## 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

**Visit westga.edu/program-maps for the latest version of this major map.**

**VISIT WOLFWATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

**HAVE A QUESTION? CHECK IN WITH YOUR ADVISOR!**

### HONORS COLLEGE

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

# MASS COMMUNICATIONS

## JOURNALISM TRACK

*Bachelor of Science*

**60** CORE CREDIT HOURS

**45** MAJOR CREDIT HOURS

**15** ELECTIVE CREDIT HOURS

UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA

2026-2027

# YEAR 1

## TERM 1: FALL

**C: ENGL 1101** — 3 CREDIT HOURS
English Composition I

**S: HIST 1111 OR 1112** — 3 CREDIT HOURS
US History

**I: XIDS 2002** — 2 CREDIT HOURS
(Recommended) First-Year Seminar

**F: COMM 1121** — 1/2 CREDIT HOURS

**T: SCIENCE + LAB** — 4 CREDIT HOURS

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

## TERM 2: SPRING

**C: ENGL 1102** — 3 CREDIT HOURS
English Composition II

**M: MATH 1401/1001/1111** — 3 CREDIT HOURS
Elementary Statistics, Quantitative Skills & Reasoning, or College Algebra

**F: COMM 1110** — 3 CREDIT HOURS
Public Speaking

**P: HIST 2111 OR 2112** — 3 CREDIT HOURS
US History

**F: COMM 1121** — 1/2 CREDIT HOURS

**T: NON-LAB SCIENCE** — 3 CREDIT HOURS

**MILESTONES:**
- **COMPLETE ENGL 1102 – ENGLISH COMPOSITION II; REQUIRED TO EARN C OR HIGHER.**
- **COMPLETE COMM 1110 – PUBLIC SPEAKING; REQUIRED TO EARN C OR HIGHER.**
- **COMPLETE 30 CREDIT HOURS BY END OF TERM, INCLUDING CREDIT HOURS EARNED PREVIOUS TERMS.**

**13/14 FALL CREDIT HOURS + 16/17 SPRING CREDIT HOURS = 29/31 CREDIT HOURS**

### CRUSH YOUR COURSEWORK
- **Talk with your professors and advisors about your education and career goals.**

### FIND YOUR PLACE
- **Complete WIT and/or UTIP Training program.**
- **Become a mentee in the Alumni Mentor Programs.**
- **Attend SCFM networking functions and alumni networking events.**
- **Connect with on-campus media and/or student media organization.**

### BROADEN YOUR PERSPECTIVES
- **Explore diversity, equity, and inclusion resources and opportunities across campus.**
- **Check out the education abroad office.**

### CONNECT OFF-CAMPUS
- **Visit Wolves Vote to learn about the voting process and registration.**
- **Consider volunteering for a campaign or organization in your community.**

### TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF
- **Visit the UWG Wellness Hub to find all the resources available to you!**
- **Visit Health Services.**
- **Get fit! Visit URec to see all your options.**
- **Visit the Center for Economic Education and Financial Literacy.**

### PAVE YOUR PATH
- **Complete a self-assessment to see what careers and majors are right for you.**
- **Visit Office of Career and Graduate School Connections.**
- **Create your profile on Handshake.**
- **Consider applying for an on-campus job.**

# YEAR 2

## TERM 1: FALL

**F: COMM 1154** — 3 CREDIT HOURS
Introduction to Mass Communications

**F: FOREIGN LANGUAGE** — 3 CREDIT HOURS
Foreign Language 1000-2000

**A: ARTS/HUMANITIES/ETHICS** — 3 CREDIT HOURS
Any Option EXCEPT COMM 1154

**I: ORAL COMMUNICATION** — 3 CREDIT HOURS
Any Option EXCEPT COMM 1110

**T: STEM COURSE** — 3 CREDIT HOURS

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

## TERM 2: SPRING

**P: POLS 1101** — 3 CREDIT HOURS
American Government

**F: FOREIGN LANGUAGE** — 3 CREDIT HOURS
Foreign Language 1000-2000

**F: COMM 2254** — 3 CREDIT HOURS
Media Ethics

**S: SOCIAL SCIENCE** — 3 CREDIT HOURS

**A: ARTS/HUMANITIES/ETHICS** — 3 CREDIT HOURS

**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.**

**15 FALL CREDIT HOURS + 15 SPRING CREDIT HOURS = 30 CREDIT HOURS**

### CRUSH YOUR COURSEWORK
- **Complete core IMPACTS 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).**

### FIND YOUR PLACE
- **Volunteer for *The WEST GEORGIAN* and/ or WUTV.**
- **Attend (or volunteer at) Media Day.**
- **Engage with the Georgia College Press Association.**

### BROADEN YOUR PERSPECTIVES
- **In a student organization? Suggest you all complete an implicit bias workshop.**
- **Consider a study abroad program. Check out students' stories of their experiences.**

### CONNECT OFF-CAMPUS
- **Complete an internship in your field.**
- **Consider a summer or part-time job.**
- **Ask your department about networking opportunities with alumni.**

### TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF
- **Take a fitness class, climb the rock wall, or join an intramural team.**
- **Consider whether counseling is right for you: take a mental health screening.**

### PAVE YOUR PATH
- **Draft your resume and attend a resume blitz.**
- **Learn about how to network on social media and update your Handshake profile.**
- **Draft your personal statement.**
- **Visit the graduate school to find out about graduate programs and admission requirements.**

# YEAR 3

## TERM 1: FALL

**COMM 3301** — 3 CREDIT HOURS
Fundamentals of Newswriting

**COMM 3303 OR 4403** — 3 CREDIT HOURS
Layout & Design or Photojournalism

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

**MINOR COURSE** — 3 CREDIT HOURS

**MILESTONE:**
- **COMPLETE COMM 3301 – FUNDAMENTALS OF NEWSWRITING.**

### 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).**

### FIND YOUR PLACE
- **Volunteer for *The WEST GEORGIAN* and/ or WUTV.**
- **Attend (or volunteer at) Media Day.**
- **Engage with the Georgia College Press Association.**

### BROADEN YOUR PERSPECTIVES
- **In a student organization? Suggest you all complete an implicit bias workshop.**
- **Consider a study abroad program. Check out students' stories of their experiences.**

## TERM 2: SPRING

**COMM 3352** — 3 CREDIT HOURS
Fundamentals of TV Production

**COMM 3302 OR 4402** — 3 CREDIT HOURS
Writing Across Media or Feature Writing

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

**MINOR COURSE(S)** — 3/6 CREDIT HOURS

**MILESTONES:**
- **COMPLETE COMM 3352 – FUNDAMENTALS OF TV PRODUCTION.**
- **COMPLETE COMM 3302 – WRITING ACROSS MEDIA OR COMM 4402 – FEATURE WRITING.**
- **COMPLETE 90 CREDIT HOURS BY END OF TERM, INCLUDING CREDIT HOURS EARNED PREVIOUS TERMS.**

**15 FALL CREDIT HOURS + 15 SPRING CREDIT HOURS = 30 CREDIT HOURS**

**Additional Information:**
- Mass Communications majors must take at least 12 hours COMM 3000-4000 level courses. The remaining 6-9 credit hours (depending on the minor) can be from any discipline, at any level of learning, including COMM 1000-4000. Additionally, students may take up to 6 hours of internship (COMM 4486) for credit in their degree program, and students may take up to 6 credit hours of 3000-4000 level practica courses in their degree program. However, students may not exceed a total of 9 credit hours of internship and practica combined.

### CONNECT OFF-CAMPUS
- **Complete an internship in your field.**
- **Consider a summer or part-time job.**
- **Ask your department about networking opportunities with alumni.**

### TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF
- **Take a fitness class, climb the rock wall, or join an intramural team.**
- **Consider whether counseling is right for you: take a mental health screening.**

### PAVE YOUR PATH
- **Draft your resume and attend a resume blitz.**
- **Learn about how to network on social media and update your Handshake profile.**
- **Draft your personal statement.**
- **Visit the graduate school to find out about graduate programs and admission requirements.**

# YEAR 4

## TERM 1: FALL

**COMM 4450** — 3 CREDIT HOURS
Advanced Media Writing & Reporting

**COMM 4484** — 3 CREDIT HOURS
Mass Communications Research Methods

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

**MINOR COURSE** — 3 CREDIT HOURS

**MILESTONES:**
- **COMPLETE COMM 4450 – ADVANCED MEDIA WRITING & REPORTING.**
- **COMPLETE COMM 4484 –MASS COMMUNICATIONS RESEARCH METHODS.**

### CRUSH YOUR COURSEWORK
- **Complete an internship.**
- **Submit your coursework for internal Excellence Awards.**
- **Submit your work for national awards.**

### FIND YOUR PLACE
- ***The WEST GEORGIAN* / WOLF Radio / WUTV Paid Leadership Roles.**
- **Attend a National Convention (e.g., MEDIA FEST, Georgia Press Institute).**

### BROADEN YOUR PERSPECTIVES
- **Assess your cultural competency.**
- **Consider working abroad and research visa regulations.**
- **Explore practices of creating more inclusive careers.**

## TERM 2: SPRING

**COMM 4421N OR 4421T** — 3 CREDIT HOURS
Practicum: *The West Georgian* or WUTV

**COMM 4454** — 3 CREDIT HOURS
Media Law

**ELECTIVE(S)** — 0/6 CREDIT HOURS
Must select COMM 3000-4000 level course(s) OR course(s) from approved list; Complete 6 credit hours if minor requires 15 credit hours; complete 3 credit hours if minor requires 18 credit hours.

**MINOR COURSES** — 6/9 CREDIT HOURS
Complete 6 credit hours if minor requires 15 credit hours, complete 9 credit hours if minor requires 18 credit hours.

**MILESTONES:**
- **COMPLETE COMM 4421N – PRACTICUM: THE WEST GEORGIAN OR COMM 4421T – PRACTICUM: WUTV.**
- **COMPLETE COMM 4454 – MEDIA LAW.**
- **COMPLETE A MINIMUM OF 12 CREDIT HOURS OF COMM 3000-4000 LEVEL COURSES TO APPLY TOWARD 18-21 CREDIT HOURS OF MAJOR ELECTIVES.**
- **COMPLETE 120 CREDIT HOURS BY END OF TERM, INCLUDING CREDIT HOURS EARNED PREVIOUS TERMS.**

**15 FALL CREDIT HOURS + 15 SPRING CREDIT HOURS = 30 CREDIT HOURS**

### CONNECT OFF-CAMPUS
- **Ask for advice from professionals in your field of interest.**
- **Explore career shadowing opportunities.**

### TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF
- **Explore a farmer's market for fresh produce.**
- **Develop a post-graduation exercise plan.**
- **Explore your loan repayment options and complete your exit counseling.**

### PAVE YOUR PATH
- **Request references from professors and supervisors.**
- **Draft your resume cover letter and personal statement and revise it with career services.**
- **Attend business fairs and career fairs at UWG and across the state.**
- **Attend an interview workshop.**
- **Apply for graduate programs.**