

Media and Communication Studies Four Year Academic Pathway

Year 1	Fall			Spring		
Benchmark Requirements		Credits	Grade		Credits	Grade
MCS 101 (AH)	MCS 101 (AH)	4	___	Language 102 (L)	4	___
	Language 101 (L)	4	___	Social Sciences (SS)	3	___
University Requirements ENGL 100 (or equivalent) and a credit-bearing math course to be completed within the first year of academic study.	ENLG 100	3	___	Math (M)	3	___
	Lab Science (S)	4	___	Culture (C)	3	___
			___	Minor Exploration Course	3	___
			___			___
	<i>Total</i>	15		<i>Total</i>	16	
Year 2	Fall			Spring		
Benchmark Requirements		Credits	Grade		Credits	Grade
MCS 222 (AH)	MCS 222 (AH)	3	___	Arts & Humanities (AH)	3	___
	Language 201 (L)	4	___	Social Science (SS)	3	___
University Requirements ENGL 100 (or equivalent) and a credit-bearing math course to be completed within the first year of academic study.	Non-Lab Science (S)	3	___	Culture (C)	3	___
	Social Science (SS)	3	___	MCS Elective #2 (lower level)	3	___
	MCS Elective #1 (lower level)	3	___	Minor Exploration Course	3	___
			___			___
	<i>Total</i>	16		<i>Total</i>	15	
Year 3	Fall			Spring		
Benchmark Requirements		Credits	Grade		Credits	Grade
MCS 333	MCS 333 (prerequisite MCS 222)	3	___	MCS 334 (Prerequisite MCS 101, 222 or 333)	3	___
MCS 334	MCS Elective #3 (lower level)	3	___	Writing Intensive (WI)	3	___
Minor/Certificate Declaration	Minor Requirement	3	___	MCS Elective #4 (upper level)	3	___
	Minor Requirement	3	___	Minor Requirement	3	___
	Upper Level General Elective	3	___	Upper Level General Elective	3	___
Major Requirements			___	Physical Education	(1.5)	___
	<i>Total</i>	15		<i>Total</i>	15	
Year 4	Fall			Spring		
Major Requirements		Credits	Grade		Credits	Grade
MCS 404	MCS 404	3	___	MCS 499 (prerequisite MCS 333)	3	___
MCS 499	MCS Elective #5 (upper level)	3	___	MCS Elective #6 (upper level)	3	___
Completed Minor/Certificate	Minor Requirement	3	___	Minor Requirement	3	___
	Minor Requirement	3	___	Upper Level General Elective	3	___
Completed 6 approved electives (3 100-200 and 3 300-400 level)	Upper Level General Elective	3	___	Upper Level General Elective	3	___
	Physical Education	(1.5)	___			___
	<i>Total</i>	15		<i>Total</i>	16	
Total = 123						

University Requirements				Major Requirements			
GEP / GFR (pre Summer 2007 higher ed start)							
Requirements:	Course	Credits	Grade	4-Year Benchmark Requirements	Year	Credits	Grade
Arts & Humanities (AH) - <i>see Note below</i>	MCS 101	4		MCS 101 (AH)	1	4	
Arts & Humanities (AH)	MCS 222	3		MCS 222 (AH)	2	3	
Arts & Humanities (AH)				MCS 333	3	3	
Social Sciences (SS) - <i>see Note below</i>				MCS 334	3	3	
Social Sciences (SS)				MCS 404	4	3	
Social Sciences (SS)				MCS 499	4	3	
Sciences (S) - with lab				MCS Elective #1 (LL)	2	3	
Lab				MCS Elective #2 (LL)	2	3	
Sciences (S) - with or without lab				MCS Elective #3 (LL)	3	3	
Math (M) [GFR = (MS)]				MCS Elective #4 (UL)	3	3	
Language (L) - through 201 level	_____ 201			MCS Elective #5 (UL)	4	3	
Global Culture (C) [GFR may replace w/ 2nd lang]				MCS Elective #6 (UL)	4	3	
Global Culture (C) - GEP BA only							
Writing Intensive (WI)							
Physical Ed (PE) - Institutional credit only		1.5					
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<i>Note: AH & SS from at least 2 disciplines for GEP/ AH & SS from at most 2 disciplines for GFR</i>							
Additional UMBC Graduation Requirements:				Transfer Benchmark Requirements	Year	Credits	Grade
<input type="checkbox"/> At least 120 academic credits				MCS 101 (first or second semester)	3	4	
<input type="checkbox"/> At least 30 credits earned at UMBC				MCS 222 (first or second semester)	3	3	
<input type="checkbox"/> At least 45 upper level credits (300 and 400 level)				MCS 333 (pre req. MCS 222)	4	3	
<input type="checkbox"/> At least 2.0 GPA				MCS 334 (pre req. MCS 101, 222, or 333)	3	3	
				MCS 404	4	3	
				MCS 499 (pre. MCS 333)	4	3	
Other Requirements:				MCS Elective #1 (LL)	3	3	
<p>All MCS students must successfully complete a UMBC minor or certificate program. Second majors will also satisfy this requirement. <u>We strongly encourage students to obtain advising in their additional departments.</u></p> <p>Students must take 6 credits in each of the three elective areas for a total of 18 credits of electives (Critical Media Studies, Intercultural Communication, and New Media and Applied Communication). See MCS website for options.</p> <p>For the 18 elective required credits, at least 9 credits must be taken at the 300 or above level.</p> <p>No course in which a student earns a grade below C may count toward the major. And all prerequisites must be passed with a grade of C or better.</p> <p>Every student must complete at least one 120 hour Internship related to Media and Communication Studies. For approval of an internship, contact Dr. Snyder dsnyder@umbc.edu</p> <p>After the internship is approved, students will then enroll in and complete MCS 404.</p>				MCS Elective #2 (LL)	3	3	
				MCS Elective #3 (LL)	3	3	
				MCS Elective #4 (UL)	4	3	
				MCS Elective #5 (UL)	4	3	
				MCS Elective #6 (UL)	4	3	
				MCS 101 and MCS 222 may be taken simultaneously			
				MCS 222 is a pre-requisite for MCS 333			
				You must complete 101 <u>OR</u> 222 <u>OR</u> 333 to enroll in 334			
				You must complete MCS 333 with a C or better to enroll in MCS 499			