

## BACHELOR of ARTS in BROADCASTING (#726) TELEVISION FILM PRODUCTION CONCENTRATION

School of Journalism & Broadcasting

Potter College of Arts & Letters

## Western Kentucky University

The following four-year plan is an example of how to map your program in consultation with your advertising faculty advisor. A minor in marketing is recommended to complement the Branding Track. Every student will finish with a unique plan of his/her own depending on the minor area of study and electives selected.

**Admission:** Students wishing to enter the major in broadcasting initially are admitted as majors seeking admission (reference 726P). Prospective majors may take no more than 15 hours in the major before admission. Students must meet the following requirements before they can be admitted:

- 1. Completion of a minimum of 24 hours of course work applicable to a baccalaureate degree;
- 2. A minimum overall grade point average of 2.5;
- 3. Completion of ENG 100 with a grade of 'C' or better and nine additional hours in the General Education Program;
- 4. Completion of the following courses with a grade of 'C' or better: SJB 101, 102, 103, and the following course For TV/Film Production concentration: BCOM 266. Students not meeting the above admission requirements will not be admitted to the broadcasting major and cannot register for any additional courses in the major.

**CURRICULUM:** The major in broadcasting (reference number 726) requires a minimum of 42 to 43 semester hours and leads to a Bachelor of Arts degree. Students must take a minimum of 72 semester hours in courses outside of the School of Journalism & Broadcasting unit, including the University's general education requirements. In addition to meeting institutional requirements for graduation, the broadcasting major must have a minor or second major outside of the School of Journalism & Broadcasting, the Department of Communication, and Film Studies that is approved by the major faculty advisor. Students may not select a minor in film studies, communication studies, or from those offered within the School, unless taken as a second minor. No course with a grade of "D" or below may be counted toward this major or used as a prerequisite. One-half of the hours in the major must be at the 300- or 400-level (21-22 hours). Only 3 hours of internship or co-op may be counted within the major. One-hour workshops may be repeated in different topics up to 4 hours. Only 3 hours of workshop credit may be counted within the 42/43-hour major.

**Success Markers** {prerequisite courses in brackets}

FIRST YEAR	FALL SEMESTER		SPRING SEMESTER	
Join the Film Club!	SJB 101 Understanding Media Content,	3	BCOM 266 Basic TV Production	2
	Ethics and Tech.		{SJB 101 or BCOM 201}	3
Visit the	SJB 102 Media Content, Collaboration,	2	SJB 103 Digital Storytelling in the	3
Math Lab for free	Community	3	21st Century	3
tutoring.	ENG 100 Intro. to College Writing (F-W1)	2	PS 110+ American Government	3
		3	(E-SB) +pre-req. for BCOM 301	3
Attend the WKU Film	Quantitative Reasoning (F-QR)	3	Arts & Humanities (E-AH)	3
Festival –spring	COMM 145 Fund of Speaking (F-OC)	3	Natural Science (E-NS)	3
semester.	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15

SECOND YEAR	FALL SEMESTER		SPRING SEMESTER	
Volunteer for production crew work at WKYU-PBS	BCOM 201 Process & Effects of Mass Comm.	3	BCOM 367 Field Production {BCOM 366}	3
and Hilltopper Sports Network. Join a team and compete in the Two Day Film Challenge  ***Students need to show proficiency for a foreign language at the novice high	BCOM 366 Video Editing {BCOM 266}	3	Sophomore Restricted <i>Elective</i> . Select from AD, JOUR, FILM, PJ, PR or SJB	3
	HIST 101 World History I or HIST 102 World History II (F-SB)	3	ENG 200 {ENG 100} (Colonnade I, AH) Intro. to Literature	3
	Natural Science w/lab (Colonnade II, NS)	3	Course in Minor	3
level by the time they have earned 60 hours.	General Elective or Foreign Language***	3	General Elective	3
http://www.wku.edu/mode rnlanguages/placement/col onnade.pdf	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15

SUMMER TERM	Consider a study abroad experience this summer.
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THIRD YEAR	FALL SEMESTER		SPRING SEMESTER	
File application for graduation at 90 hours. (on-line form in Topnet)	BCOM 463 Directing/Producing (fall only) {BCOM 266, 366, 367} or 480 Post Production (fall only) {BCOM 366}	3	BCOM 301  Mass Comm. Law & Ethics  {PS 110, BCOM 201}	3
Earn up to 3 workshop	BCOM 325 Electronic Media Writing {SJB 103}	3	BCOM Elective in major or see restricted elective list	3
credit hours crewing for student newscast or sports show. BCOM 467 counts as	Writing in the Disciplines (Colonnade I, WC)	3	Social & Cultural (Colonnade III)	3
	Systems (Colonnade III)	3	Course in Minor	3
an elective in the major.	Course in Minor	3	Course in Minor	3
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15

SUMMER TERM	Consider an internship for credit this summer. AD 448 counts as an elective in the major.

FOURTH YEAR	FALL SEMESTER		SPRING SEMESTER	
Visit Center for Career and Professional Development for resume consultation, practice interviews. (DSU - Rm 2001)  Begin job search!	BCOM 463 Directing/Producing (fall only) {BCOM 266, 366, 367} or 480 Post Production (fall only) {BCOM 366}	3	BCOM 482 Television Program Production (capstone) (spring only) {BCOM 367, 463, 480} or by application either SJB 495 Collaborative Journalism or SJB 402 Team Investigative Reporting II (spring only) {SJB401}++ ++SJB 401 (1hr) pre-req offered in fall	3
	Local to Global (Colonnade III)	3	Course in Minor	3
* 50% of credit hours in the	Course in Minor	3	Course in Minor	3
major must be at the 300/400 level.	Course in Minor	3	General Elective	3
	General Elective	3	General Elective	3
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15
			Total Credit Hours:	120

\*\*\*World Language Proficiency: All students entering in Fall 2014 or later must demonstrate proficiency in a world language at the Novice High level before completing 60 credit hours. Novice high is the ability to communicate in writing and speaking on familiar topics in simple sentences. To meet this requirement, students may take college language courses or take a proficiency test. For more information go to www.wku.edu/modernlanguages/placement/.

**Colonnade Plan:** All students entering in fall 2014 or later must complete 39 hours in 13 specific Colonnade areas. Colonnade areas are listed in parentheses marked in blue after the corresponding classes. Some areas may have specific course requirements while others can be chosen from selected lists of options. For more details and to see lists of options, go to <a href="http://www.wku.edu/colonnade/documents/approved colonnade courses website.pdf">http://www.wku.edu/colonnade/documents/approved colonnade courses website.pdf</a>

**PLEASE NOTE:** Prerequisites, Course Numbers, and Course Titles are subject to change.

Consult your advisor each semester.

## FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

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<b>Course Descriptions</b>	http://www.wku.edu/undergraduatecatalog	