

Approval Chart for Curriculum Changes

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College of Arts
and Sciences

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Dean's Office

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.

This change removes the language "1 must be on the student newspaper" from the JMC 321 entry on each degree plan. It resolves a discrepancy between the degree plans and the course description, and it removes an outdated limitation on which media outlet students may serve to earn credit.

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	UAC	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	
1.	University Requirements — Change in approved course content ⁶	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
3.	University Requirements — Add or drop a course from a menu within the University Requirements ⁶	A	--	--		A		A	--
4.	University Requirements — Change hours within a menu on the University Requirements chart ⁶	A	A	A		A		A	A
5.	Major — Revision of major ^{4,5}	A	A	A		A		A	--
6.	Major — Adopt or change admission requirements	A	A	A		A		A	--
7.	Major — Add ^{4,5}	A	A	A		A		A	A
8.	Major – Discontinue (proposed by the department or college)	A	A	A		A		A	A
9.	Major – Discontinue (proposed by the Provost)	See below.							I
10.	GPA — Revise major or cumulative requirement	A	A	A		A		A	A
11.	Minor — Revise course selection	A	A	A		I		I	--
12.	Minor — Add	A	A	A		A		A	--
13.	Minor – Discontinue (proposed by the department or college)	A	A	A		A		A	--
14.	Minor – Discontinue (proposed by the Provost)	See below.							I
15.	Degree — Add	A	A	A		A		A	A
16.	Degree – Discontinue (proposed by the department or college)	A	A	A		A		A	A
17.	Degree – Discontinue (proposed by the Provost)	See below.							I
18.	Any change to a graduate degree program	A	A	A		A		A	--

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

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COUNCIL ³										
	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

Department/School Chair(s)	
 Signature	2-1-17 Approval date
_____ Signature	_____ Approval date

College Academic Council(s)	
 Signature	2.17.17 Approval date
_____ Signature	_____ Approval date

Dean(s)	
 Signature	2/21/17 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 (BS)

BS: CONVERGENCE JOURNALISM DEGREE PLAN (JOCJ)	
UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS	
Please see the University Requirements section of this catalog (page 39).	
MAJOR REQUIREMENTS	
Journalism and Mass Communication Core	
JMC 100 Media Issues	(3) ¹
JMC 201 Introduction to Visual Media	3
JMC 302 Introduction to Race and Media	1
JMC 303 JMC Colloquium on Race and Media (twice)	2
JMC 351 Web Publishing	3
JMC 342 Communication Design	3
JMC 488 Communication Law (writing-intensive & capstone course)	3
JMC 495 Internship (capstone course)	1
TOTAL	16
Convergence Journalism Core	
JMC 223 Convergence Reporting I	3
JMC 321 Student Media Lab (2 semesters required; 1 must be on the student newspaper on departmental co-curricular news staff)	0
JMC 324 Convergence Reporting II	3
JMC 341 Editing and Content Management	3
Choose 1: JMC 438, JMC 449, JMC 450, or JMC 441	3
JMC Elective (JMC 100-499)	3
TOTAL	15
Convergence Journalism Selection	
Choose 2 of the following courses: JMC 111, 233, 261, 438, 441, 449, 450, or 465	6
TOTAL	37
¹ Hours (in parentheses) may also fulfill university requirements and are not included in total major hours	
SUPPORT FIELD OR MINOR	
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 6 must be advanced selections. Bible cannot be used as a support field.	
Lower selections	9
Advanced selections	6
TOTAL	15
SUPPLEMENT FOR MAJOR	
POLS 225 National Government or POLS 226 States and Federal System	(3) ¹
ELECTIVES (assuming support field)	
Minimum (maximum of 3 hours may be JMC)	20
TOTAL MAJOR HOURS	72
OTHER GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS	
Minimum GPA in major	2.00
Minimum GPA for graduation	2.25
Minimum number of hours outside JMC	72
Minimum advanced hours	33
Minimum total hours	128
Courses numbered 0** do not count in Minimum hours required for degree.	

CONVERGENCE JOURNALISM (BA)

BA: CONVERGENCE JOURNALISM DEGREE PLAN (JOCJ)	
UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS	
Please see the University Requirements section of this catalog (page 39).	

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS	
Journalism and Mass Communication Core	
JMC 100 Media Issues	(3) ¹
JMC 201 Introduction to Visual Media	3
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Advanced selections	6
TOTAL	15
SUPPLEMENT FOR MAJOR	
POLS 225 National Government or POLS 226 States and Federal System	(3) ¹
FLLA, FREN, GER, or SPAN 221, 222	6
Sophomore (or higher) Literature	3
TOTAL	9
ELECTIVES	
Minimum (maximum of 3 hours may be JMC)	11
TOTAL MAJOR HOURS	72
OTHER GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS	
Minimum GPA in major	2.00
Minimum GPA for graduation	2.25
Minimum number of hours outside JMC	72
Minimum advanced hours	33
Minimum total hours	128
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