Cleveland State University
College of Public Affairs and Education
Bachelor of Arts in Journalism + Criminology

First Year

Fall Semester	Credits	Major	Gen Ed	Spring Semester	Credits	Major	Gen Ed
Inquiry Launch Elective	3		IL	Research & Professional Writing Elective	3		RPW
Human Culture & Creativity Elective	3		HCC	Quantitative & Formal Reasoning Elective	3		QFR
Finding Your Voice Elective	3		FYV	African-American History & Culture Elective	3		AAHC
COM 102 Adobe CC	3	X		Global Human Perspectives Elective	3		GHP
CRM 201 The Criminal (in?)Justice System	3	X	SS	COM 224 Foundations of JPC	3	X	
Semester Total	15			Semester Total	15		

Second Year

Fall Semester	Credits	Major	Gen Ed	Spring Semester	Credits	Major	Gen Ed
CRM Elective	3	X		COM 225 Media Writing	3	X	WAC
Arts & Humanities Elective (not ALAAME)**	3		A&H	General Elective*	3		
Social Science Elective (not SOC)**	3		SS	General Elective*	3		
Social Diversity Elective (US)	3		DIV-US	Social Diversity Elective (AA)	3		DIV-AA
Natural Science Elective	3		NS	Natural Science Elective	3		NS
				Natural Science Elective Lab	1		NS Lab
Semester Total	15			Semester Total	16		

Third Year

Fall Semester	Credits	Major	Gen Ed	Spring Semester	Credits	Major	Gen Ed
CRM 351 Criminological Theory	3	X	WAC	SOC 353 Methods of Social Research	3	X	
COM 335 Multimedia Storytelling	3	X		COM 358 Media, Law, Economics, and Ethics	3	X	
General Elective* 300/400 level (WAC)	3		WAC	General Elective* 300/400 level	3		
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Semester Total	15			Semester Total	15		

Fourth Year

Fall Semester	Credits	Major	Gen Ed	Spring Semester	Credits	Major	Gen Ed
CRM Elective 300/400 level	3	X		COM 427 News Media Laboratory	3	X	CAP
CRM Elective 300/400 level	3	X		General Elective* 300/400 level	3		
COM 326 Advanced Reporting and Editing	3	X	WAC	General Elective* 300/400 level	3		
General Elective* 300/400 level	3		(M/QL)	General Elective* 300/400 level	3		
General Elective*	3			General Elective*	1		
Semester Total	15			Semester Total	13		

Credit Total:	**120** (minimum 120 required for degree)
Apply for Spring graduation prior to Sep 9th	

Assumptions: college-level readiness in MTH & ENG; no Foreign Language Deficiency

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College/ Program Notes:

The plan above is a suggested guide to ensure that all General Education, College, University, and Major requirements are met within 4 years of study. Students may deviate from the suggested placement of Gen Ed courses, although the M/QL and W/C requirements should be completed during the first year of study.

*General Electives ensure that a student accumulates the minimum credit hour totals needed for graduation. Students must have a minimum of 120 total credit hours, of which a minimum of 36 credit hours must be upper division (300 or 400-level courses). Depending upon other elective choices made, students may not need as many general electives as indicated above, or may need additional electives.

University Notes:

Core Curriculum Key:

IL = Inquiry Launch (one course)**
FYV = Finding Your Voice (one course, C or better required)
SI = Scientific Inquiry (two courses, one lab credit)
GHP = Global Human Perspectives (one course)
QFR = Quantitative & Formal Reasoning (one course)
*** Inquiry Launch requirement is waived for transfer students.*

RPW = Research & Professional Writing (one course, C or better required)
HCC = Human Culture & Creativity (one course)
WAC/SPAC = Writing/Speaking Across the Curriculum Req (2 courses, one in the major)
AAHC = African-American History & Culture (one course)
DiS = Diversity in Society (one course)
DDL = Data & Digital Literacy (one course, can be satisfied by a second FQR course)

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