BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH A MAJOR IN JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION

REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled:

The general requirements stated under Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, Undergraduate Programs (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/#degeregulationtext).

Program-specific curriculum:

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<th>Code</th>
<th>Title</th>
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<td><strong>Required courses (34 credits):</strong></td>
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<td>PSC 1002 or PSC 1002W</td>
<td>Introduction to American Politics and Government</td>
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<td>STAT 1053</td>
<td>Introduction to Statistics in Social Science</td>
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<td>SMPA 2101</td>
<td>Journalism: Theory &amp; Practice</td>
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<td>SMPA 2110W</td>
<td>Introduction to News Writing and Reporting (minimum grade of B required)</td>
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<td>SMPA 2111W</td>
<td>Advanced News Reporting</td>
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<td>SMPA 2112</td>
<td>Digital Media I: Introduction to Video Production</td>
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<td>SMPA 2113</td>
<td>Digital Media II: Introduction to Web Production and Social Media</td>
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<td>SMPA 2151</td>
<td>Research Methods</td>
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<td>SMPA 2173</td>
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<td>SMPA 3150</td>
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**One required advanced writing/reporting course (3 credits) from the following:**

- SMPA 3230 Reporting in the Digital Age
- SMPA 3235W Broadcast News Writing
- SMPA 3242 Investigative Reporting

Five additional courses (15-18 credits) from the advanced writing/reporting courses listed above or from the following:

- SMPA 2120 Public Opinion
- SMPA 2177 Media History
- SMPA 3193 Selected Topics in Journalism and Mass Communication Skills
- SMPA 3195 Selected Topics in Journalism and Mass Communication
- SMPA 3196 Independent Study
- SMPA 3197 Internship (Only one, three-credit internship can count toward the major)
- SMPA 3233 Photojournalism
- SMPA 3234 Editing and Design for Print and Web
- SMPA 3236W Broadcast News Reporting
- SMPA 3240W Washington Reporting
- SMPA 3241W Campaign Reporting
- SMPA 3243W Feature Writing
- SMPA 3244W Narrative Journalism
- SMPA 3245W Editorial and Persuasive Writing
- SMPA 3246 Specialized Reporting
- SMPA 3247 Documentary Production
- SMPA 3428 Media, Politics, and Government
- SMPA 3450 Social Media
- SMPA 3460 Race, Media, and Politics
- SMPA 3463 Media Bias
- SMPA 3469 International Communication
- SMPA 3470 Comparative Media Systems
- SMPA 3471 Media in the Developing World
- SMPA 3472 Media and Foreign Policy
- SMPA 3475 Media Management
- SMPA 3476 Media, Technology, and Culture
- SMPA 3477 Information Technology and Politics
- SMPA 3479 Documentary
SMPA 3480  The Future of Journalism
SMPA 4198  Special Honors Research Seminar

One capstone course (4 credits) from the following:
SMPA 4180  Online Journalism Workshop
SMPA 4181  Television News Workshop
SMPA 4182  Specialized Journalism Workshop

GENERAL EDUCATION

In addition to the University General Education Requirement, undergraduate students in Columbian College must complete a further, College-specific general education curriculum—Perspective, Analysis, Communication, or G-PAC. Together with the University General Education Requirement, G-PAC engages students in active intellectual inquiry across the liberal arts. Students achieve a set of learning outcomes that enhance their analytical skills, develop their communication competencies, and invite them to participate as responsible citizens who are attentive to issues of culture, diversity, and privilege.

G-PAC approved courses, Dean’s Seminars, and Sophomore Colloquia that may be available for registration are listed on the CCAS Advising website (https://advising.columbian.gwu.edu/general-education-courses).

Coursework for the University General Education Requirement is distributed as follows:

- Writing—one approved course in university writing and two approved writing in the disciplines (WID) courses.
- Humanities—one approved course in the humanities that involves critical or creative thinking skills.
- Mathematics or Statistics—one approved course in either mathematics or statistics.
- Natural or Physical Science—one approved laboratory course that employs the process of scientific inquiry.
- Social Sciences—two approved courses in the social sciences.

Coursework for the Columbian College general education curriculum is distributed as follows:

- Arts—one approved course in the arts that involves the study or creation of artwork based on an understanding or interpretation of artistic traditions or knowledge of art in a contemporary context.
- Global or Cross-Cultural Perspective—one approved course that analyzes the ways in which institutions, practices, and problems transcend national and regional boundaries.
- Humanities—one approved course in the humanities that involves critical thinking skills (in addition to the one course in this category required by the University General Education Requirement).
- Local or Civic Engagement—one approved course that develops the values, ethics, disciplines, and commitment to pursue responsible public action.
- Natural or Physical Science—one approved laboratory course that employs the process of scientific inquiry (in addition to the one course in this category required by the University General Education Requirement.
- Oral Communication—one course in oral communication.

Certain courses are approved to fulfill the requirement in more than one of these categories.

Courses taken in fulfillment of G-PAC also may be counted toward majors or minors. Transfer courses taken prior to, but not after, admission to George Washington University may count toward the University General Education Requirement and G-PAC, if those transfer courses are equivalent to GW courses that have been approved by the University and the College.

SPECIAL HONORS

In addition to the general requirements stated under University Regulations, in order to be considered for graduation with Special Honors, students must have attained a 3.7 GPA in all courses completed at GW and in all courses required for the major. Students intending to apply for Special Honors must consult their advisor at the start of the senior year. Application must be made by the mid-point of the student’s final semester (October 15 or March 15), and must include a letter of application and a portfolio of published or broadcast work. The journalism and mass communication faculty evaluates the work on the basis of professional standards as outlined by the department. Students interested in pursuing Special Honors through writing a research thesis should consult their advisor.