



**School of Informatics, Humanities and Social Sciences**  
**Department of Arts and Humanities**

The 4-year study plan below is for guidance only. Always review your individual check sheet for your degree requirements and progress.  
 For full course descriptions, see the [RMU Course Catalog](#).

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| BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA) IN NEWS AND SPORTS COMMUNICATION (120 CREDITS) |                              |   |   |  |                         |                              |  |            |  |
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| 4-Year Guided Curriculum   |                              |   |   |  |                         |                              |  |            |  |
| FALL   |                              | Semester 1  |   |  | YEAR 1                  | SPRING                       |  | Semester 2 |  |
| COMM   | 1500                         | Ethics, Technology and Culture  | 3 |  | NSSC                    | 1500                         | Media Writing and Reporting  | 3          |  |
| NSSC; or<br>NSSC/COMM  | 1000; or<br>2010             | Media and Society; or<br>Comm and Sport   | 3 |  | ---                     | ---                          | Open elective 1:<br>1st course in the minor  | 3          |  |
| CSEN; or<br>CSEN   | 1010; or<br>1020             | RMU core course 1 Reading &<br>Writing Strategies; or<br>Argument & Research (Honors<br>section: CSHR1025)  | 3 |  | CSEN; or<br>CSCM        | 1020; or<br>1030             | RMU core course 4: Argument &<br>Research (Honors section: CSHR1025); or<br>Public Speaking & Persuasion (HNRS:<br>CSHR1035 Honors Speech, Rhetoric, and<br>Culture)                           | 3          |  |
| HUMA   | 1010                         | Humanities: Art and Music<br>(Honors section: HUMA1015)   | 3 |  | ---                     | ---                          | RMU core course 6: Science elective  | 3          |  |
| PSYC; or<br>SOCI   | 1010; or<br>1010; or<br>1020 | RMU core course 3: General<br>Psychology (HNRS: PSYC1015);<br>Principles of Sociology; or<br>Contemporary American Social<br>Problems (HNRS SOCI1025)   | 3 |  | PSYC; or<br>SOCI        | 1010; or<br>1010; or<br>1020 | RMU core course 3: General<br>Psychology (HNRS: PSYC1015);<br>Principles of Sociology; or<br>Contemporary American Social<br>Problems (HNRS SOCI1025)  | 3          |  |
| FYSP   | 1000                         | First Year Studies Seminar  | 1 |  |                         |                              |  |            |  |
| FALL   |                              | Semester 3  |   |  | YEAR 2                  | SPRING                       |  | Semester 4 |  |
| COMM   | 2030                         | Communication Theory  | 3 |  | NSSC                    | 2500                         | Media Writing and Reporting II   | 3          |  |
| NSSC   | 2000                         | Broadcast and Online Reporting  | 3 |  | NSSC/JRNL/<br>ORGL/ARTM | ---                          | NSSC Elective 1*   | 3          |  |
|  |                              | Open elect 2: 2nd course in the minor   | 3 |  | ---                     | ---                          | Open elect 3: 3rd course in the minor  | 3          |  |
| CSCM; or<br>CSCM   | 1030; or<br>2040             | RMU core course 6: Public<br>Speaking & Persuasion (HNRS:<br>CSHR1035 Honors Speech, Rhetoric<br>& Culture); or<br>Professional Communication in<br>Workplace (HNRS: CSHR2045<br>Organizational Comm) | 3 |  | CSCM; or<br>CSCM        | 2040;<br>or<br>2050          | RMU core course 9: Professional<br>Communication in Workplace (HNRS:<br>CSHR2045 Organizational Comm); or<br>Intercultural Communications (Honors<br>section: CSHR2055 International<br>Comm)) | 3          |  |
| MATT; or<br>STAT   | 1050; or<br>2110             | RMU core course 8: Math<br>Reasoning with Applications; or<br>Statistics (HNRS: STAT2125)   | 3 |  | ECON                    | 1010                         | RMU core course 10: Survey of<br>Economics (Honors section:<br>ECON1015)   | 3          |  |
| FALL   |                              | Semester 5  |   |  | YEAR 3                  | SPRING                       |  | Semester 6 |  |
| COMM   | 2900                         | Research Methods in Comm  | 3 |  | NSSC; or<br>NSSC/JRNL   | 3500; or<br>3085             | Interaction of News, Politics & Media;<br>or Interaction of Sports, Politics &<br>Media  | 3          |  |
| NSSC/ORGL  | 3700                         | Communication and Leadership  | 3 |  | NSSC/JRNL/<br>ORGL/ARTM | ---                          | NSSC Elective 2*   | 3          |  |
|  |                              | Open elec 4: 4th course in the minor  | 3 |  | NSSC/JRNL/<br>ORGL/ARTM | ---                          | NSSC Elective 3*   | 3          |  |
|  |                              | Open Elective 5   | 3 |  | ---                     | ---                          | Open elective 6: 5th course in the minor   | 3          |  |
| INFS   | 1020                         | RMU core course 11: Fundamentals<br>of Info Tech (HNRS: INFS1025)   | 3 |  | ENGL                    | ---                          | RMU core course 12: Literature elective  | 3          |  |
| FALL   |                              | Semester 7  |   |  | YEAR 4                  | SPRING                       |  | Semester 8 |  |
| NSSC/JRNL; or<br>NSSC/JRNL   | 4000; or<br>3065             | 4000 Investigative Reporting; or<br>Sports Reporting  | 3 |  | NSSC/JRNL               | 4010                         | Mass Media Capstone  | 3          |  |
| NSSC/JRNL/<br>ORGL/ARTM  | ---                          | NSSC Elective 4*  | 3 |  | NSSC/JRNL/<br>ORGL/ARTM | ---                          | NSSC Elective 5*   | 3          |  |
|  |                              | Open elec 7: 6th course in the minor  | 3 |  | ---                     | ---                          | Open Elective 10   | 3          |  |
|  |                              | Open Elective 8   | 3 |  | ---                     | ---                          | Open Elective 11   | 3          |  |
| HIST; or<br>POLS   | ---; or<br>1020              | RMU core course 13: History<br>elective (HNRS: HIST1105); or<br>American National Government<br>(HNRS: 1025)  | 3 |  | ---                     | ---                          | Open Elective 12   | 3          |  |

\*Recommended NSSC electives to select from: NSSC/JRNL3075 Journalism Abroad/FLEAP (3 credits); NSSC4903-09 NSSC Internship (max of 9) credits (3-9);  
 ORGL1000 Intro to Leadership Development (3); ORGL1200 Diversity/Multiculturalism in Orgs (3); ORGL2000 Leadership & Popular Culture (3);  
 ARTM2005 Black and White Photography, ARTM2400 Field Production and co-req lab ARTM0240; ARTM2410 Multi-Camera Studio and co-req lab ARTM0241