



MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY™

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION

Arts & Sciences Requirements

English

- EN 1103 English Comp I
- EN 1113 English Comp II

CO majors must complete EN 1103 English Composition I and EN 1113 English Composition II with a grade of "C" or better.

Students with an ACT English sub-score of 28+ may take Accelerated English Composition II and with a grade of "C" or better earn credit for both English Composition classes. See your advisor or student handbook for more information.

Foreign Language

- FL 1113 Foreign Language I
- FL 1123 Foreign Language II
- FL 2133 Foreign Language III

Students must complete the third level of a foreign language. The first two levels can count as general electives. Only the third level of a foreign language will satisfy this requirement.

Math

- MA 1313 College Algebra
- Second Math at a higher level

Students with an 18 or lower on the Math section of the ACT must first take MA 0103 Intermediate Algebra. The MSU Math Department requires a C or better in College Algebra to enroll in a higher-level math. Most students choose MA 1323 Trigonometry or MA 2113 Statistics as their second math.

Students with an ACT Math sub-score of 24+ may take one Math class to satisfy the entire requirement. See your advisor or student handbook for more information.

Science

- Biological Science with lab
- Physical Science
- Physical Science lab **Must correspond with class.*
- Third Science **Lab not required.*

All science courses must be chosen from the Arts & Sciences core classes as listed on your CAPP report. A list of core Science classes can also be found in your student handbook.

Humanities

- History
- Literature
- Philosophy
- Humanities elective
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The required History and Literature courses must be chosen from the Arts & Sciences core classes as listed on your CAPP report. A list of core History and Literature courses can also be found in your student handbook. The nine hours of Humanities electives must cover at least two areas of study. A list of subjects that count as Humanities can be found in your student handbook and on your CAPP report.

**Students may need to take some of their Humanities and/or Social Science electives at the 3000-4000 level to satisfy Arts & Sciences Upper Division requirements. See the handout for your specific concentration area for more information.*

Social Sciences

- GR 1123 Intro to World Geography
- PSY 1013 General Psychology
- SO 1003 Intro to Sociology
- Social Science elective
- Social Science elective

Students may only count 6 hours of credit in one subject area toward the Social Science requirements. Additionally, a student can count either EC 2113 Macroeconomics or EC 2123 Microeconomics toward the Social Science requirements but not both. A list of subjects that count as Social Sciences can be found in your student handbook and on your CAPP report.

Note: To graduate, a student must earn 124 hours overall. Most of these hours are met with required Arts & Sciences classes and required Communication classes. Students will need to earn some general elective hours to reach 124 hours total. See your advisor for more information.



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Broadcast and Digital Journalism Requirements

All Communication students must take:

- CO 1003 Fundamentals of Public Speaking
- CO 1223 Introduction to Communication Theory
- CO 1403 Introduction to Mass Media
- CO 1503 Introduction to Theatre *See your advisor if another Fine Art was taken before becoming a CO major.

Additionally, the following classes are required for Broadcast and Digital Journalism students:

- CO 2333 Television Production
- CO 2413 Introduction to News Writing and Reporting
- CO 3313 Writing for Electronic Media
- CO 3333 Advanced TV Production
- CO 3403 Photographic Communication
- CO 3713 Digital Communication
- CO 4313 Mass Media Law
- CO 4343 Backpack Video Journalism
- CO 4394 Broadcast Capstone
- CO 4403 Journalism Ethics
- CO 4713 Digital Communication II
- CO Upper Division Elective

General Electives:

- General Elective
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- General Elective

To graduate, a student must earn 124 hours overall. Most of these hours are met with required Arts & Sciences and Communication courses. However, to reach 124 hours total, Broadcast and Digital Journalism students typically must earn 15-18 hours of general elective credit. The first two levels of a foreign language will count as six of these hours. Additional hours may come from Science labs. See your advisor for more information.

Upper Division Hours:

Upper Division classes are labeled at the 3000-4000 level. Students are required to take 31 upper division hours in the College of Arts & Sciences in residence at MSU. The Broadcast and Digital Journalism curriculum provides 31 hours of upper division credit, thus meeting the Arts & Sciences Upper Division Hours requirement.

Prerequisites and Class Order:

CO 2333 TV Production must be completed with a grade of "C" or better before a student attempts CO 3333 Advanced TV Production. CO 2413 Introduction to News Writing and Reporting must be completed with a grade of "C" or better and the GSP exam must be passed before a student attempts CO 3313 Writing for the Electronic Media. Both CO 3333 Advanced TV Production and CO 3313 Writing for the Electronic Media, as well as CO 4343 Backpack Video Journalism, must be completed with a grade of "C" or better before a student attempts CO 4394 Broadcast Capstone. Students should plan to take CO 4403 Journalism Ethics and CO 4313 Mass Media Law before or concurrently with CO 4394 Broadcast Capstone.