

SECTION V: Proposed Changes to an Existing Program or Program Policies

Insert here a statement of the exact changes to be made: In the 8-semester plan, 4th year, spring term, we are removing the words "non-JOUR" to allow the general elective to be any kind of general elective. The descriptor "non-JOUR" has been removed from General Electives in years 3 and 4.

Check if either of these boxes apply and provide the necessary signature:

- Program change proposal adds courses offered by another academic college, and that college dean's office has been notified. The signature of the dean of that academic college is required here: _____
- Program change proposal deletes courses offered by another academic college, and that college dean's office has been notified. The signature of the dean of that academic college is required here: _____

Check all the boxes that apply and complete the required sections of the form:

- Change of Name and Code (Complete only sections I, II, V and VII.)
- Change Course Requirements: (Complete all sections of the form except "Proposed Name" in II, section III, and section IV.)
- Change Delivery Site/Method (Complete all sections of the form except "Proposed Name" in II, section III, and section IV.)
- Change Total Hours (Complete all sections of the form except "Proposed Name" in II, section III, and section IV.)
- Change in Program Policies

SECTION VI: Justification

Justify this change and state its likely effect on any other degree program (including those outside the school or college). Identify any program or program components (other than courses) to be eliminated if this program is implemented. (Program and course change forms must also be submitted for such related changes.)

The Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communication previously had a requirement that all journalism undergraduate degree programs have 84-85 hours of *non*-Journalism classes. When 8-semester plans were mandated by the state of Arkansas, the Journalism/Political Science combined BA major (JOPLBA) had to build in elective hours in the 8-semester plan that had to be a non-JOUR course in order to ensure that students fulfilled this requirement of completing 84-85 hours of non-JOUR courses. The other 83 hours of non-JOUR courses were already built into the degree program due to state core requirements, specific journalism major requirements for non-JOUR courses, and the English courses required for the English-portion of this combined major.

ACEJMC has now reduced the number of hours required outside of journalism to 72 hours in accredited programs. It doesn't change the number of required hours of journalism classes. Generally speaking, journalism degree programs are now able to provide some additional flexibility for journalism majors to take more journalism classes (12-13 hours maximum) if desired.

The only impact this reduction in the required number of non-JOUR hours (now 72) has on this particular JOPLBA major is that we will no longer have to specify the hours of non-JOUR general electives be a non-JOUR class. It can be a general elective of any kind. The original requirements for the major remain unchanged.

SECTION VII: Catalog Text and Format

In the box below, insert the current catalog text which is to be changed, with changes highlighted with the color yellow. Include all proposed changes identified in Section V. Only changes explicitly stated in Section V will be considered for approval by the University Course and Programs Committee, the Graduate Council and the Faculty Senate. If you are proposing a new program, give proposed text with all of the elements listed below. If you are proposing modified text, include these elements as appropriate.

Include the following elements, in order, in the catalog text for proposed undergraduate program(s) or program changes:

- State complete major/program name
- Briefly define or describe the major/program or discipline.
- Identify typical career goals or paths for graduates. (Optional)
- State admission requirements (if any) for entry or entry into upper/advanced level of major/program.
- Identify location in catalog of university, college/school, and department/program requirements which the student must meet in addition to hours in the major, but do not restate these requirements.
- State course requirements in the major and any allied areas, giving number of hours and specific courses; specify electives or elective areas and give numbers of hours and courses in elective pools or categories; identify any other course requirements.
- State any other requirements (required GPA, internship, exit exam, project, thesis, etc.).
- Identify name and requirements for each concentration (if any).
- Specify whether a minor or other program component is allowed or required and provide details.
- State eight-semester plan requirements

For minors, state requirements in terms of hours, required courses, electives, etc.

For graduate program/units, include elements (as needed) parallel to those listed for undergraduate programs above.

For Law School program/units, prepare text consistent with current catalog style.

For centers, prepare text consistent with current catalog style.

Requirements for the Combined Major in Journalism and Political

Science: All university students must fulfill the minimum University/state core requirements (see Academic Regulations). A minimum of ~~84~~**85**72 hours in non-journalism courses must be applied toward the 120 hours required by the college for a Bachelor of Arts degree. Bolded courses from the list below may be applied to portions of the University/state minimum core requirements.

Edits to 8-sem plan:

**Journalism/Political Science B.A.
Eight-Semester Degree Program**

Students wishing to follow the eight-semester degree plan should see the [Eight-Semester Degree Policy](#) for university requirements of the program. Core requirement hours may vary by individual, based on placement and previous credit granted. Once all core requirements are met, students may substitute a three-hour (or more) general elective in place of a core area.

First Year	Units	
	Fall	Spring
ENGL 1013 Composition I (ACTS Equivalency = ENGL 1013) (Sp, Su, Fa)	3	
MATH 1203 College Algebra (ACTS Equivalency = MATH 1103) (Sp, Su, Fa) or MATH 2033 Mathematical Thought (Sp, Su, Fa) or MATH 2043 Survey of Calculus (ACTS Equivalency = MATH 2203) (Sp, Su, Fa) or MATH 2053 Finite Mathematics (Sp, Su, Fa) or MATH 2183 Mathematical Reasoning in a Quantitative World (ACTS Equivalency = MATH 1003) (Sp, Fa) or MATH 2554 Calculus I (ACTS Equivalency = MATH 2405) (Sp, Su, Fa) or STAT 2303 Principles of Statistics (ACTS Equivalency = MATH 2103) (Sp)	3-4	
JOUR 1023 Media and Society (Sp, Fa) or JOUR 1033 Fundamentals of Journalism (Sp, Su, Fa)	3	
Social science university/state core requirement (HIST recommended)	3	
1013 Elementary II world language	3	
ENGL 1023 Composition II (ACTS Equivalency = ENGL 1023) (Sp, Su, Fa)		3
MATH 2033 Mathematical Thought (Sp, Su, Fa) (if higher MATH still needed, else non-JOUR General Elective) or MATH 2043 Survey of Calculus (ACTS Equivalency = MATH 2203) (Sp, Su, Fa) or MATH 2053 Finite Mathematics (Sp, Su, Fa) or MATH 2183 Mathematical Reasoning in a Quantitative World (ACTS Equivalency = MATH 1003) (Sp, Fa) or MATH 2554 Calculus I (ACTS Equivalency = MATH 2405) (Sp, Su, Fa) or STAT 2303 Principles of Statistics (ACTS Equivalency = MATH 2103) (Sp)		3-4
PLSC 2003 American National Government (ACTS Equivalency = PLSC 2003) (Sp, Su, Fa)		3
JOUR 1033 Fundamentals of Journalism (Sp, Su, Fa) or JOUR 1023 Media and Society (Sp, Fa)		3
2003 Intermediate I world language		3
Year Total:	15-16	15-16

Second Year		Units	
		Fall	Spring
PLSC 2013 Introduction to Comparative Politics (Sp, Su, Fa)		3	
JOUR course from selected concentration [†]		3	
Science university/state core lecture w/ corequisite lab requirement		4	
Advanced general elective [†]		3	
COMM 1313 Public Speaking (ACTS Equivalency = SPCH 1003) (Sp, Su, Fa)		3	
PLSC course from selected concentration ^{†‡}			3
JOUR course from selected concentration [†]			3
WLIT 1113 World Literature I (ACTS Equivalency = ENGL 2113) (Sp, Su, Fa) or WLIT 1123 World Literature II (ACTS Equivalency = ENGL 2123) (Sp, Su, Fa)			3
science university/state core lecture w/ corequisite lab requirement			4
General Elective			3
Year Total:		16	16
Third Year		Units	
		Fall	Spring
JOUR course from selected concentration ^{†‡}		3	
PLSC course from selected concentration ^{†‡}		3	
PHIL 2003 Introduction to Philosophy (ACTS Equivalency = PHIL 1103) (Sp, Su, Fa) or PHIL 2103 Introduction to Ethics (ACTS Equivalency = PHIL 1003) (Sp, Su, Fa)		3	
ECON 2143 Basic Economics: Theory and Practice (Sp, Su, Fa)		3	
non-JOUR General Elective		3	
JOUR 3633 Media Law (Sp, Fa) (or JOUR course from selected concentration) ^{†‡}			3
PLSC 4373 Political Communication (Even years, Sp) (or PLSC course from selected concentration) ^{†‡}			3
3000+ HIST course ^{†‡}			3
Cultural/Diversity course			3
non-JOUR General Elective			3
Year Total:		15	15
Fourth Year		Units	
		Fall	Spring
JOUR course from selected concentration ^{†‡}		3	
PLSC courses from selected concentration ^{†‡}		6	
Non-JOUR General Elective		3	
General Electives		3	

PLSC course from selected concentration or PLSC 4373 Political Communication (as needed) ^{†‡}		3
JOUR course from selected concentration or †‡JOUR 3633 Media Law(as needed) ^{†‡}		3
Non-JOUR General Electives (1 hour of non-JOUR electives might be needed to reach a minimum of 72 hours of non-JOUR coursework required by the major)		7
Year Total:	15	13
Total Degree Hours Required:		
		120

SECTION VIII: Action Recorded by Registrar's Office

PROGRAM INVENTORY/DARS

PGRM _____ SUBJ _____ CIP _____ CRTS _____

DGRE _____ PGCT _____ OFFC&CRTY VALID _____

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