

SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM CHECKSHEET & SEQUENCING GUIDELINES

Communications/Sports Journalism Major

2009-2010 Cohort

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- First two pages of this document -- requirements for the undergraduate General Education Program.
- Subsequent pages -- requirements and course-sequencing guidelines for the Communications/Sports Journalism major, for students who matriculate to SC during the 2009-2010 academic year.
- Use this as a guide in selecting courses and fill in completely to track your progress toward graduation.
- Note that requirements are subject to change, and may not be offered when listed. Always confirm your plans with your advisor or chairperson.

General Education Program Requirements (customized for the COSJ major):

Course code Title Cr Sem/Yr * Grade Note

I. Competencies

1. College Writing (6 credits)

ENGL 113	College Writing I	3			<i>Required for all students</i>
ENGL 114	College Writing II	3			<i>Required for all students</i>

2. Writing Across the Curriculum (6 credits; one or both courses embedded in major requirements)

ENGL 261	Survey of British Literature I	NA			<i>Record credits on major requirement line</i>
ENGL 262	Survey of British Literature II	NA			<i>Record credits on major requirement line</i>

3. Computer Applications (3 credits)

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4. Information Literacy (3 credits -- this is embedded in your major requirements)

II. Domains of Knowledge and Understanding

1. Arts and Humanities

A. Literary Studies (3 credits)

ENGL 241	Survey of American Literature I	3			<i>Required for major</i>
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B. Visual/Performing Arts (must total 3 credits)

C. Spiritual and Ethical Dimensions (3 credits)

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2. Analytical and Natural Sciences

A. Quantitative Reasoning (3 credits)

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B. Natural Sciences (4 credits; lecture and lab)

* e.g., F 09, S 10, or TR for transferred courses

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Note: Major requirements are broken down by the year typically taken, with a section for those that have flexible timing. Major requirements for COSJ total **54 credits** (51 credits strictly for the major, plus 3 credits that overlap with GenEds).

Major Requirements -- typically taken during the FIRST YEAR:

Course code	Title	Cr	Sem/Yr	Grade	Note
COMM 120	Introduction to Journalism	3			
COMM 134	Introduction to Communication	3			
COMM 130	Broadcast Writing	3			Prerequisite: COMM 120

In addition, you should take the following **General Education requirements** your first year:

ENGL 113	College Writing I (<i>Fall only</i>)	Record on GenEd page
ENGL 114	College Writing II (<i>Spring only</i>)	
HLTH 100	Wellness: A Way of Life	

In addition, select from:

- Major requirements from the flexible timing section, as appropriate (see page 4)
- General Education requirements (see page 1), and/or
- Allowable electives (see page 6)

To **total 30 credits for the year.**

Major Requirements -- typically taken during the SECOND YEAR:

Course code	Title	Cr	Sem/Yr	Grade	Note
COMM 219 or COMM 229	Television Journalism Radio Journalism	3			
ENGL 241	Survey of American Literature I	NA			Record credits on GenEd page
ENGL 242	Survey of American Literature II	3			

In addition, select:

- Major requirements from the flexible timing section, as appropriate
- General Education requirements, and/or
- Allowable electives

To **total 30 credits for the year.**

Major Requirements -- typically taken during the THIRD YEAR:

There are no major requirements specifically recommended for your third year. Select major requirements listed in the "flexible timing" section below, General Education requirements, or allowable electives to **total 30 credits for the year.**

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Major Requirements -- typically taken during the FOURTH YEAR:

*There are no major requirements specifically recommended for your fourth year. Complete any outstanding major requirements listed in the "flexible timing" section below, General Education requirements, or electives to **total a minimum of 120 credits earned for your career.***

Major Requirements -- flexible timing (note prerequisites):

Course code	Title	Cr	Sem/Yr	Grade	Note
COMM 207	Desktop Writing and Publishing	3			<i>Typically taken 1st or 2nd year</i>
COMM 224	Advanced Journalism	3			<i>Prerequisite: COMM 120. Typically taken 2nd or 3rd year</i>
COMM 386	Journalism Internship (minimum of 3 credits required, may be repeated for a total of 12 credits)				<i>Prerequisite: COMM 120, COMM 219 or 229, and consultation with, and approval of the internship supervisor. Can be taken 2nd, 3rd, or 4th year.</i>
COMM 482	Seminar in Mass Communications	3			<i>Typically taken 3rd or 4th year</i>
ENGL 261	Survey of British Literature I	3			<i>Typically taken 2nd or 3rd year</i>
ENGL 262	Survey of British Literature II	3			<i>Typically taken 2nd or 3rd year</i>
ENGL 377 or ENGL 467	The History of the English Language Shakespeare	3			<i>Typically taken 3rd or 4th year</i>

*In addition, you must complete **five** of the following selectives for a total of **15 credits**:*

Course code	Title	Cr	Sem/Yr	Grade	Note
COMM 208	Newspaper Design and Production				<i>Typically taken any time after the 1st semester</i>
COMM 211	Sports Information				<i>Typically taken any time after the 1st semester</i>
COMM 212	Sports Writing				<i>Typically taken any time after the 1st semester</i>
COMM 217	Sports, Gambling and the Media				<i>Typically taken any time after the 1st semester</i>
COMM 230	Video Editing				<i>Typically taken any time after the 1st semester</i>
COMM 240	Literature of Journalism				<i>Typically taken any time after the 1st semester</i>
COMM 245	Web and Multimedia Design				<i>Typically taken any time after the 1st semester</i>
COMM 252	Sports Broadcasting				<i>Typically taken any time after the 1st semester</i>
COMM 260	The Press in America				<i>Typically taken any time after the 1st semester</i>
COMM 288	Special Topics in Journalism				<i>Typically taken 2nd, 3rd, or 4th year</i>
COMM 301	Media, Sport and Culture				<i>Typically taken 2nd, 3rd, or 4th year</i>
COMM 310	Media Law and Ethics				<i>Typically taken 2nd, 3rd, or 4th year</i>
COMM 319	Advanced Television Production				<i>Prerequisite: COMM 130, 219, and 230 or VAPA coursework</i>
COMM 320	Television and Society				<i>Typically taken 2nd, 3rd, or 4th year</i>

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COSJ Selectives, continued

Course code	Title	Cr	Sem/Yr	Grade	Note
COMM 325	Journalistic Ethics				<i>Typically taken 2nd, 3rd, or 4th year</i>
COMM 350	Advanced Radio Production and Broadcast Management				Prerequisite: COMM 219 or 229
ENGL 216	The Athlete in Literature				<i>Typically taken any time after the 1st semester</i>
ENGL 301	Advanced Composition				<i>Typically taken 2nd, 3rd, or 4th year</i>
ENGL 302	Business and Technical Writing				Prerequisite: ENGL 113 & 114
ENGL 303	Business and Professional Speaking				<i>Typically taken 2nd, 3rd, or 4th year</i>
SOCI 420	Media and Society				<i>Typically taken 3rd or 4th year</i>

APPROVED MAJOR REQUIREMENT MODIFICATIONS (if applicable):

Any substitution or waiver of the requirements listed above must be approved by the department chairperson. Documentation of that approval should also be kept in the student's departmental file.

Requirement	Modification	Date	Dept. chair signature

COSJ Major Program Standards:

In order to continue in the COSJ major, I must meet all program standards, including (but not limited to) the following:

- Earn a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.500 for all COMM courses and all courses required for the major.

For more information about these program standards, see the Undergraduate Catalog or appropriate departmental publications.

