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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Douglas Estry, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education
and Dean of Undergraduate Studies

FROM: Dr. Linda O. Stanford, Associate Provost for Academic Services

RE: Request to Add a Grade-Point Average Requirement in the
Bachelor of Arts Degree in Journalism

For Transmittal to the University Committee on Academic Policy (UCAP)

The request referenced above is being sent to you for action by the University Committee on Academic Policy (UCAP).

UCAP Response Requested:

Please ask the UCAP to consider the request referenced above at its meeting on September 11, 2008. The School of Journalism is requesting a grade-point average of 2.5 in Journalism 108 and 200 with a minimum grade of 2.0 in each course. Please mail the related materials referenced under the heading Attachments at the end of this memorandum to the members of the UCAP.

The academic program and course requests referenced above will be included on the agenda for the September 4, 2008 meeting of Subcommittee C, University Committee on Curriculum (UCC). Requests that are approved by Subcommittee C on September 4 will be before the Full Committee, UCC, for action on September 25, 2008. Requests that are approved by the Full Committee on September 25 will be included in the October 21, 2008, Report of the UCC to the Academic Council.

If you have any questions about this memorandum or the attached materials, please call me at 5-8420.

Thank you for your help.

Attachments:

1. Request to Change the Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Journalism and attachments.



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COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATION ARTS AND SCIENCES

1. Request to change the requirements for the **Bachelor of Arts** degree in **Journalism** in the School of Journalism as updated on pages 249 and 250 of the 2007-2009 *Academic Programs* catalog. The University Committee on Academic Policy (UCAP) will consider this request at its September 18, 2008 meeting.
 - a. Under the heading **Admission as a Junior** replace item 1. with the following:

Completion of Journalism 108 and 200 with a minimum 2.5 grade-point average and a minimum grade of 2.0 in each course. Any applicant who does not meet this requirement may submit a portfolio of work for an admission interview with a member of the undergraduate committee.
 - b. Under the heading **Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Journalism** make the following change:
 - (1) Replace item 3. a. (5) with the following:

One of the following survey courses: Journalism 322, 325, 335, 345, 370, 391, 422, 455, 471, 472, 473, 475, or 476.

Effective Spring 2009.

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Joy Speas, RO

Wednesday, 5/14/2008

Program Name: Journalism Degree Name: BA Sequence Number: 2**Effective Dates: Spring 2009 - Open Status: Interim Initial Action: Change****Requested Date:** 5/2/2008 10:34:37 AM**1. Department/School/College:**

10494 School of Journalism

2. Name of Program:

Journalism

3. Name of Degree:

BA

4. Type of Program:

Major

5. Effective Start Semester:

Spring 2009

6. Target student audience for the program:

Journalism

7. Enrollment:

What is the expected enrollment per year:

50

What is the minimum enrollment acceptable:

25

8. Source of budget for the program:

Internal

9. Projected Costs as compared to other programs in unit:

Same

10. Staff requirement:

How many additional staff will be required:

0

Who will provide the primary instruction. Describe any external linkages(industry, government, etc.):

Current Journalism faculty

11. Will additional equipment be required:**Approximate cost:**

0

Source of funding:

12. Will additional library materials be required:

Approximate cost:

0

Source of funding:

Same source of funding

13. Will additional space be required:**Type:**

Approximate amount:

14. If the program requirements contain a named concentration, do you wish for the concentration to be noted on the student's transcript?:

No

15. Detailed Description:

SCHOOL of JOURNALISM

Jane Briggs-Bunting, Director

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

The School of Journalism prepares its graduates for a broad range of careers with newspapers, magazines, broadcasting, online media, public relations, universities and government as writers, reporters, editors, photographers, videographers, managers and teachers. Education for work in any area of journalism requires mastery of fact gathering, writing, and editing skills, a firm commitment to the concept of free and independent news media, and a broad education in the liberal arts, social sciences, and physical and natural sciences. A firm grasp of standard English and the ability to communicate in it is essential for successful careers in the news media and other information services.

The Bachelor of Arts degree program in journalism has been continuously accredited since 1949 by the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications.

Admission as a Junior

Enrollments in the School of Journalism are limited. In addition to the University and College requirements, minimal criteria for application as a major in journalism are:

1. Completion of Journalism 108 and 200, with a minimum grade in each course of 2.0 in all credits attempted.

2. Completion of Economics 202.

Insert: Applicants to the School are required to earn at least a 2.5 Grade Average in the core entry level courses of JRN 108 and JRN 200. The requirement includes a minimum 2.00 grade for each course. Any applicant that falls below these levels is entitled to submit a portfolio of work and to an is entitled to submit a portfolio of work and to an Admission interview with a member of the undergraduate committee.

Admission is based on the cumulative grade-point average of all courses taken and the grades in Journalism 108 and 200. In addition, factors such as work experience, diversity, and residency may be considered.

The number of transfer students admitted to the School of Journalism is also limited. To be considered for admission, upper division students transferring from another institution must have completed one economics course and at least two courses in journalism with a minimum grade in each journalism course of 2.0 in all credits attempted. A maximum of 6 semester credits in journalism courses taken at other institutions may be transferred as general journalism credits, but do not substitute for courses required of majors, unless they are from another accredited journalism program. Transfer students who are admitted to the journalism major with 6 semester credits in journalism are required to take a minimum of 23 credits in journalism courses at MSU. Transfer students will have one semester to complete the additional requirements for admission as a junior referenced above.

For additional information about procedures for admission as a junior, students should contact the Coordinator of Undergraduate

Student Affairs, College of Communication Arts and Sciences.

Admission to a Second Bachelor's Degree Program or an Additional Major

Students seeking admission to a second bachelor's degree program or an additional major must meet the same requirements as for admission to the journalism major as a junior.

Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Journalism

1. The University requirements for bachelor's degrees as described in the *Undergraduate Education* section of this catalog; 120 credits, including general elective credits, are required for the Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism.

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The completion of either of the two options referenced in item 3. b. (1) below satisfies the University mathematics requirement.

2. The requirements of the College of Communication Arts and Sciences for the Bachelor of Arts degree.

3. The following requirements for the major:

CREDITS

a. The following Journalism courses: 29

(1) Journalism 108 (3 credits).

(2) Journalism 200 and either Journalism 300 or 306 with a minimum grade-point average of 2.00 or higher for these two courses in all credits attempted (6 credits).

Students pursuing teacher certification must complete Journalism 200, 310, 336, and 409. (13 credits). An average minimum grade-point of 2.0 is required for Journalism 200 in combination with either Journalism 310 or 336 or 409.

(3) Journalism 430 (3 credits).

(4) Journalism 480 (3 credits).

The completion of Journalism 480 satisfies the capstone course requirement for the Journalism major.

(5) One of the following survey courses: Journalism 325, 335, 345, 370, or 391, INSERT:322, 422, 455, 471, 472, 473, 475 and 476 (3 credits).

(6) Two additional Journalism laboratory courses, at least one of which must be at the 400 level (6 credits).

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c. Journalism majors must complete a minimum of 80 credits in courses outside the College of Communication Arts and Sciences with no fewer than 65 credits in the liberal arts and sciences. Journalism majors must complete a minimum of 29 credits in journalism with a maximum of 40 credits from departments in the College of Communication Arts and Sciences.

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Other Programs

Agriculture and Natural Resources Communications: see the *College of Agriculture and Natural Resources* section of this catalog for courses in Journalism appropriate to this major.

16. Type(s) of change(s):

No change

17. Students who will be affected by the proposed changes:

None

18. Will the proposed change(s) have a negative impact on students? If so, which ones?:

No

Describe impact and explain what accommodations will be made:**19. Reason(s) for change(s):**

Provide additional survey courses to ease completion of major. Courses have been offered for several terms. Regularizing their acceptance as a survey course.

DEPARTMENT LEVEL APPROVAL STATUS

Approved by: School of Journalism
5/14/2008 12:49:02 PM by Maryanne Bulemore for Jane Briggs-Bunting, Director

COLLEGE LEVEL APPROVAL STATUS

Approved by: College of Communication Arts and Sciences
5/14/2008 2:00:56 PM by Nancy Ashley for Janet Lillie, Assistant Dean

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MEMO

**To: UCC Subcommittee C members and
Joy Speas, University Curriculum Administrator**

From: Jane Briggs-Bunting, Director, School of Journalism

RE: Rationale for Proposed Journalism Program Admission Change

August 26, 2008

The proposed change to the Journalism admission requirement will put MSU in line with other top programs around the country

Currently, the admission requirement is a 2.0 overall in all attempts in JRN 108 and 200. This is a lower admission requirement than most of our peer journalism programs (e.g. Missouri, Indiana, Florida, Ohio U) and other less established programs (Kent State Oakland U), as well. It also allows admission of students with little or no chance of career success.

The change to the 2.5 in the two core entry level courses (JRN 108 Introduction to Mass Media and JRN 200 News Writing and Reporting I) would bring MSU more in line with admission requirements at peer institutions.

With this change, we were sensitive to students who may have had trouble adjusting to the challenges of a university curriculum and performed poorly in their first terms on campus. Some of these student blossom later in their academic careers. This also addresses the issue that some of our lower GPA students have historically been students from urban areas where scholastic journalism is not offered.

The portfolio alternative allows these students to have an appeal process for entry into the major. The portfolio is also a method for us to assess their strengths and weaknesses and identify those students with the best chances of a successful career.

Students applying for admission to the major must submit an application which includes a 500-word statement of on their career goals, three samples of work (clips, videos, audios, photographs, etc.), a resume and a full transcript. The application materials are reviewed by faculty on the School's Undergraduate Committee and the Director.

As mentioned above, we reviewed a number of journalism programs around the country as part of our research. A sampling is attached.

Admission Requirements of Peer J-Schools

University of Missouri School of Journalism Admission Requirements

Students must be admitted to the School of Journalism to pursue the bachelor of journalism degree. Students are admitted in one of two categories:

1. **Directly Admitted Students.** A freshman applicant will be directly admitted to the School of Journalism if he or she meets standard MU admissions requirements and **any one** of the following three criteria:
 - Ranks in the top 10 percent of his or her high school class.
 - Scores 29 or higher on the ACT Composite.
 - Scores 1280 or higher on the math-verbal portions of the SAT.

The University of Missouri-Columbia does not use the relatively new SAT or ACT essay examinations in its admissions process.

2. **Pre-Journalism A&S Students.** Students accepted by MU who do not meet one of the criteria for direct admission are admitted as pre-Journalism students in the College of Arts and Science and apply for admission to Journalism as the student is completing the fourth journalism course, which is either J2000, Cross-Cultural Journalism, or J2100, News. That usually occurs in the second semester of the sophomore year as the student is completing 60 credits and all other requirements.

Note: All undergraduate admissions to MU are handled by the Office of Admissions, not the School of Journalism, and no exceptions are made to the standards for direct admission to Journalism. A student either meets one of the admissions standards or does not. **There is no appeals process for direct admission.**

However, once accepted to MU as a pre-Journalism student, the student may continue to take the ACT or SAT to try to improve his or her score. If the student receives the necessary score for direct admission, once the score is received by the Admissions Office the student may request a change of admissions status. The new test score must be received by the Admissions Office at least one month before the student is to begin classes at MU. Similarly, a student who was admitted outside the top 10 percent of his or her class but who subsequently achieves top 10 percent standing at the end of the senior year of high school may request a change of admissions status. **No change is possible later than one month before the student begins classes at MU.**

Directly Admitted Students ***Pre-J A&S Students***

Directly admitted students have several advantages over students admitted as pre-Journalism students in the College of Arts and Science. Directly admitted students:

- Advance automatically to upper-class status in Journalism if they maintain a cumulative MU GPA of 3.0 or higher upon completion of 60 credit hours and fulfill all other requirements.
- Are guaranteed admission to the upper-class emphasis area of their choice provided they maintain a cumulative MU GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Have access to a far larger portion of the School of Journalism's freshman scholarship pool. The School of Journalism annually awards about \$200,000 in scholarships to incoming freshmen in addition to scholarships awarded by the Admissions Office and others. To apply for all scholarships, including those offered by the School of Journalism, apply through the Office of Financial Aid. Priority consideration is given to those who apply by Dec. 1.

To continue to enjoy these benefits, directly admitted students are expected to maintain an MU cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. Those without GPAs of at least 3.0 after completion of 60 credit hours lose these benefits and will be placed in a pool with pre-journalism students and considered individually for upper-class status through a process outlined below.

Unlike directly admitted students, pre-Journalism A&S students:

- Are **not** guaranteed to advance to upper-class status in Journalism even if they maintain a cumulative MU GPA of 3.0 or higher upon completion of 60 credit hours and after fulfilling all other requirements. Students in this category instead are accepted on a space-available basis. However, to date no one who has earned a 3.0 cumulative GPA or higher has been rejected, and space has been available. The School merely reserves the right to reject students should overcrowding occur in the future.
- Are **not** guaranteed an emphasis area of choice even with an MU cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. Admission to the emphasis area of choice is dependent upon space availability.
- Have access to fewer scholarships from the School of Journalism. The school has only four scholarships available to pre-Journalism Arts and Science students. That's because most scholarships are designated for "Journalism students," and pre-Journalism A&S students have not yet been accepted to the School of Journalism. To apply for all scholarships, including those offered by the School of Journalism, apply through the Office of Financial Aid.

The School of Journalism is eager to accept hard-working pre-Journalism students who earn their way into upper-class status. Many do just that.

Indiana University
School of Journalism
Admission Requirements

For current IU students:

Usually, students officially are admitted to the School of Journalism at the end of their freshman year. Students should apply during the semester in which they will complete all admission requirements.

The admission requirements for the School of Journalism are 26 credit hours with a 2.20 grade point average on a 4.00 scale, including:

- Journalism J110, J200 or J210, grade of C or above
- English composition or exemption, grade of C or above
- One college-level mathematics course or exemption, grade of C- or above
- One semester of a foreign language
- 26 credit hours passed, IU GPA 2.20 or above

See the Academics section for more information about course requirements.

Ohio University
E.W. Scripps School of Journalism
Admission Requirements

Freshman Admissions

The E.W. Scripps School of Journalism admits only the best academically and professionally qualified freshmen who rank in the top 15 percent of their high school class and meet minimum standardized test score requirements (25 ACT / 1140 SAT). Students demonstrating notable talent or experience and members of disproportionately represented groups will be given special consideration. **PLEASE NOTE: The school has an admission deadline of December 15**, which is much earlier than the university's application deadline.

Transfer Admissions

The faculty of the E.W. Scripps School of Journalism is dedicated to quality instruction in preparing students for a career in the journalism disciplines. To provide this quality of instruction, the school's policy is to maintain an enrollment at a number that may be served effectively by its faculty. The Policy on Transfer Students is a means by which the school can better maintain its academic quality. The policy applies to all transfers from other departments at Ohio University as well as from other colleges and universities.

1. Transfer applicants must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 in the last three quarters to be considered for admission. Please note that a 3.0 qualifies a student only for consideration and does not guarantee admission.
2. Transfer applicants must have completed a minimum of 48 quarter hours (32 semester hours) by the time of application.
3. Applications for transfer are taken twice per academic year. The deadline of October 1st (5 p.m.) is for admission for winter quarter. The deadline of March 3rd (5 p.m.) is for admission for the following fall quarter. Applicants will receive written notification of acceptance or denial. The timing of notification will depend on the number of applications. The school's Director and Associate Director will make final decisions on transfer admissions.
4. To apply:
 - a. Fill out application for transfer [download APPLICATION FORM].

- b. Ohio University students need to include with the application a transcript or a copy of a current DARS report. Students from other universities must follow a two-step process:
 1. Complete an Ohio University application and return it with an official copy of your university transcript to the Office of Admissions, Ohio University.
 2. Complete the School of Journalism application for transfer form [download APPLICATION FORM] and submit a copy of your university transcript to the E. W. Scripps School of Journalism.
 - c. Include at least two letters of recommendation from references best able to comment on the applicant's journalistic abilities. Recommendation letters are an important part of the transfer committee's deliberations. Applicants who do not include at least two letters will not be considered. Please note: recommendation letters should not be from high school teachers.
 - d. Complete a 500 word written essay on the theme "Why I want to be a journalism major." All sequences within the School of Journalism train students in the discipline of journalism. Explain your ambitions and desires for your chosen field.
 - e. The transfer committee recommends that applicants submit examples of journalism work not to exceed six samples. Samples of work cannot be returned.
5. The school's transfer committee will evaluate applications and make transfer decisions.
 6. Students who are denied admission may re-apply during the next academic year. However, applications will not be carried over to the next year. Re-application is necessary.
 7. Please note that all transfer students from within Ohio University will be required to complete Journalism 133 prior to applying for transfer. No exceptions will be made.
 8. Any application that is incomplete will not be considered. It is the responsibility of the applicant to make sure that his or her transfer packet is complete.
 9. The application must be typed, signed and dated.

Any application received after the October 1st/March 3rd deadlines will not be considered.

University of Illinois
College of Communications

There is no specific requirements regarding grades. Applications are reviewed holistically. However, a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 is advantageous.

University of South Carolina
School of Journalism and Mass Communications
Entrance Requirements

Freshman Students. In order to be admitted to a program of study in the School of Journalism and Mass Communications, freshmen must meet all University admission requirements. In order to continue in the program, each student must attain a minimum

USC GPA of 2.50 upon completion of 30 degree-applicable hours. Credit received for remedial work is not counted toward the 30 hours.

University of Florida
College of Journalism and Communications
Admission Requirements

Academic Standards

Journalism and Communications is a limited admissions college; all applicants will be considered on a space-available basis. A grade point average of 3.0 (on all work attempted) and 60 hours of acceptable credit are required for admission at the junior year. Students should have completed the university's general education requirement.

University of Georgia
Grady College
Requirements

1) To be eligible to apply to a Grady College major, students must meet the following criteria:

- Be accepted and currently enrolled in classes at the University of Georgia.
- Complete A-E of the UGA Pre-Journalism and Mass Communication or liberal arts core curriculum. [www.bulletin.uga.edu]
- Earn 45 hours of semester degree credit (45 hours, including courses that satisfy A-E of the core, must be earned by the semester of application, not "in-progress.")
- Earn a 2.8 minimum overall GPA.
- Be in good academic standing during the semester of application. (cumulative GPA of at least 2.0)
- Complete the online application during the posted application dates. The deadline is 5:00 p.m. on Friday of the second full week of classes each Spring and Fall semester.
- Complete a written statement of interest. The statement must be written at the UGA Testing Center. [www.uga.edu/testing]

The above criteria are minimum application requirements.

Admission to Grady's high demand majors is highly competitive, and acceptance is not guaranteed. We expect this high demand situation to continue, due to high interest in journalism and mass communication, the vibrant reputation of Grady College and the high quality of students who apply to study here

Effective Fall Semester 2006

Other non-peer institutions:

Kent State University
2.75 GPA for Admission to Journalism

Oakland University
3.0 for admission to Journalism

SCHOOL of JOURNALISM

Jane Briggs-Bunting, Director

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Other Programs

Agriculture and Natural Resources Communications: see the *College of Agriculture and Natural Resources* section of this catalog for courses in Journalism appropriate to this major.

Engineering Arts: see the *College of Engineering* section of this catalog for courses appropriate to this major.

Suggested Program

During the freshman and sophomore years, students intending to major in Journalism should complete the University's Integrative Studies requirements. Students intending to major in journalism should complete Journalism 108 in the freshman year and Journalism 200 and Economics 202 before the end of the sophomore year.

In order to ensure enrollment in required courses, majors should plan their junior and senior year programs with the advice and assistance of faculty who serve as academic advisers.

Today's journalist should have a broad education in the liberal arts, social sciences, and physical and natural sciences. Many courses in literature, history, economics, and foreign languages are open to freshmen and sophomores.