



Major in Broadcasting
Television/Film Production Concentration
School of Journalism & Broadcasting
Potter College of Arts & Letters
Western Kentucky University

Four-Year Academic Degree Path
Catalog year 2014

The following four-year plan is an example of how to map your program in consultation with your broadcast faculty advisor. 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 according to the intended concentration:

TV/Film Production: BCOM 266
Broadcast News: BCOM 265
Radio/TV Operations: BCOM 261

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	
<i>Join the Film Club!</i>	SJB 101 <i>Understanding Media Content, Ethics and Tech.</i>	3	BCOM 266 <i>Basic TV Production</i> {SJB 101 or BCOM 201}	3
	SJB 102 <i>Media Content, Collaboration, Community</i>	3	SJB 103 <i>Digital Storytelling in the 21st Century</i>	3
<i>Visit the Math Lab for free tutoring.</i>	ENG 100 (Colonnade I, WC) <i>Intro. to College Writing</i>	3	PS 110+ (Colonnade II, SB) <i>American Government</i> +pre-req. for BCOM 301	3
	<i>Quantitative Reasoning</i> (Colonnade I, QR)	3	<i>Arts & Humanities</i> (Colonnade II, AH)	3
	COMM 145 (Colonnade I, OC) <i>Fundamentals of Speaking</i>	3	<i>Natural Science</i> (Colonnade II, NS)	3
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15
SECOND YEAR	FALL SEMESTER		SPRING SEMESTER	
<i>Volunteer for production crew work at WKYU- PBS and Hilltopper Sports Network.</i>	BCOM 201 <i>Process & Effects of Mass Comm.</i>	3	BCOM 367 <i>Field Production</i> {BCOM 366}	3
	BCOM 366 <i>Video Editing</i> {BCOM 266}	3	Sophomore Restricted <i>Elective</i> . Select from AD, JOUR, FILM, PJ, PR or SJB	3
<i>***Students need to show proficiency for a foreign language at the novice high level by the time they have earned 60 hours. http://www.wku.edu/modernlanguages/placement/colonnade.pdf</i>	HIST 101 or 102 (Colonnade I, SB) <i>World History</i>	3	ENG 200 {ENG 100} (Colonnade I, AH) <i>Intro. to Literature</i>	3
	<i>Natural Science w/lab</i> (Colonnade II, NS)	3	Course in Minor	3
	General Elective or Foreign Language***	3	General Elective	3
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15
SUMMER TERM				
<i>Consider a study abroad experience this summer.</i>	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS			

THIRD YEAR	FALL SEMESTER		SPRING SEMESTER	
<p>File application for graduation at 90 hours. <i>(on-line form in Topnet)</i></p> <p><i>Earn up to 3 workshop credit hours crewing for student newscast or sports show. BCOM 467 counts as an elective in the major.</i></p>	BCOM 463 <i>Directing/Producing</i> (fall only) {BCOM 266, 366, 367} or 480 <i>Post Production</i> (fall only) {BCOM 366}	3	BCOM 301 <i>Mass Comm. Law & Ethics</i> {PS 110, BCOM 201}	3
	BCOM 325 <i>Electronic Media Writing</i> {SJB 103}	3	<i>BCOM Elective</i> in major or see restricted elective list	3
	<i>Writing in the Disciplines</i> (Colonnade I, WC)	3	<i>Social & Cultural</i> (Colonnade III)	3
	<i>Systems</i> (Colonnade III)	3	Course in Minor	3
	Course in Minor	3	Course in Minor	3
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15
SUMMER TERM				
<p><i>Consider an internship for credit this summer.</i> <i>BCOM 491 counts as an elective in the major.</i></p>			TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	

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

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

Consult your advisor each semester.

Course Descriptions may be viewed at <http://www.wku.edu/undergraduatecatalog>

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