



This course plan is a recommended sequence for this major. Courses designated as critical (!) may have a deadline for completion and/or affect time to graduation. Please see the Program Notes section for details regarding "critical courses" for this particular Program of Study.

Critical	Course Subject and Title	Credit Hours	Min. Grade ¹	Major GPA ²	Code	Prerequisites	Notes
Semester One (15-17 Credit Hours)							
!	ENGL 101 Critical Reading and Composition	3	C		CC-CMW		
	Carolina Core ARP Requirement	3-4			CC-ARP		
	Foreign Language ³ or other Carolina Core Requirement ⁴	3-4			CC-GFL		
	FAMS 240 Film & Media Analysis (<i>cross-listed: ENGL 240</i>)	3			CC-AIU		
	UNIV 101 The Student in the University or Carolina Core Requirement ⁴	3			PR/CC		
Semester Two (15-16 Credit Hours)							
!	ENGL 102 Rhetoric and Composition	3	C		CC-CMW CC-INF	C or better in ENGL 101	
	Carolina Core ARP Requirement	3-4			CC-ARP		
	Foreign Language ³ or other Carolina Core Requirement ⁴	3			CC-GFL		
	FAMS 300 Film & Media History	3			CC-GHS		
	Social Science	3			CR		
Semester Three (16 Credit Hours)							
	FAMS 308 Global Media Industries (<i>cross-listed: GLST 308</i>)	3	C		MR		
	Carolina Core Requirement ⁴	4			CC		
	Foreign Language ³ or Carolina Core Requirement ⁴	3			CR/CC		
	GHS-approved course ⁵	3			CR		
	Humanities or Fine Arts	3			CR		
Semester Four (16 Credit Hours)							
	FAMS Major Course ⁶	3	C		MR	See Bulletin listing	
	Cognate or Minor Course ⁷	3	C		PR		
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	Humanities or Fine Arts	3			CR		
	Carolina Core Requirement ⁴	4			CC		
Semester Five (15 Credit Hours)							
	FAMS Major Course ⁶	3	C		MR	See Bulletin listing	
	Cognate or Minor Course ⁷	3	C		PR		
	Humanities or Fine Arts	3			CR		
	Carolina Core Requirement ⁴ or Elective ⁸	3			CC/PR		
	Carolina Core Requirement ⁴ or Elective ⁸	3			CC/PR		
Semester Six (15 Credit Hours)							
	FAMS Major Course ⁶	3	C		MR	See Bulletin listing	
	FAMS Major Course ⁶	3	C		MR	See Bulletin listing	
	Cognate or Minor Course ⁷	3	C		PR		
	Elective ⁸	3			PR		
	Elective ⁸	3			PR		
Semester Seven (15 Credit Hours)							
	FAMS Major Course ⁶	3	C		MR	See Bulletin listing	
	FAMS Major Course ⁶	3	C		MR	See Bulletin listing	
	Minor Course ⁷ or Elective ⁸	3	C (<i>minor</i>)		PR		
	Elective ⁸	3			PR		
	Elective ⁸	3			PR		
Semester Eight (13 Credit Hours)							
	FAMS Major Course ⁶	3	C		MR	See Bulletin listing	
	FAMS Major Course ⁶	3	C		MR	See Bulletin listing	
	Minor Course ⁷ or Elective ⁸	3	C (<i>minor</i>)		PR		
	Elective ⁸	3			PR		
	Elective ⁸	1			PR		

Graduation Requirements Summary

Minimum Total Hours	Minimum Major Requirements Hours	College & Program Requirements Hours	Carolina Core Hours	Minimum Institutional GPA
120	27	49-61	32-44	2.000

- Regardless of individual course grades, students must maintain a minimum 2.000 cumulative GPA.
- Some colleges require a minimum GPA for major courses. Courses indicated in this column are included in the major GPA for this program of study.
- Students in the College of Arts and Sciences are required to demonstrate proficiency in one foreign language equivalent to the 122 course through course credit or the corresponding foreign language placement score.
- The [Carolina Core](#) provides the common core of knowledge, skill and academic experience for all Carolina undergraduate students.
- The Film and Media Studies program requires a GHS-approved course primarily focused on U.S. History: HIST 111, 112, 201, 214, SOST 202, or another GHS-approved course determined by the College of Arts and Sciences to fit this geographic category *and* FAMS 300. FAMS 300 is taken as the Carolina Core GHS.
- FAMS Major Courses (24 hours): In choosing their electives, majors are expected to individualize their programs of study while becoming broadly knowledgeable about the diverse and increasingly interconnected global media landscape. Students are encouraged to pursue internships, study abroad opportunities, and graduation with leadership distinction.
 - Production Requirement** (3 hours): **MART** 201, 210, 371, 380.
 - 300-level Electives** (15 hours): **FAMS** 310, 311, 316, 325, 328, 330, 332, 338, 350, 360, 361, 363, 365, 380, 381, 383; **JAPA** 350.
 - Additional Electives** (6 hours): To complete the major, students should select **two courses** from the following that will develop skills and deepen knowledge acquired through their previous selection of courses: any FAMS course numbered **FAMS** 310-398, **FAMS** 399, 470, 499, 510*, 511*, 566*, 581*, 598*. At least one of these must be a FAMS CC-INT (*) course.
- The cognate is intended to support the course work in the major. The cognate must consist of twelve hours of courses at the advanced level, outside of, but related to the major. In place of a cognate, a student may choose a minor consisting of at least 18 credit hours of courses concentrated in one area that follow a structured sequence. A second major eliminates the minor/cognate requirement.
- No courses of a remedial, developmental, skill-acquiring, or vocational nature may apply as credit toward degrees in the College of Arts and Sciences. The College of Arts and Sciences allows the use of the Pass-Fail option on elective courses. Further clarification on inapplicable courses can be obtained from the College of Arts and Sciences.

Program Notes:

- Courses identified as “critical” must be completed in the student’s first 60 semester hours of work in order for these courses to be credited toward graduation.
- All undergraduate students must take a 3-credit course or its equivalent with a passing grade that covers the founding documents. This course may fulfill any requirement in the program of study. Courses that meet this requirement are listed in the academic [bulletin](#).
- The program encourages Graduation with Leadership Distinction (GLD) and internships. Students wishing to pursue internships for credit may register for FAMS 499 with the program director.
- Most FAMS classes require students to experience media (films, television shows, games) as preparation for class lecture and discussion. Designated screening times are provided to facilitate collective big-screen experiences. Students unable to attend the designated screening time due to documentable conflicts such as another class, extracurricular activities, or work schedule will almost always be able to work with the instructor to experience the material at another time. Students needing to register for a class that conflicts with a screening time should register for that class and contact our Program Office to add the FAMS class.
- The last 30 credit hours toward your degree must be earned in residence at the University of South Carolina-Columbia.

University Requirements: Bachelor’s degree-seeking students must meet Carolina Core (general education) requirements. For more information regarding these requirements, please visit the [Carolina Core](#) page on the University website.

Codes:			
CC	Carolina Core	CC-INF	Carolina Core – Information Literacy
CC-AIU	Carolina Core-Aesthetic and Interpretive Understanding	CC-INT	Carolina Core – Integrative Course
CC-ARP	Carolina Core-Analytical Reasoning and Problem-Solving	CC-SCI	Carolina Core – Scientific Literacy
CC-CMS	Carolina Core-Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Spoken Component	CC-VSR	Carolina Core – Values, Ethics, and Social Responsibility
CC-CMW	Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Written Component	CR	College Requirement
CC-GFL	Carolina Core-Global Citizenship and Multicultural Understanding: Foreign Language	MR	Major Requirement
CC-GHS	Carolina Core – Historical Thinking	PR	Program Requirement
CC-GSS	Carolina Core – Social Sciences		

Disclaimer: Major maps are only a suggested or recommended sequence of courses required in a program of study. Please contact your academic advisor for assistance in the application of specific coursework to a program of study and course selection and planning for upcoming semesters.