Journalism

Graduation Requirements
To earn either the Bachelor of Arts or the Bachelor of Science degree in the College of Communications and Information Studies, each student must (1) complete 120 hours of course work (excluding courses lower than the 100 level, courses with an R designation, physical education service courses, and/or EXP 396 credits) with a grade-point average of at least 2.0 and (2) complete at least 42 hours in upper division courses (300 or above). No more than 60 hours may be taken within the college.

Other requirements include University Studies, Basic Skills, premajor requirements, field of concentration (24-27 hours of major work and 15-18 hours of cognate courses earned outside the college as defined by the units), and a minimum of six hours of free electives.

Admission to the degree program is selective. Students should refer to the UK Bulletin for details about admission requirements and application procedures.

Bachelor of Arts Degree Requirements
Students who pursue the B.A. within the College of Communications and Information Studies must fulfill the following requirements.

University Studies: Students must complete all areas of the University Studies Program. (See “University Studies Program” section of the 2006-2007 UK Bulletin for a detailed explanation of requirements.)

College B.A. Requirements
1. Language. Complete one of the following sequences:
   - Option A: Successful completion of the fourth college semester of one foreign language. (Note: This may be accomplished by scoring at this level on a placement test for previous work in the foreign language.)
   - Option B: Complete the University Studies Requirements in a foreign language and a set of two courses dealing with the nature and structure of language, language behavior, or comparative languages. This set shall be comprised of one course from Group I below, and one course from Group II. (Courses counted as meeting this option may not be counted in the major or field of concentration.
   - Group I: LIN/ENG 211.
   - Group II: ENG 210, ENG/LIN 212, ENG/LIN 310, LIN 317, LIN 318, ANT/LIN 319, ENG/LIN 512, ANT/ENG/LIN 515, ANT/ENG/LIN 516, LIN 517.
2. Statistics. Complete one course in statistics (e.g., STA 200, 291, 370)

Subtotal: College B.A. Hours ........................................................... 15

Bachelor of Science Degree Requirements
Students who pursue the B.S. within the College of Communications and Information Studies must fulfill the following requirements:

University Studies: Students must complete all areas of the University Studies Program. (See “University Studies Program” section of the 2006-2007 UK Bulletin for a detailed explanation of requirements.)

College B.S. Requirements
1. Mathematics, statistics and computer science: Complete nine credits in mathematics and/or computer sciences beyond the University Studies requirement. At least three hours must be in statistics.

2. Science Courses. Complete a minimum of 60 hours of science courses, with not more than 12 hours within the College of Communications and Information Studies. These courses must be approved by an advisor in the College of Communications and Information Studies and may be from the areas of mathematics, statistics, computer science, physical sciences, biological sciences, social and behavioral sciences, as well as from appropriate professional fields.

Subtotal: College B.S. Hours ........................................................... 60

University Studies Requirements
See “University Studies Program” on pages 75-79 of the 2006-2007 UK Bulletin for the complete University Studies requirements.

The courses listed below are (a) recommended by the college, or (b) required courses that also fulfill University Studies areas. Students should work closely with their advisor to complete the University Studies Program requirements.

Courses marked with an asterisk (*) may also be used to satisfy University Studies requirements.

Social Sciences
PS 101 American Government or
PS 235 World Politics ........................................................................ 3

plus any other course listed in University Studies
Program Social Sciences area ................................................................ 3

A political science course is required in the premajor.

Premajor Requirements
Students must attain a minimum grade-point average of 3.0 on all premajor courses. The student’s grade in JOU 204 counts double in figuring the premajor grade-point average.

JOU 101 Introduction to Journalism .................................................. 3
JOU 204 Writing for the Mass Media .................................................. 3
*Any political science course ............................................................... 3

Subtotal: Premajor Hours ................................................................. 9

Core Major Requirements
JOU 531 Media Law and Ethics .......................................................... 3

plus three hours from conceptual courses such as the following:
JOU 455 Mass Media and Diversity; (Subtitle required) ......................... 3
JOU 532 Ethics of Journalism and Mass Communication ..................... 3
JOU 535 History of Journalism ........................................................... 3

Options
One of the following options:

Print
JOU 301 News Reporting .................................................................. 3
JOU 303 News Editing ....................................................................... 3
JOU 410 Publications Production ....................................................... 3

Broadcast
JOU 302 Radio and TV News Reporting .............................................. 3
JOU 304 Broadcast News Decision Making ......................................... 3
JOU 404 Advanced TV News: JAT News ............................................ 3

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Major Electives
Nine hours of upper division electives in JOU, ISC or TEL, including three
hours from reporting/writing courses approved by student's advisor.

Portfolio required for graduation.

Field of Concentration
Breadth will be ensured in students' programs by at least 18 credit hours of
upper division courses taken outside the School of Journalism and Telecommu-
nications. These courses typically are chosen from areas such as
economics, philosophy, history, languages, literature, political science,
psychology, sociology, or the sciences. These 18 hours should involve
concentrated study in one field. This does not mean that all such courses
must be in a single department, but they should be united under a topic heading
such as "international relations," "American government," or "political behav-
ior."

Subtotal: Major Hours ................................................................. 42
TOTAL HOURS: ................................................................. minimum of 120

Note: Of a student's total course work for a bachelor's degree, 80 of the 120
hours required for graduation must be in courses other than journalism or
mass communications. (Accreditation standards require at least 65 semes-
ter hours in basic liberal arts and sciences.)