



School of Communication and Media
Department of Communication and
Organizational Leadership

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

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