

2023 - 2024 Major Map

Mass Communication and Media Studies - 3.0 Years (Online), BA



School/College: Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Comm
CSMCMSTBA

FT Fast Track Options: [Return to 4 Year Plan](#)



A student must speak with an advisor in order to be added to a fast track plan.

In order to complete a fast track degree plan, you must take courses during the summer. This may impact your financial aid. Financial aid is available to those who apply and qualify, and students may receive funds to help cover costs for each semester of enrollment. The amount of financial aid that a student is eligible for varies depending on prior education experience and other individual factors. [Learn](#) more about summer financial aid and additional ways to cover summer costs.

Term 1 - A 0 - 7 Credit Hours	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
ASU 101-UC: The ASU Experience	1		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ASU 101 or college-specific equivalent First-Year Seminar required of all first-year students. Select your career interest area and play me3@ASU.
Humanities, Arts and Design (HU)	3		
Social-Behavioral Sciences (SB)	3		
Term hours subtotal:	7		

Term 1 - B 7 - 16 Credit Hours Critical course signified by 	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
 MCO 120: Media and Society (SB)	3	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> View ASU Online first-year student registration information here.
ENG 101 or ENG 102: First-Year Composition OR			
ENG 105: Advanced First-Year Composition OR	3	C	
ENG 107 or ENG 108: First-Year Composition			
Elective	3		
Term hours subtotal:	9		

Term 2 - A 16 - 25 Credit Hours	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
ENG 101 or ENG 102: First-Year Composition OR			
ENG 105: Advanced First-Year Composition OR	3	C	
ENG 107 or ENG 108: First-Year Composition			
Computer/Statistics/Quantitative Applications (CS)	3		
Elective	3		
Term hours subtotal:	9		



Term 2 - B 25 - 34 Credit Hours Critical course signified by 	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
MCO Elective	3	C	
Humanities, Arts and Design (HU)	3		
Mathematics (MA) (MAT 142 recommended)	3		
 Complete ENG 101 OR ENG 105 OR ENG 107 course(s).			
Term hours subtotal:	9		

Summer 2 Session 1 34 - 38 Credit Hours	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
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Natural Science - Quantitative (SQ)	4
Term hours subtotal:	4



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Summer 2 Session 2 38 - 42 Credit Hours	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
Natural Science - General (SG) OR Natural Science - Quantitative (SQ)	4		
Term hours subtotal:	4		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These courses should be taken during the summer in order to ensure successful progression through your fast track program.

Term 3 - A 42 - 51 Credit Hours Critical course signified by 	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
 Literacy and Critical Inquiry (L)	3		
Complete 2 courses:	6		
Elective			
Term hours subtotal:	9		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop your career skills: practice interviews, resume building, career development, and more.

Term 3 - B 51 - 60 Credit Hours Critical course signified by 	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
 Upper Division Mass Communication Elective	3	C	
Global Awareness (G)	3		
Elective	3		
 Complete First-Year Composition requirement.			
 Complete Mathematics (MA) requirement.			
Term hours subtotal:	9		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop your professional online presence.

Term 4 - A 60 - 69 Credit Hours Critical course signified by 	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
 Upper Division Mass Communication Elective	3	C	
Cultural Diversity in the U.S. (C)	3		
Historical Awareness (H)	3		
Term hours subtotal:	9		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use Handshake to research employment opportunities.

Term 4 - B 69 - 78 Credit Hours Critical course signified by 	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
 Upper Division Mass Communication Elective	3	C	
Upper Division Literacy and Critical Inquiry (L)	3		
Elective	3		
Term hours subtotal:	9		

Summer 4 Session 1 78 - 84 Credit Hours	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
Complete 2 courses:	6		
Elective			
Term hours subtotal:	6		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These courses should be taken during the summer in order to ensure successful progression through your fast track program.

Summer 4 Session 2 84 - 87 Credit Hours	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
Elective	3		
Term hours subtotal:	3		

- These courses should be taken during the summer in order to ensure successful progression through your fast track program.

Term 5 - A 87 - 96 Credit Hours Necessary course signified by ★	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
★ Upper Division Mass Communication Elective	3	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thinking about graduate school? Consider registering for a grad school test prep course.
Upper Division Humanities, Arts and Design (HU) OR Upper Division Social-Behavioral Sciences (SB)	3		
Upper Division Elective	3		
Term hours subtotal:	9		

Term 5 - B 96 - 105 Credit Hours Necessary course signified by ★	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
★ Complete 2 courses:	6	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gather professional references.
Upper Division Mass Communication Elective			
Upper Division Elective	3		
★ Complete Cultural Diversity in the U.S. (C) AND Global Awareness (G) AND Historical Awareness (H) course(s).			
Term hours subtotal:	9		

Term 6 - A 105 - 114 Credit Hours Necessary course signified by ★	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
★ Upper Division Mass Communication Elective	3	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply for full-time career opportunities
Complete 2 courses:	6		
Upper Division Elective			
Term hours subtotal:	9		

Term 6 - B 114 - 120 Credit Hours Necessary course signified by ★	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
★ Upper Division Mass Communication Elective	3	C	
Upper Division Elective	3		
Term hours subtotal:	6		

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Mass Communication Elective
MCO 302: Media Research Methods
MCO 307: The Digital Audience
MCO 335: Social Media Foundations
MCO 366: Media Ethics and Diversity
MCO 403: Media Law
MCO 418: History of Mass Communication (SB & H)
MCO 425: Digital Media Literacy I
MCO 426: Digital Media Literacy II
MCO 427: Misinformation and Society

MCO 428: Digital Media and Freedom of
Expression in the 21st Century

MCO 430: International Mass
Communication (G)

MCO 431: Media Entrepreneurship

MCO 433: Social Media Campaigns,
Engagement and Research

MCO 434: Search Engine Research and
Strategy

MCO 438: Digital Audience Analysis

MCO 450: Visual Communication (HU)

MCO 456: Political Communication (SB)

MCO 460: Race, Gender, and Media (C)

MCO 465: Sports and Media

MCO 470: Exploring the Business of
Journalism

MCO 473: Sex, Love, and Romance in the
Mass Media (SB)

MCO 494: Special Topics

Notes:

- First-Year Composition: All students are placed in ENG 101 unless submission of SAT, ACT, Accuplacer, IELTS, or TOEFL score, or college-level transfer credit or test credit equivalent to ASU's first-year composition course(s), determine otherwise. Students on Polytechnic, Downtown Phoenix and West Campuses are encouraged to complete the Directed Self-Placement survey to choose the first-year composition option they believe best suits their needs. Visit: <https://cisa.asu.edu/DSP>
- Mathematics Placement Assessment score determines placement in first mathematics course.

Total Hours: 120

Upper Division Hours: 45 minimum

Major GPA: 2.00 minimum

Cumulative GPA: 2.00 minimum

Total hrs at ASU: 30 minimum

Hrs Resident Credit for

Academic Recognition: 56 minimum

Total Community College Hrs: 64 maximum

General University Requirements Legend

General Studies Core Requirements:

- Literacy and Critical Inquiry (L)
- Mathematical Studies (MA)
- Computer/Statistics/Quantitative Applications (CS)
- Humanities, Arts and Design (HU)
- Social-Behavioral Sciences (SB)
- Natural Science - Quantitative (SQ)
- Natural Science - General (SG)

General Studies Awareness Requirements:

- Cultural Diversity in the U.S. (C)
- Global Awareness (G)

- Historical Awareness (H)

First-Year Composition

General Studies designations listed next to courses on the major map were valid for the 2023 - 2024 academic year. Please refer to the course catalog for current General Studies designations at time of class registration. General Studies credit is applied according to the designation the course carries at the time the class is taken.