

ACADEMIC ROADMAP

Media Production, B.A.

Effective Fall 2024

Here is a recommended semester-by-semester schedule for students. It includes both courses required for this major and general-education requirements. This is only a guide. Students should meet with their academic advisers to determine how best to satisfy degree requirements. By following this schedule, students who begin as Communication majors can expect to graduate within eight semesters if they wish. Students who transfer later into the department should expect a minimum of four semesters after they have completed the 100- and 200-level core requirements. Students should take five courses per semester in order to stay on track to graduate in four years.

Freshman Year (30 credits)

FIRST SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Media Literacy	COM 100	
Intro to Oral Communication	SPC 205	
College Writing I	CWP 101	
GE 23 Core Course/ All College Elective		
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SECOND SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Intro to Visual Storytelling or Intro to Visual Communication	COM 212 or COM 215	
College Writing II	CWP 102	
GE 23 Core Course/ All College Elective		
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Notes and recommendations: Attend at least one faculty office hour; visit Academic Commons (Math & Writing Centers, tutoring); view your degree audit sheet in Degree Works.

Sophomore Year (60 credits)

THIRD SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Intro to Media Writing	COM 210	CWP 102 and COM 100 or SPC 103
GE 23 Core Course/ All College Elective		
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FOURTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Writing for Broadcast	COM 304	CWP 102, COM 210 or TFA 201
Basic Media Production	COM 312	COM 212 or COM 215 or TFA 201
GE 23 Core Course/ All College Elective		
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Notes and recommendations:

Form a study group; consider enrolling in a minor or certificate program.

Junior Year (90 credits)**FIFTH SEMESTER**

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Intermediate Post Production	COM 328	COM 312
Media Management, Film Analysis, Media Criticism, or Documentary Analysis	COM 317, SPC 326, SPC 422, or SPC 426	For COM 317 Media Management: Sophomore standing, COM 100, and COM 210 For SPC 326 Film Analysis, SPC 422 Media Criticism, and SPC 426 Documentary Film Analysis: Sophomore standing
GE 23 Core Course/ All College Elective		
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SIXTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Intermediate Video Production	COM 329	COM 312
COM/SPC Elective 1 at 300 or 400 level		TBD
GE 23 Core Course/ All College Elective		
GE 23 Core Course/ All College Elective		
GE 23 Core Course/ All College Elective		

Notes and recommendations:

Visit the Career Development Center; talk to your faculty advisor about graduate school options.

Senior Year (120 credits)**SEVENTH SEMESTER**

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Advanced Production Course 1		
COM/SPC Elective 2 at 300 or 400 level		TBD
GE 23 Core Course/ All College Elective		
GE 23 Core Course/ All College Elective		
GE 23 Core Course/ All College Elective		

EIGHTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Advanced Production Course 2		
Communication & Society	COM 450	COM 100 or SPC 103, SPC 205, COM 210, COM 212 or COM 215, completion of 21 upper division COM/SPC courses
GE 23 Core Course/ All College Elective		
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Notes and recommendations:

Apply for graduation; apply to graduate school, if applicable; visit the Career Development Center to have your resume reviewed.