ABOUT THE MAJOR

Journalism engages students in courses that build knowledge and skills in writing, reporting, and producing socially responsible and responsive news in today’s converging multimedia landscape. Students learn to exercise news judgment, honor the tenets of journalism, and create news for and with audiences across traditional and emerging digital media platforms. Students gain hands-on experience early on and throughout their tenure with WUTV, The West Georgian and WOLF Radio.

ABOUT THIS MAP

This program map is intended ONLY as a guide for students to plan their course of study. It does NOT replace any information in the Undergraduate Catalog, which is the official guide for completing degree requirements. Use this map to help plan and guide your experience at UWG, including academic, co-curricular, and discovery opportunities. Everyone’s experience is different and activities in this map are suggestions. Always consult with your advisors whenever possible for new opportunities and updates.

WHERE CAN YOU GO WITH THIS DEGREE?

- Broadcast Journalist
- Editorial Assistant
- Magazine Features Editor
- Magazine Journalist
- Newspaper Journalist
- Political Risk Analyst
- Publishing Copyeditor
- Proofreader
- Web Content Manager
- Writer

ADD A CERTIFICATE

- Communication in the Workplace
- Ethics
- Human Rights Advocacy
- International Business
- Sustainable Business

HONORS COLLEGE

Consider joining if you have an Overall GPA of 3.2 and earned 15 college credit hours!

VISIT WOLFWATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION.

HAVE A QUESTION? CHECK IN WITH YOUR ADVISOR!
### YEAR 1

#### TERM 1: FALL

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**MILESTONES:**
- COMPLETE ENGL 1101 – ENGLISH COMPOSITION I; REQUIRED TO EARN C OR HIGHER.

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- COMPLETE ENGL 1102 – ENGLISH COMPOSITION II; REQUIRED TO EARN C OR HIGHER.

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**MILESTONES:**
- COMPLETE FIRST FOREIGN LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT.
- COMPLETE COMM 1154 – INTRODUCTION TO MASS COMMUNICATIONS; REQUIRED TO EARN C OR HIGHER.

**TERM 2: SPRING**

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**MILESTONES:**
- COMPLETE SECOND FOREIGN LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT.
- COMPLETE COMM 2254 – MEDIA ETHICS; REQUIRED TO EARN C OR HIGHER.
- COMPLETE 60 CREDIT HOURS BY END OF TERM, INCLUDING CREDIT HOURS EARNED PREVIOUS TERMS.

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**CRUSH YOUR COURSEWORK**

- Talk with your professors and advisors about your education and career goals.
- Complete WIT and/or UTP Training program.
- Become a mentor in the Alumni Mentor Programs.
- Attend GCPA networking functions and alumni networking events.
- Connect with on-campus media and/or student media organization.
- Explore diversity, equity, and inclusion resources and opportunities across campus.
- Check out the education abroad office.
- Visit Wolves Vote to learn about the voting process and registration.
- Consider volunteering for a campaign or organization in your community.
- Complete core IMPACTS classes.
- Visit Health Services.
- Visit the UWG Wellness Hub to find all the resources available to you!
- Visit the Center for Economic Education and Financial Literacy.
- Complete an internship in your field.
- Take a fitness class, climb the rock wall, or join an intramural team.
- Take the Georgia College Press Association (GCPA).
- Complete core IMPACTS classes.
- Visit the graduate school to find out about graduate programs and admission requirements.
- In a student organization? Suggest you all complete an implicit bias workshop.
- Consider whether counseling is right for you: take an implicit bias workshop.
- Take your personal statement.
- Visit (or volunteer at) Media Day.
- Volunteer for the West Georgian and/or WUTV.
- Attend (or volunteer at) Media Day.
- Engage with the Georgia College Press Association.
### TERM 1: FALL

#### CRUSH YOUR COURSEWORK
- **COMM 3301** Fundamentals of News Writing 3 CREDIT HOURS
- **COMM 3303 OR 4403** Layout & Design or Photojournalism 3 CREDIT HOURS

#### ELECTIVES
Must select COMM 3000-4000 level courses or courses from approved list 6 CREDIT HOURS

#### MINOR COURSE
- **COMM 3301 – FUNDAMENTALS OF NEWSWRITING** 3 CREDIT HOURS

#### MILESTONE:
- **COMPLETE COMM 3301**

#### TERM 2: SPRING

#### CRUSH YOUR COURSEWORK
- **COMM 3352** Fundamentals of TV Production 3 CREDIT HOURS
- **COMM 4402** Feature Writing 3 CREDIT HOURS

#### ELECTIVE(S)
Must select COMM 3000-4000 level course or course from approved list 3/6 CREDIT HOURS

#### MINOR COURSE(S)
- **COMM 3301** 3 CREDIT HOURS

#### MILESTONES:
- **COMPLETE COMM 3332 – FUNDAMENTALS OF TELEVISION PRODUCTION**
- **COMPLETE 90 CREDIT HOURS BY END OF TERM, INCLUDING CREDIT HOURS EARNED PREVIOUS TERMS.**

### YEAR 3

#### TERM 1: FALL

#### CRUSH YOUR COURSEWORK
- Complete core classes.
- Meet with your faculty mentor at least once per semester.
- Join and participate in the Society for Professional Journalists (SPJ) and Georgia College Press Association (GCPA).

#### ELECTIVES
Must select COMM 3000-4000 level courses or courses from approved list 6 CREDIT HOURS

#### MINOR COURSE
- **COMM 3301 – FUNDAMENTALS OF NEWSWRITING** 3 CREDIT HOURS

#### MILESTONE:
- **COMPLETE COMM 3301**

#### TERM 2: SPRING

#### CRUSH YOUR COURSEWORK
- Complete an internship in your field.
- Consider a summer or part-time job.
- Ask your department about networking opportunities with alumni.

#### ELECTIVE(S)
Must select COMM 3000-4000 level course or course from approved list 3/6 CREDIT HOURS

#### MINOR COURSE(S)
- **COMM 3301** 3 CREDIT HOURS

#### MILESTONES:
- **COMPLETE COMM 3332**
- **COMPLETE 90 CREDIT HOURS BY END OF TERM, INCLUDING CREDIT HOURS EARNED PREVIOUS TERMS.**

### YEAR 4

#### TERM 1: FALL

#### CRUSH YOUR COURSEWORK
- **COMM 4450** Advanced Media Writing & Reporting 3 CREDIT HOURS
- **COMM 4454** Media Law 3 CREDIT HOURS

#### ELECTIVES
Must select COMM 3000-4000 level courses or courses from approved list 6 CREDIT HOURS

#### MINOR COURSE
- **COMM 3301** 3 CREDIT HOURS

#### MILESTONE:
- **COMPLETE COMM 4450 – BROADCAST NEWS WRITING & REPORTING**

#### TERM 2: SPRING

#### CRUSH YOUR COURSEWORK
- **COMM 4421N OR 4421T** Practicum: The West Georgian/ WUTV 3 CREDIT HOURS
- **COMM 4484** Mass Communications Research Methods 3 CREDIT HOURS

#### ELECTIVE(S)
Must select COMM 3000-4000 level courses or courses from approved list 3/6 CREDIT HOURS

#### MINOR COURSES
Complete 6 credit hours if minor requires 15 credit hours; complete 3 credit hours if minor requires 9 credit hours.

#### MILESTONES:
- **COMPLETE COMM 4421N – PRACTICUM: THE WEST GEORGIAN OR 4421T – PRACTICUM: WUTV**
- **COMPLETE AND/OR WOLF Radio / WUTV Paid Leadership Roles.**
- **COMPLETE 120 CREDIT HOURS BY END OF TERM, INCLUDING CREDIT HOURS EARNED PREVIOUS TERMS.**

### Additional Information:
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- Students may take up to 6 credit hours of internship (COMM 4450) to apply toward their degree program and students may take up to 9 credit hours of COMM 4421T Practicum: The West Georgian to apply toward their degree program. However, students may not make up a total of 15 credit hours of internship and practica combined.
- *Apply for graduate programs.*

### YEAR 3

#### CRUSH YOUR COURSEWORK
- **COMM 3301** Fundamentals of News Writing 3 CREDIT HOURS
- **COMM 3303 OR 4403** Layout & Design or Photojournalism 3 CREDIT HOURS

#### ELECTIVES
Must select COMM 3000-4000 level courses or courses from approved list 6 CREDIT HOURS

#### MINOR COURSE
- **COMM 3301** 3 CREDIT HOURS

#### MILESTONE:
- **COMPLETE 90 CREDIT HOURS BY END OF TERM, INCLUDING CREDIT HOURS EARNED PREVIOUS TERMS.**

### YEAR 4

#### CRUSH YOUR COURSEWORK
- **COMM 4450** Advanced Media Writing & Reporting 3 CREDIT HOURS
- **COMM 4454** Media Law 3 CREDIT HOURS

#### ELECTIVES
Must select COMM 3000-4000 level courses or courses from approved list 6 CREDIT HOURS

#### MINOR COURSE
- **COMM 3301** 3 CREDIT HOURS

#### MILESTONE:
- **COMPLETE COMM 4450 – BROADCAST NEWS WRITING & REPORTING**

#### TERM 2: SPRING

#### CRUSH YOUR COURSEWORK
- Complete an internship in your field.
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#### ELECTIVE(S)
Must select COMM 3000-4000 level course or course from approved list 3/6 CREDIT HOURS

#### MINOR COURSE(S)
- **COMM 3301** 3 CREDIT HOURS

#### MILESTONES:
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