



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
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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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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 Journalism students:

- CO 2413 Introduction to News Writing and Reporting
- CO 2423 News Editing & Typography
- CO 3403 Photographic Communication
- CO 3423 Feature Writing
- CO 3443 Advanced News Writing
- CO 4313 Mass Media Law
- CO 4403 Journalism Ethics
- CO Upper Division Elective
- CO Upper Division Elective
- CO Upper Division Elective
- CO Elective (upper division suggested)

General Electives:

- General Elective
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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, Journalism students typically must earn 19-22 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. The Journalism curriculum provides 24-27 hours of upper division credit, depending on the fourth CO elective chosen. The additional 4-7 hours needed may be earned by taking A&S upper division courses as Humanities electives, Social Science electives and/or general electives.

Prerequisites and Class Order:

EN 1103 English Composition I and EN 1113 English Composition II must be completed with a grade of "C" or better and the departmental GSP exam must be passed before a student attempts CO 2413 Introduction to News Writing and Reporting. Additionally, CO 2413 Introduction to News Writing and Reporting must be completed with a grade of "C" or better before a student attempts CO 2423 News Editing & Typography, CO 3423 Feature Writing or CO 3443 Advanced News Writing.