



BACHELOR of ARTS in BROADCASTING (#726)

BROADCAST NEWS CONCENTRATION

School of Journalism & Broadcasting

Potter College of Arts & Letters

Western Kentucky University

The suggested program of study shown below should be used in consultation with your advisor(s). Every student will finish with a unique plan of his/her own depending on the electives selected.

Success Markers

SAMPLE - 4 year plan

FIRST YEAR	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	<p><i>Join student chapter of RTDNA -- the Radio-TV Digital News Association!</i></p> <p><i>Visit Math Lab for free tutoring</i></p>	BCOM 185* <i>Intro. to Broadcasting</i>	3	BCOM 265 * <i>Basic Broadcast News (BCOM 185 or 201)</i>
Gen. Ed. ENG 100* (A-1) <i>Intro. to College Writing</i>		3	BCOM 266* <i>Basic TV Production (BCOM 185 or 201)</i>	3
Gen. Ed. MATH* (D-2) <i>(MATH 109 or 116 or higher)</i> Math 116 is preferred		3	Gen. Ed. (A-3) COMM 161 or 145* <i>Speech</i>	3
Gen. Ed. (C-2) PS 110 <i>American National Government</i>		3	Gen. Ed. (C-1) HIST 119 or 120 <i>Western Civilization</i>	3
Gen. Ed. (A-2) <i>Foreign Language</i>		3	Gen. Ed. (D-1/L) GEOG 121 <i>Meteorology</i>	3
UC 175 <i>Univ. Experience (optional)</i>		2	Gen Ed. (F) <i>Health & Wellness</i>	1
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS		17	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	16

SECOND YEAR	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	<p><i>Join the WKU Storm Team!</i></p> <p><i>Consider broadcast weather classes as electives in the major. BCOM 328, 329</i></p> <p><i>Earn up to 3 workshop credit hours contributing to the student newscast or sports show. BCOM 467 (1-hr) counts as an elective in the major.</i></p>	BCOM 201 <i>Process & Effects of Mass Communication</i>	3	BCOM 335 <i>News Discovery and Selection (BCOM 265)</i>
BCOM 368 <i>News Videography/Editing (BCOM 265, 266)</i>		3	BCOM 326 <i>Performance (BCOM 266)</i> OR <i>in senior year</i> BCOM 385 <i>Sales</i> OR BCOM 485 <i>Management</i>	3
Gen. Ed. (E) GEOG 110 <i>World Geography</i> OR COMM 263 <i>Comm. & Culture</i>		3	Gen. Ed. (C-2) ECON 150, 202 or 203 <i>Economics</i>	3
Gen. Ed. (B-1) <i>Literature</i>		3	Gen. Ed. (B-2) <i>Humanities</i>	3
Gen. Ed. (F) <i>Health & Wellness</i>		1	Course in Minor	3
Course in Minor		3		
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS		16	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15

SUMMER TERM <i>Consider a study abroad experience this summer.</i>	Summer Term	
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	

THIRD YEAR <i>File application for graduation at 90 hours. (on-line form in Topnet)</i> <i>Join the management staff of WWHR-FM.</i>	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	BCOM 301 <i>Mass Comm. Law & Ethics</i> {PS 110, BCOM 201}	3	BCOM 365 Intermediate News {BCOM 335}	3
	BCOM 325 <i>Survey of Writing for Radio and TV</i> {BCOM 185 or 201}	3	PS 250 <i>International Politics</i> {PS 110} (required general elective)	3
	Gen. Ed. (A-1) ENG 300 <i>Writing in the Disciplines</i>	3	Gen. Ed. (D-1) <i>Science</i>	3
	Gen. Ed. (B-2) <i>Humanities</i>	3	Course in Minor	3
	Course in Minor	3	General Elective	3
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15

SUMMER TERM <i>Consider an internship for credit this summer. BCOM 491 counts as an elective in the major.</i>	Summer Term	
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	

FOURTH YEAR <i>Visit Career Services for resume consultation, practice interviews, begin job search.</i>	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	BCOM 491 <i>Internship</i> <u>or</u> Elective in major	3	BCOM 465 <i>Adv. Broadcast News</i> (Capstone) (Spring only) (BCOM 365, 368)	3
	BCOM /JOUR Elective	3	Course in Minor	3
	Course in Minor	3	Course in Minor	3
	Course in Minor	3	General Elective	3
	General Elective	2		
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	14	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	12

Total Credit Hours: 120

* Denotes prerequisite courses before program admission
 Course prerequisites are in parentheses and italics after each course listing.

For more Information:

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