Graduation Requirements

To earn either the Bachelor of Arts or the Bachelor of Science degree in the College of Communication and Information, 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 396/397 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).

Other requirements include UK Core, an approved statistics course, Basic Skills, premajor requirements, field of concentration (21-39 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 Communication and Information must fulfill the following requirements.

UK Core: Students must complete all areas of the UK Core.

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 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 211.
     - Group II: ENG/LIN 209, ENG 210, ENG/LIN 310, ENG/LIN 311, LIN 317, ANT/LIN 325, LIN 331.

2. Statistics: STA 210

Major Requirements

Students must complete the departmental requirements for one of the five majors (communication, information communication technology, integrated strategic communication, journalism, or media arts and studies).

Subtotal: College B.A. hours ................................................................. 9-17

Bachelor of Science Degree Requirements

Students who pursue the B.S. within the College of Communication and Information must fulfill the following requirements:

UK Core: Students must complete all areas of the UK Core.

College B.S. Requirements

1. Mathematics, statistics and computer science: Complete nine credits in statistics, mathematics and/or computer sciences beyond the UK Core requirement.

2. Science Courses. Complete a minimum of 60 hours of science courses, with not more than 12 hours within the College of Communication and Information. These courses must be approved by an advisor in the College of Communication and Information 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. At least three hours must be in statistics.

Subtotal: College B.S. hours ................................................................. 60

UK Core Requirements

See the UK Core section of the 2021-2022 Undergraduate Bulletin for the complete UK Core requirements. The courses listed below are (a) recommended by the college, or (b) required courses that also fulfill UK Core areas. Students should work closely with their advisor to complete the UK Core requirements.

I. Intellectual Inquiry in Arts and Creativity

Choose one course from approved list .................................................. 3

II. Intellectual Inquiry in the Humanities

Choose one course from approved list .................................................. 3

III. Intellectual Inquiry in the Social Sciences

Preferred:
PS 230 Introduction to International Relations .................................. 3

IV. Intellectual Inquiry in the Natural, Physical, and Mathematical Sciences

Choose one course from approved list .................................................. 3

V. Composition and Communication I

CIS/WRD 110 Composition and Communication I .......................... 3

VI. Composition and Communication II

CIS/WRD 111 Composition and Communication II .......................... 3

VII. Quantitative Foundations

MA 111 Introduction to Contemporary Mathematics or
MA 123 Elementary Calculus and Its Applications or
MA 109 College Algebra ................................................................. 3-4

VIII. Statistical Inferential Reasoning

STA 210 Making Sense of Uncertainty: An Introduction to Statistical Reasoning .................................................. 3

IX. Community, Culture and Citizenship in the USA

Preferred:
PS 101 American Government .......................................................... 3

X. Global Dynamics

Choose one course from approved list .................................................. 3

UK Core hours .................................................................................. 30-36

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Graduation Composition and Communication Requirement (GCCR)

JOU 330 Web Publishing and Design ................................................................. 3

plus

Approved JOU Portfolio

Graduation Composition and Communication Requirement hours (GCCR) ........................................... 3

Premajor Requirements

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

Subtotal: Premajor hours .................................................................................. 9

Major Core Requirements

JOU 531 Media Law ............................................................................................ 3
JOU 532 Ethics of Journalism and Mass Communication .................................. 3
JOU 455 Mass Media and Diversity: Race, Gender and Class ............................ 3
JOU 330 Web Publishing and Design ................................................................. 3
JOU 498 Multimedia Storytelling ...................................................................... 3
JAM 399 Internship: JAM .................................................................................. 3

Advanced Reporting Course

Choose one of the following courses:
JOU 499 Advanced Writing for the Mass Media (Subtitle required) .................... 3
JOU 485 Community Journalism ...................................................................... 3

Conceptual Course

Choose one of the following courses:
JOU 535 History of Journalism ......................................................................... 3
JOU 541 The First Amendment, Internet, and Society ...................................... 3

Subtotal: Major hours ...................................................................................... 24

Required Minor

Students must complete a minor from the University of Kentucky.

Portfolio

Portfolio required for graduation.

TOTAL HOURS: .................................................................................................. minimum of 120

Note: Of a student's total course work for a bachelor's degree, 72 of the 120 hours required for graduation must be in courses other than professional media-based communications (ICT, JAT, JOU, MAS).