300	Introduction to American Popular Culture (prereq.: GE 4.A)	UD GE 4.U	HCOM 320	Intercultural Communication	UD GE 4.U/Z*
AMST 301	American Experiences [was 'American Character'] (prereq.: GE 4.A)	UD GE 4.U/Z*	HCOM 321	Latina/o Intercultural Communication (HCOM 100 or 102)	
AMST 324	American Immigrant Cultures (prereq.: 3.A or 3.B) If taken F'20-later: UD GE 3.U/Z*		HCOM 324	Communicating in Teams and Groups	
AMST 345	The American Dream (prereq.: GE 3.A or 3.B) If taken F'21-later: UD GE 3.U/Z*		HCOM 325	Interviewing: Principles and Practices	
AMST 395	California Cultures (prereq.: GE 4.A)	UD GE 4.U/Z*	HCOM 332	Processes of Social Influence	
ASAM/PSYC 346	Asian American Psychology (prereq.: GE 4.A)	UD GE 4.U/Z*	HCOM 333	Communication in Business and the Professions	
ASAM 360	Multiple Heritage Asian American & Pac Islanders (prereq.: GE 4.A)	UD GE 4.U/Z*	HCOM 334	Persuasive Speaking (HCOM 100 or 102)	
CHIC 303	Chicano/Mexican Cultures (prereq.: GE 4.A)	UD GE 4.U/Z*	HCOM/LING 360	Nonverbal Communication (HCOM 100 or LING 106)	
CPSC 313	The Computer Impact (prereq.: GE 2.A & jr.) <i>offered summers only</i>	UD GE 2.U	KNES/PUBH 342	Stress Management (sophomore standing or above)	
CTVA 300	Language of Film		PHIL 312	Business and Professional Ethics (jr. standing)	UD GE 3.U
CTVA 301	Critical Studies: Cinema		POSC 300	California Government and Politics (POSC 100 or HONR 201B)	UD GE 4.U
CTVA 302	Critical Studies: Television		POSC 448	Media and Politics (POSC 100 or HONR 201B)	
CTVA 350	Story Structure (ENGL 101)		POSC/GSS 485	Women, Gender and Politics (POSC 100 or HONR 201B)	UD GE 4.U
CTVA 362	Media Literacy (prereq.: GE 3.A or 3.B)		PSYC 351	Social Psychology (PSYC 101)	UD GE 4.U
CTVA 480	Management in CTVA (CTVA 100)		PUBH 325	Consumer Health (prereq.: non-frosh and GE 1.A or 1.C)	
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		SOCI 345	Sociology of Communication (prereq.: GE 4.A)	
FIN 310	Personal Financial Management (prereq.: GE 2.A) If taken F'18 or later: UD GE 2.U		SPAN 303	Writing for Hispanic Media (SPAN 301)	
GSS 420	Queer Theory (prereq.: GE 3.B or 4.U) [was 'WGST' 320 before F'25]		SPAN 405	Spanish Editorial Convergence Model (SPAN 301)	

IMPORTANT ADVISING NOTES

- "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).
- **COMM courses may NOT double-count toward COMM major and COMM certificate requirements;** consult with a College of Communications Student Success Center advisor.
- **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 notice 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).