

2026-2027 Degree Map-Bachelor of Arts in Journalism

This map is a term-by-term sample course schedule. The milestones listed to the right of each term are designed to keep you on course to graduate in four years. The Sample Schedule serves as a general guideline to help you build a full schedule each term. See course descriptions and prerequisites at <https://catalog.atu.edu/>

#Prerequisite Courses: ENGL 0303 ____ MATH 0803 ____ MATH 0903 ____

Possible Careers: News & Documentary Making, Reporting, Digital and Print, Social Media Writing/Curating/Strategizing, Videography.

Sample Schedule

Semester 1	Hrs.	Grade	Milestones/Notes	Semester 1
ENGL 1013-Comp I (ACTS=ENGL 1013)	3	#		Draft a résumé to upload to Handshake
Social Science	3			Create a LinkedIn profile
Science with Lab	4			
JOUR OR COMM 1023-Exploration of Media and Communication	3			
TECH 1001-Orientation to the University	1			
Journalism Practicum	1			May take additional 4 hours JOUR practicums as electives
Total hours	15	GPA		

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Semester 5	Hrs.	Grade	Milestones/Notes	Semester 5
Fine Arts/Humanities	3			
JOUR 4043-Journalism Ethics	3			
JOUR Elective	3			
General Elective	3			Research grad school or post-grad options and do a mock interview utilizing Career Services
General Elective (3000-4000 level)	3			
Total hours	15	GPA		

Semester 2	Hrs.	Grade	Milestones/Notes	Semester 2
ENGL 1023-Comp II (ACTS= ENGL 1023)	3	#		
Social Science/Fine Arts/Hum/Communication	3			
Mathematics	3	#		
JOUR OR ART 1163-Basic Digital Photography	3			
JOUR 2133-Intro. to Mass Communication	3			
Journalism Practicum	1			Do not repeat Practicum number
Total hours	16	GPA		

Semester 6	Hrs.	Grade	Milestones/Notes	Semester 6
JOUR 3133-Media Management Principles	3			
JOUR Elective	3			*JOUR practicums influence Upper Division elective hours
General Elective (3000-4000 level)	3			
General Elective (3000-4000 level)	3			
General Elective (3000-4000 level)	3			Complete an internship or field-related experience
Total hours	15	GPA		APPLY FOR GRADUATION

Semester 3	Hrs.	Grade	Milestones/Notes	Semester 3
U.S. History/Government	3			Attend a career fair and explore part-time or volunteer options
JOUR 2163-Intro. to Multimedia	3			
Science with Lab	4			
JOUR 2143-Media Writing	3			
Journalism Practicum	1			Do not repeat Practicum number
General Elective	1			
Total hours	15	GPA		

Semester 7	Hrs.	Grade	Milestones/Notes	Semester 7
JOUR Elective	3			
JOUR 4123-Laws of Communication	3			
General Elective (3000-4000 level)	3			Finalize résumé, cover letter, and references and complete a senior check-in with Career Services
General Elective (3000-4000 level)	3			
General Elective (3000-4000 level)	3			
Total hours	15	GPA		

Semester 4	Hrs.	Grade	Milestones/Notes	Semester 4
Fine Arts & Humanities	3			Meet with faculty about career paths to determine if graduate school is required
Social Science	3			
JOUR 2263-Media and Society	3			
Journalism Practicum	1			See catalog for Certificates and/or minors to consider
General Elective	3			
General Elective	3			Do not repeat Practicum number
Total hours	16	GPA		JOUR ADVISOR ASSIGNED

Semester 8	Hrs.	Grade	Milestones/Notes	Semester 8
JOUR 4823-Journalism Capstone	3			
JOUR Elective	3			
General Elective (3000-4000 level)	3			Graduation Requirements:
General Elective (3000-4000 level)	3			Min. hours 3000-4000 level courses: 40
General Elective (3000-4000 level)	1			No more than 4 PE activity hours
Total Hours	13	GPA		Min. hours required:120 2.00+ GPA

The Arkansas Course Transfer System (ACTS) is designed to assist in planning the academic progress of students. This system contains information about the transferability of courses within Arkansas public colleges and universities. The Arkansas Course Transfer System can be accessed by searching keyword "ACTS" at <https://adhe.edu/>

General Electives: 10 hours (any level); 28 hours (3000-4000 level)

See Catalog for Certificates of Proficiency in: Broadcast Journalism, Print Journalism, Public Relations Journalism. Complete change of major form to add certificate(s)

indicates a "C" or better is required

Recommend Electives: COMM 2003 Public Speaking, COMM 2013 Voice and Diction, COMM 3003 Interpersonal Communication, COMM 3063 Oral Interpretation, COMM 3073 Group Communication, SOC 1003 Intro to Soc, PSY 2003 General Psy, ECON 2003 Princ. Macroeconomics, POLS 2003 American Government, POLS 3033 State & Local Government

Fine Arts and Humanities ART 2123 Experiencing Art (ACTS=ARTA1003) MUS 2003 Survey of Music History (ACTS=MUSC1003) TH 2273 Introduction to Theatre (ACTS=DRAM 1003) ENGL/JOUR 2173 Introduction to Film ENGL 2003 Introduction to World Literature (ACTS=ENGL2113) ENGL 2013 Intro. to American Literature (ACTS=ENGL2653) PHIL 2003 Introduction to Philosophy (ACTS=PHIL1103) PHIL 2053 Introduction to Critical Thinking (ACTS=PHIL 1003) 1013 from SPAN, FR, GER, or JPN 1023 from SPAN, FR, GER, JPN, or CHIN LEAD 2003 Ethics in Leadership	U.S. History & Government HIST 1903 Survey of American History HIST 2003 U.S. History to 1877 (ACTS=HIST2113) HIST 2013 U.S. History since 1877 (ACTS=HIST2123) POLS 2003 American Government (ACTS=PLSC2003) Science with Lab BIOL 1014 Intro. to Biological Science (ACTS= BIOL1004) BIOL/PHSC 1004 Principles of Environmental Science GEOL 1014 Physical Geology (ACTS= GEOL 1114) University Honors students should consult Course Catalog for appropriate Fine Arts/Humanities, US History/Government and Social Science options for University Honors Curriculum.
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Social Sciences	
HIST 1503 World History to 1500 (ACTS=HIST1113)	ANTH 1213 Intro. to Anthropology (ACTS=ANTH1013)
HIST 1513 World History since 1500 (ACTS=HIST1123)	ANTH 2003 Cultural Anthropology (ACTS=ANTH2013)
HIST 2003 U.S. History to 1877 (ACTS=HIST2113)	GEOG 2013 Regional Geography of the World (ACTS=GEOG2103)
HIST 2013 U.S. History since 1877 (ACTS=HIST2123)	AMST 2003 American Studies
HIST 1903 Survey of American History	FIN 2013 Personal Finance
POLS 2003 American Government (ACTS=PLSC2003)	LEAD 1003 Introduction to Leadership
ECON 2003 Principles of Macroeconomics (ACTS=ECON2103)	
ECON 2013 Principles of Microeconomics (ACTS=ECON2203)	
SOC 1003 Introductory Sociology (ACTS=SOC11013)	
PSY 2003 General Psychology (ACTS=PSYC1103)	