

DEGREE CHECKLIST (College of Arts and Sciences)

2026-2027 Catalog

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MAJOR B.A. — MASS COMMUNICATION

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (32-39 semester hours)

	Check	Hrs.
ACAD 101 (Required of first-time freshmen only)	_____	1
Writing and Critical Thinking:		
WRIT 101 (grade of C+ or better is required for MCOM major)	_____	3
HMXP 102 (grade of C+ or better is required for MCOM major)	_____	3
CRTW 201 (grade of C- or better in HMXP 102 is required)	_____	3
Oral Communication (met in major with SPCH 201)		0
Technology (met in major with MCOM 205)		0
Intensive Writing (met in major with MCOM 441)	_____	0-3
Constitution-Founding Documents Req. (see approved list; may be met by other req.)	_____	0-3
Physical Activity (see approved list)	_____	1
Global Perspectives (see approved list; may be met in major)*	_____	3
Historical Perspectives (see approved list)*	_____	3
Social Science (see approved list; must include 2 designators)*	_____	3
Humanities and Arts (see approved list; must include 2 designators)*	_____	3
Quantitative Skills (see approved list; met in major with MATH courses)*	_____	0
Natural Science (see approved list; must be a lab science)	_____	3-4**

*No more than two courses in the major may count toward requirements in these areas.

**3 courses required in Quantitative Skills/Natural Science: 1 Quantitative Skills, 1 Natural Science, and 1 additional Quantitative Skills or Natural Science.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE (3-8 semester hours)

_____	_____	3-4
_____	_____	0-4
102 level proficiency required		

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (48.5-54.5 semester hours)

Course & No.	Hrs.	Check	Course & No./Hrs./Check
SPCH 201	(3)	_____	<i>Choose one of the following tracks:</i>
CSCI 101B, F, & N	(1.5)	_____	Journalism/Digital Media:
MATH 101, 150, or 151; and 141	(6)	_____	DESF 222 (3) _____
MCOM 205	(3)	_____	<i>Visual Arts:</i>
MCOM 206	(1)	_____	VCOM 258, 259, 262, or 392 (3) _____
MCOM 226	(3)	_____	VCOM 322 (3) _____
MCOM 241	(3)	_____	MCOM 441 or 475 (3) _____
MCOM 301	(3)	_____	MCOM 210-212 or 461-463 or 464 (1-3) _____
MCOM 346	(3)	_____	MCOM 341 (3) _____
MCOM 349	(3)	_____	Digital Sports Production:
MCOM 415	(3)	_____	MCOM 210 (1) _____ 211 (1) _____ 212 (1) _____
MCOM 499	(1)	_____	MCOM 309 (3) _____ 312 (3) _____ 410 (3) _____
MCOM/IMCO	(3)	_____	

REQUIREMENTS FOR MINOR (15-24 semester hours)

Course & No.	Hrs.	Check	Course & No.	Hrs.	Check
_____	()	_____	_____	()	_____
_____	()	_____	_____	()	_____
_____	()	_____	_____	()	_____
_____	()	_____	_____	()	_____

ELECTIVES (0-21.5 hours) (Allowable semester hours will vary depending on the requirements for the minor and the courses in the minor that can also count towards General Education requirements.)

_____	()	_____	_____	()	_____
_____	()	_____	_____	()	_____
_____	()	_____	_____	()	_____
_____	()	_____	_____	()	_____

1. The mass communication major is limited to 40 hours of MCOM courses. Students who exceed 40 hours in MCOM will not be allowed to apply those additional hours toward the 120 hours required for the degree program.
2. At least 21 semester hours of the major must be completed at Winthrop University. A maximum of 12 semester hours may be transferred into the major from another accredited institution; additional transfer hours in journalism or mass communication will not apply toward the degree. MCOM 241 must be taken at Winthrop or an ACEJMC accredited institution.
3. Students must complete at least 72 credit hours outside of MCOM.
4. Unless stated otherwise, a single course **may not** be used for more than one General Education requirement or in a major and a minor.
5. All Arts and Sciences majors require a minimum of 39 hours in courses numbered above 299.
6. Attendance at three cultural events is required for each 20 hours completed in residence at Winthrop. Note exceptions in the undergraduate catalog.
7. Designators that differ only for the purpose of theory and application will be considered the same designator.
8. Students should complete WRIT 101, HMXP 102 and CRTW 201 with a C- or better early in their academic careers. However, C+ or better is required in HMXP 102 and CRTW 201 for MCOM major.
9. See complete catalog requirements at www.winthrop.edu/recandreg