

**Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communication and Media Studies**  
**Freshman Curriculum Planning Guide and Four-Year Plan**  
**Fayetteville State University**  
**2026-2027**

University College Core Curriculum (38 Credits)	Course	Cr.	Term	Grade
<b>Transitional Studies – University Studies (2 Credits)<sup>1</sup></b> <i>Select one option from (UNIV 101/102) or UNIV 110 or UNIV 111 or UNIV 112</i>		1		
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<b>Transitional Studies – Life Skills (2 Credits)</b> <i>Select two credits from the following: ENTR 100 or FINC 100 or GEOG 110 or HEED 112 or HEED 113 or PEDU 101 or PEDU 107 or PEDU 112 or PEDU 120 or PEDU 122 or PEDU 130 or PEDU 132 or PEDU 140</i>		2		
<b>Communication Skills – Written Communication (3 Credits) – ENGL 110</b>		3		
<b>Information Literacy (3 Credits) – ENGL 120</b>		3		
<b>Communication Skills – Oral Communication (3 Credits) Select one from the following: SPEE 200</b>		3		
<b>Reasoning Skills – Critical Thinking (3 Credits)<sup>2</sup></b> <i>Select one from the following: PHIL 110 or PHIL 220</i>		3		
<b>Reasoning Skills – Quantitative Reasoning (3 Credits)<sup>3</sup></b> <i>Select one from the following: MATH 123 or MATH 126 or MATH 128 or MATH 129 or MATH 130 or MATH 131 or POLI 240 or STAT 202</i>		3		
<b>Scientific Literacy – Natural Sciences (7 Credits)<sup>4</sup></b> <i>Select from the following: ASTR 101/101L or ASTR 102/102L or ASTR 213 or ASTR 214 or BIOL 111/111L or BIOL 131/BIOL 131L or BIOL 150/150L or BIOL 160/160L or CHEM 105/105L or CHEM 106/106L or CHEM 141/141L or CHEM 161/161L or ENEC 201/201L or ENEC 202/202L or GEOG 200 or NSCI 111/111L or NSCI 121/121L or PHYS 115 or PHYS 116 or PHYS 125/125L or PHYS 126/126L</i>		4		
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<b>Scientific Literacy – Social Sciences (3 credits) - Select one from the following: CRJC 210 or ECON 211 or ECON 212 or GEOG 210 or HIST 212 or HIST 271 or POLI 200 POLI 210 OR POLI 220 or ENEC 270/POLI 270 or PSYCH 210 or SOCIO 210</b>		3		
<b>Humanities and Creative Arts (3 Credits)</b> <i>Select one from the following: ART 210 or COMM 220 or ENGL 220 or ENGL 223 or ENGL 240 or ENGL 250 or ENGL 253 or HIST 210 or HUMN 211 or HUMN 212 or HUMN 213 or HUMN 215 or HUMN 216 or HUMN 217 or MUSI 210 or MUSI 225 or MUSI 260 or PHIL 210 or PHIL 230 or RELI 215 or THEA 203</i>		3		
<b>Global Literacy (3 Credits)<sup>5</sup></b> <i>Select one from the following: ANTH 210 or ART 150 or ART 215 or BADM 210 or CHIN 110 or CHIN 120 or ENGL 211 or ENGL 212 or FREN 110 or FREN 120 or GEOG 220 or HIST 110 or HIST 120 or HIST 270 or PHIL 211 or POLI 230 or SOCI 150 or SPAN 110 or SPAN 112 or SPAN 120 or SPAN 122 or SPAN 211 or THEA 242 or YORU 110 or YORU 120</i>		3		
<b>Ethics and Civic Engagement<sup>2</sup> (3 Credits)</b> <i>Select three credits from the following: BADM 220 or CRJC 203 or EDUC 211 or ENEC 210 or ENGL 225 or ENGL 232 or ENGL 233 or (ETCE 101/102/103) or ETCE 200 or GEOG 270 or HCM 200 or HIST 211 or PHIL 120 or PHIL 212 or PHIL 250 or PNUR 210 or POLI 150 or SPTM 210 or SWRK 220</i>		3		
<b>Foundations of American Democracy<sup>2</sup></b> <i>Select three credits from the following: BADM 220 or ENGL 111 or HCM 200 or HIST 211 or HIST 212 or HUMN 216 or HUMN 217 or PHIL 230 or POLI 150 or POLI 210</i> <b>The course selected <u>must</u> also be used to satisfy another Core requirement. The credits count only once.</b>		0		

**Notes**

- 1 UNIV 101-UNIV 102 required for all first-time students; UNIV 110 required for transfer students with fewer than 30 transfer credits. Students do not earn credit if the requirement is waived. UNIV 111 may be required based on academic performance
- 2 Not required for students with 60+ transfer credits. Students do not earn credit if requirement is waived
- 3 MATH 121 may be required based on profile scores. Some core courses require a one-hour lab.
- 4 At least one natural science class must include its associated lab. Some majors require two lab sciences, increasing requirement to 8 credits
- 5 Not required for students with 30 or more transfer credits from a foreign institution. Students do not earn credit if the requirement is waived.

<b>Communication and Media Studies Program Requirements (82 Credits)</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Cr.</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Grade</b>
<b>Communication and Media Studies Core Courses (18 Credits)</b> <i>COMM 201, COMM 205, COMM 210, COMM 250, COMM 260, COMM 332, COMM 395, COMM 410, COMM 470, COMM 490</i>	COMM 201 x 3	1 x 3		
	COMM 205	3		
	COMM 210	3		
	COMM 395	3		
	COMM 410	3		
	COMM 490	3		
<b>Communication and Media Studies Seminar Course (3 credits)</b> <b>Select from:</b> <i>COMM 332 and COMM 450</i>		3		
<b>Communication and Media Studies Skills Courses (6 credits)</b> <b>Select from:</b> <i>COMM 230, COMM 235, COMM 245, COMM 250, COMM 255, COMM 265, COMM 275, COMM 295, COMM 300, COMM 311, COMM 330, COMM 355, COMM 365, COMM 401</i>		3		
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<b>Major Elective Courses (18 Credits)</b>  18 hour of COMM courses not required elsewhere. This would be SIX (6) courses.		3		
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<b>Minor or Free Electives (28 Credits)</b>		3		
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<b>Foreign Language Sequence (6 Credits) <b>Grade of C or higher required</b></b>  <b>Select from:</b> <i>CHIN 110 and CHIN 120 or FREN 110 and FREN 120 or SPAN 110 and SPAN 120 or SPAN 112 and SPAN 122 or YORU 110 and YORU 120</i>		3		
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<b>Total Credits</b>		120		

**Other Program Requirements**

- 1 A minimum overall GPA of 2.0 and a final grade of “C” or higher is required to declare Criminal Justice as a major. All University College Core Curriculum courses must be fully completed before acceptance to the online degree completion (ODC) program.
- 2 Grade of C or higher in all major courses, including any non-criminal justice courses used to meet the criminal justice elective, other required courses, or statistics elective major requirements.
- 3 No academic credit is awarded for life experiences or for military, police academy, or other professional training.
- 4 Criminal Justice majors must earn at least 50% of their credits in criminal justice through instruction offered by the institution.
- 5 An overall GPA of 2.00 or higher is required to graduate.

## Four-Year Plan

This Plan illustrates how students can meet degree course requirements in four years. Some courses listed below may be taken in an alternate order. Courses fulfilling requirements are listed on the previous pages. For information about prerequisites and other program requirements, consult the appropriate Catalog Program of Study and an advisor. Students should work with their advisor to create and update an individual plan in Degree Works.

<b>Year 1 Fall</b>		
Requirement	Course	Cr
University Studies	UNIV 101	1
Written Communication Skills	ENGL 110	3
Transitional Life Skill	See Guide	2
Reasoning Skills	PHIL 110 or PHIL 120	3
Quantitative Reasoning	See Guide	3
Core Humn Creative Arts / Fdns. Of Am. Demo. Option	See Guide	3
Total:		15

<b>Year 1 Spring</b>		
Requirement	Course	Cr
University Studies	UNIV 102	1
Oral Communication Skills	SPEE 200	3
Written Communication Skills	ENGL 120	3
Social Science Elective / Fdns. Of Am. Demo. Option	See Guide	3
Core Global Literacy	CRJC 201	3
Major Restricted Elective	SOCI 210	3
Total:		16

<b>Year 2 - Fall</b>		
Requirement	Course	Cr
Core Natural Sci. with lab	See Guide	4
Intro. To Mass Communication	COMM 210	3
Professional Dev. In Comm.	COMM 201	1
Communication Skills Option	See Guide	3
Foreign Language	See Guide	3
Free Elective		3
Total		17

<b>Year 2 - Spring</b>		
Requirement	Course	Cr
Core Natural Sci. with lab optional	See Guide	3
Intro. To Communication	COMM 205	3
Professional Dev. in Comm.	COMM 201	1
Communication Elective	Electives offered vary	3
Foreign Language	See Guide	3
Free Elective	Electives offered vary	3
Total		16

<b>Year 3 - Fall</b>		
Requirement	Course	Cr
Interpersonal Communication	See Guide	3
Prof. Dev.. in Communication	COMM 201	1
Communication Skills Option	See Guide	3
Communication Elective	Electives offered vary	3
Free elective	Courses vary	3
Free Elective	Courses vary	3
Total		16

<b>Year 3 - Spring</b>		
Requirement	Course	Cr
Communication Internship	COMM 410	3
Comm. Seminar Option	COMM 332 or COMM 450	3
Communication elective	Electives offered vary	3
Free elective	Courses vary	3
Free Elective	Courses vary	3
Total		15

<b>Year 4 - Fall</b>		
Requirement	Course	Cr
Communication Theory	COMM 395	3
Communication Elective	Electives offered vary	3
Communication Elective	Electives offered vary	3
Free elective	Courses vary	3
Free Elective	Courses vary	1
Total		14

<b>Year 4 - Spring</b>		
Requirement	Course	Cr
Communication Research	COMM 490	3
Communication Elective	Electives offered vary	3
Free Elective	Courses vary	3
Free Elective	Courses vary	3
Total		12

**Fayetteville State Four-Year Plan  
Requirements/Notes**
**Communication, BA**

- Pre.** Prerequisite: Y (Yes) - Course/Requirement has prerequisite(s). N (No) - Course/Requirement has no prerequisite. C (Check) - Some courses satisfying requirement have prerequisites and/or courses have non-prerequisite restrictions. Check Catalog for details.
- \* Recommended. For transfer courses, following recommendations will reduce or eliminate the need to take additional courses at FSU. For FSU courses, following recommendations will optimize the student's educational experience. If in doubt, consult an advisor.
- 1.1.** Core Transitional UNIV. (UNIV 101 And UNIV 102) Or UNIV 110 Or UNIV 111 . UNIV 101-UNIV 102 required for all first time students; UNIV 110 required for transfer students with fewer than 30 transfer credits. Students do not earn credit if requirement is waived. UNIV 111 may be required based on academic performance.
  - 1.2.** Core Transitional Life. ENTR 100 Or FINC 100 Or GEOG 110 Or HEED 112 Or HEED 113 Or PEDU 101 Or PEDU 107 Or PEDU 112 Or PEDU 120 Or PEDU 122 Or PEDU 130 Or PEDU 132 Or PEDU 140 .
  - 2.1.** Core Written Comm. ENGL 110 .
  - 2.2.** Core Oral Comm. SPEE 200 .
  - 3.1.** Core Critical Thinking. PHIL 110 Or PHIL 220 . Not required for students with 60+ transfer credits. Students do not earn credit if requirement is waived.
  - 3.2.** Core Quantitative Reason. MATH 123 Or MATH 126 Or MATH 129 Or MATH 130 Or MATH 131 Or MATH 140 Or POLI 240 Or STAT 202 . MATH 121 may be required based on profile scores. Some core courses require a one-hour lab.
  - 4.** Core Info Literacy. ENGL 120 .
  - 5.1.** Core Natural Sci. ASTR 101 Or ASTR 101L Or ASTR 102 Or ASTR 102L Or ASTR 213 Or ASTR 214 Or BIOL 110 Or BIOL 130 Or BIOL 150 Or BIOL 150L Or BIOL 160 Or BIOL 160L Or CHEM 101 Or CHEM 102 Or CHEM 105 Or CHEM 105L Or CHEM 106 Or CHEM 106L Or CHEM 141 And CHEM 141L Or CHEM 161 And CHEM 161L Or ENEC 200 Or ENEC 200L Or GEOG 200 Or NSCI 110 Or NSCI 111 Or NSCI 111L Or NSCI 120 Or PHYS 111 Or PHYS 112 Or PHYS 115 Or PHYS 116 Or PHYS 121 Or PHYS 122 Or PHYS 125 Or PHYS 125L Or PHYS 126 Or PHYS 126L. At least one natural science class must include its associated lab. Some majors require two lab sciences, increasing requirement to 8 credits.
  - 5.2.** Core Social Sci. CRJC 210 Or ECON 211 Or ECON 212 Or GEOG 210 Or HIST 212 Or HIST 271 Or POLI 200 Or POLI 210 Or POLI 220 Or POLI 270 Or PSYC 210 Or SOCI 210 .
  - 6.** Core Humn Creative Arts. ART 210 Or COMM 220 Or ENGL 220 Or ENGL 223 Or ENGL 240 Or ENGL 250 Or ENGL 253 Or HIST 210 Or HUMN 211 Or HUMN 212 Or MUSI 210 Or MUSI 225 Or MUSI 260 Or PHIL 210 Or RELI 215 Or THEA 203 .
  - 7.** Core Global Literacy. ANTH 210 Or ART 150 Or ART 215 Or BADM 210 Or CHIN 110 Or CHIN 120 Or ENGL 211 Or ENGL 212 Or FREN 110 Or FREN 120 Or GEOG 220 Or GLBL 200 Or HIST 110 Or HIST 120 Or HIST 270 Or PHIL 211 Or POLI 230 Or SOCI 150 Or SPAN 110 Or SPAN 112 Or SPAN 120 Or SPAN 122 Or SPAN 211 Or THEA 242 Or YORU 110 Or YORU 120. Not required for students with 30+ transfer credits from a foreign institution. Students do not earn credit if requirement is waived.
  - 8.** Core Ethics Civic Engage. BADM 220 Or COHE 200 Or CRJC 203 Or EDUC 211 Or ENEC 210 Or ENGL 232 Or ENGL 233 Or ETCE 101 Or ETCE 102 Or ETCE 103 Or ETCE 200 Or GEOG 270 Or HCM 200 Or HIST 211 Or PHIL 120 Or PHIL 212 Or PNUR 210 Or POLI 110 Or POLI 150 Or SPTM 210 Or SWRK 220 . Not required for students with 60+ transfer credits. Students do not earn credit if requirement is waived.
  - 9.1.** Major Core. COMM 205 And COMM 210 And COMM 250 And COMM 260 And COMM 395 And COMM 410 And COMM 490.
  - 9.2** Core Seminar Option. COMM 332 Or COMM 450  
Core Skill Option. COMM 230 Or COMM 235 Or COMM 245 Or COMM 250 Or COMM 255 Or COMM 275 Or COMM 295 Or COMM 300 Or COMM 311 Or COMM 330 Or COMM 355 Or COMM 365 Or COMM 401.
  - 9.4.** Communication Elective.
  - 10.** Free Elective.
  - 11.** Foreign Language.
  - 12.** Foundations of American Democracy (university core requirement). Double-listed with selected Ethics and Civics courses (BADM 220, HCM 200, HIST 211, POLI 150), Social Science courses (HIST 212, POLI 210), and Humanities and Creative Arts courses (HUMN 216, HUMN 217, PHIL 230)