

TELECOMMUNICATION | PRODUCTION

The Department of Telecommunication consistently ranks among the top five in the United States and is accredited by the Accrediting Council for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication.

About this Program

- **College:** Journalism and Communications
- **Degree:** Bachelor of Science in Telecommunication
- **Credits for Degree:** 124
- **Specializations:** Management and Strategy | Media and Society | News | Production
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To graduate with this major, students must complete all university, college, and major requirements.

Students choose one of four specializations:

- The Management and Strategy specialization prepares students to enter the profession through positions in research, sales, and marketing and promotion.
- The News specialization prepares students for careers as reporters and anchors, or as producers who are responsible for news programs behind-the-scenes. Entry into the broadcast news sequence is limited to students in the Department of Telecommunication who have placed in a competitive entrance exam. Contact the department office to determine when the exam is given.
- The Production specialization prepares students for careers in program creation, writing and the creative applications of video and audio technology.
- The Media and Society specialization focuses on the theories, methods and techniques used to play, produce and distribute audio and video programs and messages; personnel and facilities management; marketing and distribution; media regulations, law and policy; and principles of broadcast technology. It prepares individuals to work in media organizations and those organizations that use electronic media, such as political campaigns, government, education and business.

Students can also use the communication skills they acquire to pursue graduate degrees. Students majoring in telecommunication participate in the university's six broadcast stations, other on campus facilities such as the Gator Network and elective internships throughout the world.

Related Telecommunication Programs

- Combined Degree
- Bachelor of Science in Telecommunication, Media and Society, UF Online

Production Coursework

Code	Title	Credits
Required Core Coursework		
JOU 2040	Writing Mechanics ¹	1
MMC 1009	Introduction to Media and Communications ¹	1
MMC 3203	Ethics and Problems in Mass Communications ¹	3
or RTV 4432	Ethics and Problems in Telecommunication	
RTV 2100	Writing for Electronic Media ¹	3
RTV 3001	Introduction to Media Industries and Professions ¹	3
RTV 3101	Advanced Writing for Electronic Media ¹	3
RTV 3320	Electronic Field Production ¹	3
RTV 3511	Fundamentals of Production ¹	3
RTV 3516	Electronic Field Production II	4
RTV 4500	Telecommunication Programming	3
RTV 4700	Telecommunication Law and Regulation	3
RTV 4929C	Senior Advanced Workshop in Telecommunication Production ¹	3
VIC 3001	Sight, Sound and Motion ¹	4
Electives		
Select 15 credits of electives inside college		15
Total Credits		52

¹ Minimum grade of C required

Critical Tracking

Note that critical tracking is the same for all specializations of this major.

Critical Tracking records each student's progress in courses that are required for entry to each major. Please note the critical-tracking requirements below on a per-semester basis.

Equivalent critical-tracking courses as determined by the State of Florida Common Course Prerequisites may be used for transfer students.

Semester 1

- Complete critical-tracking course STA 2023
- 2.0 GPA on all work at all institutions

Semester 2

- Complete 2 of 5 critical-tracking courses: ENC 1101, ECO 2013, MMC 1009, RTV 2100 (MMC 2100 can be substituted for RTV 2100), RTV 3001
- 2.0 GPA required for all critical-tracking courses
- 2.5 GPA on all work at all institutions

Semester 3

- Complete 2 additional critical-tracking courses
- 2.0 GPA required for all critical-tracking courses
- 2.5 GPA on all work at all institutions

Semester 4

- Complete 1 additional critical-tracking course
- 2.0 GPA required for all critical-tracking courses
- 2.5 GPA on all work at all institutions

Semester 5

- Complete all critical-tracking courses

Model Semester Plan

To remain on track, students must complete the appropriate critical-tracking courses, which appear in bold. These courses must be completed by the terms as listed above in the Critical Tracking criteria.

This semester plan represents an example progression through the major. Actual courses and course order may be different depending on the student's academic record and scheduling availability of courses. Prerequisites still apply.

Course	Title	Credits
Semester One		
AMH 2020	United States Since 1877 (State Core Gen Ed Social and Behavioral Sciences)	3
ENC 1101	Expository and Argumentative Writing (Critical Tracking ; State Core Gen Ed Composition) ¹	3
IUF 1000	What is the Good Life	3
STA 2023	Introduction to Statistics 1 (Critical Tracking ; State Core Gen Ed Mathematics) ¹	3
State Core Gen Ed Physical or Behavioral Sciences ¹		3
	Credits	15
Semester Two		
ECO 2013	Principles of Macroeconomics (Critical Tracking)	4
MUL 2010	Experiencing Music (State Core Gen Ed Humanities with International)	3
Select one:		3
THE 2000	Theatre Appreciation (Gen Ed Humanities with Diversity)	3
ARH 2000	Art Appreciation: American Diversity and Global Arts (Gen Ed Humanities with Diversity)	3
ENC 1102	Argument and Persuasion (Gen Ed Composition; recommended elective) ¹	3
Gen Ed Mathematics ¹		3
	Credits	16
Semester Three		
JOU 2040	Writing Mechanics	1
MMC 1009	Introduction to Media and Communications (Critical Tracking) ¹	1
RTV 3001	Introduction to Media Industries and Professions (Critical Tracking) ¹	3
English elective ¹		3
Foreign language or Quantitative option ¹		3
Gen Ed Physical or Biological Sciences ¹		3
	Credits	14
Semester Four		
POS 2041	American Federal Government (Gen Ed Social and Behavioral Sciences) ¹	3
RTV 2100	Writing for Electronic Media (Critical Tracking) ^{1,2}	3
SPC 2608 or ORI 2000	Introduction to Public Speaking ¹ or Oral Performance of Literature ¹	3
VIC 3001	Sight, Sound and Motion ¹	4
Foreign language or Quantitative option ¹		3
	Credits	16

Semester Five

SYG 2000 or PSY 2012	Principles of Sociology (Gen Ed Social and Behavioral Sciences) or General Psychology	3
RTV 3101	Advanced Writing for Electronic Media ¹	3
RTV 3511	Fundamentals of Production	3
Outside concentration course		3
Elective inside college		3
	Credits	15

Semester Six

RTV 3320	Electronic Field Production ¹	3
Electives (inside college)		5
Electives (outside college)		5
Outside concentration course		3
	Credits	16

Semester Seven

RTV 3516	Electronic Field Production II	4
RTV 4500	Telecommunication Programming	3
RTV 4929C	Senior Advanced Workshop in Telecommunication Production ¹	3
Elective (outside college)		3
Outside concentration course		3
	Credits	16

Semester Eight

RTV 4432	Ethics and Problems in Telecommunication ¹	3
RTV 4700	Telecommunication Law and Regulation	3
Electives (inside college)		7
Outside concentration course		3
	Credits	16
	Total Credits	124

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² MMC 2100 or JOU 3109C is accepted in lieu of RTV 2100

For semesters 7-8, students must complete two professional courses.

Up to six credits of professional internship credit may count toward graduation. Internships for credit require department approval, and a letter from the internship supervisor outlining duties and contact information. Internship application forms, information, and policies are available on the Department of Telecommunication website.

Academic Learning Compact

The major in telecommunication, which includes specializations in management, media and society, news and production, prepares students to understand the means of communicating with diverse audiences and to use the tools of information gathering and storytelling to communicate with those audiences through electronic media such as video, audio and interactive technologies. Through study and practical application, students gain knowledge of the history, norms and legal and ethical milieu of the telecommunication professions. Students learn to locate and use reference tools and to demonstrate the ability to communicate independent, critical perspectives.

Before Graduating Students Must

- Achieve a passing score of 70% on your student portfolio, which will be evaluated by faculty members and/or professionals in each specialty.
- Complete requirements for the baccalaureate degree, as determined by faculty.

Students in the Major will Learn to Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs)

Content

1. Identify, describe or apply concepts and theories in the use and presentation of content.
2. Identify, describe or apply professional ethical principles and the importance of truth, accuracy, fairness and diversity.
3. Identify, describe or apply the tools and technologies appropriate for the telecommunication professions.

Critical Thinking

4. Gather information, conduct research and evaluate information by methods appropriate to the telecommunication professions.
5. Produce appropriate output that demonstrates creativity and critical thinking, independently or collaboratively.

Communication

6. Communicate effectively in forms and styles appropriate to the telecommunication professions, audiences and the purposes they serve.

Curriculum Map

I = Introduced; R = Reinforced; A = Assessed

Courses	SLO 1	SLO 2	SLO 3	SLO 4	SLO 5	SLO 6
All						
Specializations						
RTV 2100	I	I	I	I	I	I
RTV 3001	I	I	I	I		
RTV 3101	R	R	R	R	R	R
RTV 3280	R			R		
RTV 3303	I	I	I	I		I
RTV 3305	R	R	R	R	R	R
RTV 3320	R	R	R	R	R	R
RTV 3405	I			I		
RTV 4301	R		R		R	R
RTV 4432	R, A			R, A		
RTV 4500	R	R	R	R	R	R
RTV 4506	R	R	R	R	R	R
RTV 4700	R			R	R	
Management						
Specialization						
RTV 4800	R, A		R, A		R, A	R, A
Media and Society						
Specialization						
RTV 4905	R, A		R, A		R, A	R, A
News						
Specialization						
RTV 3304	R, A		R, A		R, A	R, A
Production						
Specialization						
RTV 4929	R, A		R, A		R, A	R, A

Assessment Types

- Policy memo and exam in addition to:
 - **Management:** written and oral presentation of a strategic plan developed for a client
 - **Media and Society:** written final project
 - **News:** portfolio of two radio or television news stories produced in RTV 3304
 - **Production:** final video project