

Approval Chart for Curriculum Changes

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Course Number _____ or Degree Plan(s) Convergence Journalism BA and BS
 State the requested change and reason. A memo may be attached if more space is necessary.

These adjustments to the Convergence Journalism degree plan are intended to adapt to the rapidly changing media landscape and the fluid media employment market. The changes ensure that all students in the major write early and often but also are exposed to deeper and richer techniques of storytelling. In addition, the changes encourage a focus on information verification and communication within the renamed JMC 341 Editing and Content Management course, formerly Copyediting, which will be moved to the Convergence Journalism Core along with one of the following 400-level writing courses: JMC 438 Broadcast News, JMC 449 Opinion Writing, JMC 450 Feature Writing, JMC 441 Topics in Convergence Journalism. The creation of JMC 441 Topics in Convergence Journalism allows for offering occasional higher-level reporting instruction without having to create a more limiting JMC 440 Special Topics course. The reconfigured degree plan also calls for the removal of JMC 233 Photography, JMC 239 Writing for Electronic Delivery and JMC 405 Visual Portfolio from the JMC elective menu. Note : Some additional modifications are reflected in the provided degree plan comparing the old and new proposed versions.

Circle the number that corresponds to the requested change. Degree plan changes are on the second page.

		COUNCIL ³								
	Change to a Course	Dept./School	College Academic	Deans	TEC	UGEC	UUAC	GRAD	Provost	President
1.	Title (description unchanged)	A	A	A	I				I	I
2.	Description (not affecting content)	A	A	A	I				I	I
3.	Content (substantive change)	A	A	A	I				A	A
4.	Number of hours (lecture, lab, contact)	A	A	A	A				A	A
5.	Course number within the hundred	A	A	I	I				I	I
6.	Course number beyond the hundred	A	A	A	A				A	A
7.	Prerequisites	A	A	A	I				I	I
8.	Course fee(s)	A	--	A	--				A	I
9.	From U to G or G to U	A	A	A	A				A	A
10.	Cross list with another department: U or G level	A	A	A	A				A	A
11.	Department of record	A	A	A	A				A	A
12.	Open or close a course	A	A	A	A				A	A
13.	New course — See website for application and process. This change includes combining or splitting a course(s).	A	A	A	A				A	A

Note: When an academic unit does not have a council, the UGEC and/or UUAC will serve as its academic council, depending on the nature of the issue.

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		COUNCIL ³								Board of Trustees		
	Change to a Degree Plan	Dept./School	College Academic	Deans	TEC	UGEC	UUAC	GRAD	Provost		Faculty	President
1.	University Requirements — Change in approved course content ⁶	A	A	A	A				A	--	A	--
2.	University Requirements — Add or drop a required course from the University Requirements chart ⁶	A	A	A	A				A	A	A	--
3.	University Requirements — Add or drop a course from a menu within the University Requirements ⁶	A	A	A	A				A	--	A	--
4.	University Requirements — Change hours within a menu on the University Requirements chart ⁶	A	A	A	A				A	A	A	--
5.	Major — Revision of major ^{4,5}	A	A	A	A				A	--	A	--
6.	Major — Adopt or change admission requirements	A	A	A	A				A	--	A	--
7.	Major — Add ^{4,5}	A	A	A	A				A	A	A	I
8.	Major – Discontinue (proposed by the department or college)	A	A	A	A				A	A	A	I
9.	Major – Discontinue (proposed by the Provost)	See below.										
10.	GPA — Revise major or cumulative requirement	A	A	A	A				A	A	A	--
11.	Minor — Revise course selection	A	A	A	I				I	--	I	--
12.	Minor — Add	A	A	A	A				A	--	A	--
13.	Minor – Discontinue (proposed by the department or college)	A	A	A	A				A	--	A	--
14.	Minor – Discontinue (proposed by the Provost)	See below.										
15.	Degree — Add	A	A	A	A				A	A	A	I
16.	Degree – Discontinue (proposed by the department or college)	A	A	A	A				A	A	A	I
17.	Degree – Discontinue (proposed by the Provost)	See below.										
18.	Any change to a graduate degree program	A	A	A	A				A	--	A	--

		COUNCIL ³								Board of Trustees
Provost-Proposed Change		Provost	Department	Dean	TEC	UUAC	Graduate	Faculty	President	
1.	Major/Graduate Program — Discontinue (proposed by the Provost)	A	R	R	A			A	A	I
2.	Minor — Discontinue (proposed by the Provost)	A	R	R	A			--	A	--
3.	Degree — Discontinue (proposed by the Provost)	A	R	R	A			A	A	I

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	Change to the Catalog Information	Dept./School	College Academic	Deans	UGEC	UUAC	GRAD	Provost	Faculty	President
1.	General requirements for graduation including course requirements that are common to all majors for all degrees ⁷	--	--	--		A		A	A	A
2.	Admission requirements	--	--	--		A		A	A	A
3.	Policies governing academic probation and suspension	--	--	--		A		A	A	A
4.	Requirements for graduating with honors	--	--	--		A		A	A	A
5.	Other academic policy changes	--	--	--		A		A	--	A

¹ Councils may request additional information about "Information" items. These items are approved as "Consent Agenda."

² The Dean and Department should respond to the Provost's recommendation to close a program in writing. Advise & Respond (R) requires that the voting body should receive the written responses at least one week prior to the vote.

³ All courses that meet University Requirements for general education must go through UGEC. Courses or degrees offered only to students seeking teacher certification must go through the Teacher Education Council. All undergraduate changes must go before the UUAC. All graduate degree plan changes must go through the Graduate Council.

⁴ A minimum of 30 hours is required for a major. A maximum is specified for each degree (e.g., BA, BS). The university minimum for elective hours is 6, unless the requirements of external accrediting bodies make it impossible.

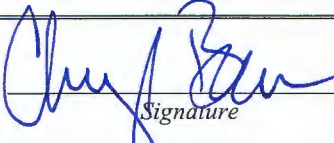
⁵ Program or course changes that apply to any major that includes Teacher Certification will be reviewed by the college, the Teacher Education Council (TEC), and then the UUAC.

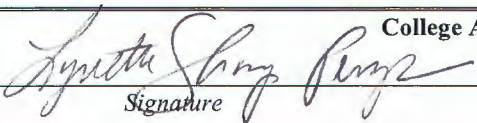
⁶ Courses that satisfy ACU's University Requirements (General Education) will normally have lower-level numbering, be free of prerequisites and co-requisites, appeal to more than one or two majors, and "not narrowly focus on those skills, techniques, and procedures specific to a particular occupation or profession" (SACS 2.7.3). Departments may request exceptions to the first three criteria.

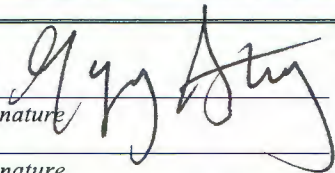
⁷ The UUAC approved the clarification that "general requirements for graduation" means the enumerated items in the "General Requirements for Bachelor's Degrees" section of the catalog.

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Curriculum/Catalog Changes Signature Page

 Signature	Department/School Chair(s) 3/1/15 Approval date
_____ Signature	_____ Approval date

 Signature	College Academic Council(s) 3-27-15 Approval date
_____ Signature	_____ Approval date

 Signature	Dean(s) 4/6/15 Approval date
_____ Signature	_____ Approval date

Teacher Education Council	
_____ Chair's signature	_____ Approval date

General Education Council	
_____ Chair's signature	_____ Approval date

Undergraduate Academic Council	
_____ Chair's signature	_____ Approval date

Graduate Council	
_____ Chair's signature	_____ Approval date

Provost	
_____ Signature	_____ Approval date

Faculty	
_____ Chair of faculty senate	_____ Approval date

President	
_____ Signature	_____ Approval date

Convergence Journalism Major (BA or BS VERSION)
Curriculum Revision Proposal
February 4, 2015

Current degree plan	Recommended degree plan
JMC CORE (20 HOURS)	JMC CORE (16 HOURS)
JMC 100 Media Issues.....(3)	JMC 100 Media Issues.....(3)
JMC 102 Creating Media Messages.....3	JMC 201 Intro to Visual Media.....3
JMC 201 Intro to Visual Media.....3	JMC 302 Intro to Race and Media.....1
JMC 302/303 JMC Colloquia —(1 section of 302 and two of 303 required)3	JMC 303 JMC Colloquy on Race and Media (twice).....2
JMC 310 or JMC 351 Electronic Publishing.....3	JMC 351 Web Publishing.....3
JMC 342 Publication Design.....4	JMC 342 Communication Design.....3
JMC 488 Communication Law3	JMC 488 Communication Law. (Part of capstone).....3
JMC 495 Internship1	JMC 495 Internship (Part of capstone).....1
CONVERGENCE JOURNALISM CORE (6 HOURS)	CONVERGENCE JOURNALISM CORE (15 HOURS)
JMC 223 Convergence Reporting 13	JMC 223 Convergence Reporting 13
JMC 321 Student Media Lab (2 semesters required).....0	JMC 321 Student Media Lab (2 semesters required)0
JMC 324 Convergence Reporting 23	JMC 324 Convergence Reporting 23
JMC Elective3	JMC 341 Editing and Content Management3
	Select 1 of the following: JMC 438 Broadcast News, JMC 449 Opinion Writing, JMC 450 Feature Writing, JMC 441 Topics in Convergence Journalism.....3
	JMC Elective3
CONVERGENCE JOURNALISM SELECTION (12 HOURS)	CONVERGENCE JOURNALISM SELECTION (6 HOURS)
Select 4 of the following (note prerequisite requirements)	Select 2 of the following (note prerequisite requirements)
JMC 111 Announcing	JMC 111 Announcing
JMC 233 Introduction to Photography	JMC 233 Photography
JMC 239 Writing for Electronic Delivery	JMC 260 Broadcast Production
JMC 260 Television Studio Production	JMC 438 Broadcast News
JMC 333 Photojournalism	JMC 441 Topics in Convergence Journalism
JMC 341 Copy Editing	JMC 449 Opinion Writing
JMC 360 Television Field Production	JMC 450 Feature Writing
JMC 405 Visual Portfolio	JMC 465 Documentary Storytelling
JMC 438 Broadcast News	
JMC 449 Opinion Writing	
JMC 450 Feature Writing	
SUPPORT FIELD CONCENTRATION (15 HOURS)	SUPPORT FIELD OR MINOR (15-24 HOURS)
Choose from: business (MGMT, ACCT, FIN, IS, BLAW), English, ethnic and women's studies, foreign language, history, peace and social justice studies, political science, psychology, science (BIOL, CHEM, ENVR, PHYS), or sociology.	Choose from any field. Requirements for a formal minor are set by each department and may vary in hours. A support field consists of 15 hours, of which at least 6 must be advanced selections. Bible cannot be used as a support field.
Lower level selections9	Lower level selections9
Advanced selections6	Advanced selections6
ADDT'L SUPPORT HOURS REQUIRED FOR JOCJ BS (0 HOURS)	ADDT'L SUPPORT HOURS REQUIRED FOR JOCJ BS (0 HOURS)
POLS 225 National Government	POLS 225 National Government
Or POLS 226 States and Federal System.....(3)	Or POLS 226 States and Federal System.....(3)
ADDITIONAL SUPPORT HOURS REQUIRED FOR JOCJ BA (9 HOURS)	ADDITIONAL SUPPORT HOURS REQUIRED FOR JOCJ BA (9 HOURS)
POLS 225 National Government	POLS 225 National Government
Or POLS 226 States and Federal System.....(3)	Or POLS 226 States and Federal System.....(3)
FLA, FREN, GER, or SPAN 221, 2226	FLA, FREN, GER, or SPAN 221, 2226
Sophomore English Literature3	Sophomore English Literature3
TOTAL9	TOTAL9
ELECTIVES	ELECTIVES (assuming support field)
Minimum (max of 3 hours may be JMC)10	BS Minimum (max of 3 hours may be JMC)20
	BA Minimum (max of 3 hours may be JMC)11
University Requirements56	University Requirements56

*Hours (in parentheses) may also fulfill university requirements and are not included in total major hours.