

Mount Royal University

Bachelor of Communication – Journalism

Sequence of Courses

Name:

Fall 2016 entry

ID No:

Year One Semester 1- Fall Sep – Dec

- COMM 1707 Journalism Elements *Fall only*
- COMM 1727 Intro to Visual Journalism *Fall only*
- COMM 2501 Media History and Contemporary Issues
- *General Education *Foundation Tier*
- *General Education *Foundation Tier*

*See Note 1

Year One Semester 2 - Winter Jan – Apr

- COMM 1709 Journalism Practice & Theory *Winter only*
- COMM 1720 Intro to Digital Media *Winter only*
- COMM 1728 Journalism Projects *Winter only*
- *General Education *Foundation Tier*
- *General Education *Foundation Tier*

*See Note 1

Year Two Semester 3 - Fall Sep - Dec

- COMM 2500 Intro to Communication Studies
- COMM 3707 News Reporting *Fall only*
- COMM 3720 Graphics Reporting & Digital Design *Fall only*
- General Education *Tier 2*
- General Education *Tier 2*

Year Two Semester 4 - Winter Jan - Apr

- COMM 3709 News Editing and Reporting *Winter only*
- COMM 3717 Specialized Writing for Journalism *Winter only*
- COMM 3735 Ethics, Law & the Media *Winter only*
- COMM 3727 Visual Journalism II *Winter only*
- General Education *Tier 2*

Year Three Semester 5 - Fall Sep – Dec

- COMM 3737 Research Design & Methodology *Fall only*
- COMM 3740 Audio/Visual Storytelling *Fall only*
- *COMM 3729 Online Journalism **OR** Elective
- **COMM 4790 Work Place Prep Seminar (non credit) *Fall only*
- General Education *Tier 2*
- General Education *Tier 3*

*Note 3 **Note 4

Year Three Semester 6 - Winter Jan – Apr

- COMM 3500 Media, Culture & Communication Theory *Winter only*
- COMM 3747 Audio/Visual Storytelling for Online Media *Winter only*
- *COMM 3729 Online Journalism **OR** Elective
- COMM 3759 The Business of Media *Winter only*
- General Education *Tier 3*

*See Note 3

Year Three Spring/Summer

- *COMM 4791 Journalism Work Experience I (non-credit)

* See Note 5

Year Four Semester 7 - Fall Sep – Dec

- COMM 4501 Roles & Practices in Contemporary Communication *Fall Only*
- Elective
- General Education *Tier 3*
- AND 2 of the following senior journalism options:*
- *COMM 4705 Online Editorial Board
- *COMM 4707 Editorial Board
- COMM 4709 Advanced Reporting *Fall only*
- Comm 4729 Multimedia Projects
- COMM 4747 Advanced Audio/Visual Projects *Fall only*

*See Note 6

Year Four Semester 8 - Winter Jan – Apr

- General Education *Tier 3*
- Elective
- Elective
- AND 2 of the following senior journalism options:*
- *COMM 4705 Online Editorial Board
- *COMM 4707 Editorial Board
- COMM 4711 Advanced Reporting II *Winter Only*
- COMM 4729 Multimedia Projects
- COMM 4727 Photojournalism Projects *Winter only*

Summary of GNEDs and Electives from previous page

General Education Requirements (GNED)

12 courses in total covering 3 tiers in 4 clusters

FOUNDATION

1. GNED 1101 or 1102 or 1103 _____
(Cluster 1, foundation)
2. GNED 1201 or 1202 or 1203 _____
(Cluster 2, foundation)
3. GNED 1301, 1303 or 1304 _____
(Cluster 3, foundation)
4. GNED 1401/ENGL 1101 or GNED 1402, 1403, or 1404 _____
(Cluster 4, foundation)

TIER 2

5. One from Cluster 1 _____
6. One from Cluster 2 _____
7. One from Cluster 3 _____
8. One from Cluster 4 _____

TIER 3

- 4 courses covering a minimum of 2 clusters from level 3
9. Level 3, Cluster _____
 10. Level 3, Cluster _____
 11. Level 3, Cluster _____
 12. Level 3, Cluster _____

For a complete listing of GNED courses, go to
www.mtroyal.ca/gened

Cluster 1 – Numeracy and Scientific Literacy

Cluster 2 – Values, Beliefs and Identify

Cluster 3 – Community and Society

Cluster 4 - Communication

Electives

Any 3 credit (or more) course offered in the course listings.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Electives can be additional Gen Ed courses and/or additional COMM courses. Consider our new offerings COMM 2503 War & Media, COMM 3503 Intercultural Communications or Comm 3515 Media Futures when choosing electives.

*NOTES

Note 1: GNED means general education. In year 1, it's recommended that students take **one 1000-level foundation course in each of Mount Royal's four general education clusters**. The clusters above are merely a suggested order, however, if you choose to take clusters 2 and 3 in the fall and clusters 1 and 4 in the winter, that is fine. **The important thing is to take one – and only one – Foundation-Level Gen Ed in each cluster.**

Note 3: COMM 3729 Online Journalism, is offered in both the fall and winter semesters. Students may take it in either semester 5 or 6, course registration permitting, but may take the course only one time for credit. Meanwhile, **elective courses are open slots for courses of the students' choices**, and can be additional senior-level GenEds, additional senior COMM courses, or courses in other Faculty of Communication Studies disciplines such as Public Relations or Information Design (permission of those programs' chairs would be required); students must have the required prerequisites for all elective courses.

Note 4: COMM 4790 is a required non-credit seminar to prepare students for their Work Experiences. It is offered only in the fall semester, and students may not do a work-term until they complete the seminar.

Note 5: The recommended timing for Comm 4791 is the summer following 3rd Year, though the required Work Experience can be done at any point thereafter, including during the fall or winter of Year 4, or the spring/summer after Year 4. Journalism students are encouraged to complete 2 faculty supervised non-credit internships in the communications field during their program, but are required to complete only 1 internship for graduation purposes.

Note 6: Four senior journalism option courses (Comm 47XX) are required for graduation purposes, and all students must take at least 1 editorial board course (Comm 4705 or Comm 4707) among those 4. Students may also choose to take the 2nd editorial board course as one of their additional option choices, and/or they may take additional senior journalism options as elective courses.