



This graduation plan illustrates the type of curriculum a new student would take to complete a degree in four years. It is not meant to serve as an official document. Students should contact their academic adviser to develop a personalized plan of study. Refer to the University Catalog for a complete list of requirements: <https://catalog.uwsp.edu/>.

Semester 1	Credits	Semester 2	Credits
MSTU 001 Required Media Studies Essentials	0	MSTU 107 Required Foundations of Media Writing	3
MSTU 105 Required Foundations of Media Practice: Time, Motion, & Video (Fulfills GEP Arts)	3	MSTU 190 History of Media (Fulfills GEP Critical Thinking)	3
MSTU 106 Required Foundations of Criticism: Understanding Media (Fulfills GEP Critical Thinking)	3	GEP General Education Written Communication	3
MSTU 160 Introduction to the Art of Film (Fulfills GEP Arts)	3	GEP General Education Environmental Responsibility	3
GEP General Education Wellness	0-3		
<i>Total credits</i>	12	<i>Total credits</i>	12
Semester 3	Credits	Semester 4	Credits
MSTU Requirement in Media Production	3	GEP General Education Historical Perspectives	3
MSTU Requirement in Media History Theory Criticism	3	MSTU Elective/Minor	3
GEP General Education Historical Perspectives	3	GEP General Education Written Communication	3
World Language* Required for the BA Degree	4	GEP General Education Quantitative Literacy	3
MSTU Elective/Minor	3	World Language* Required for the BA Degree	4
<i>Total Credits</i>	16	<i>Total credits</i>	16
Semester 5	Credits	Semester 6	Credits
MSTU Requirement	3	MSTU Requirement	3
MSTU 394 (Fulfills GEP US Diversity)	3	MSTU 396 (Fulfills GEP US Diversity)	3
GEP General Education Social Science	3	GEP General Education Natural Science	3
GEP General Education Global Awareness	3	Requirement /Minor	3
GEP General Education Historical Perspectives	3	Requirement /Minor (Upper Level)	3
<i>Total credits</i>	15	<i>Total credits</i>	15
Semester 7	Credits	Semester 8	Credits
MSTU 480 Required Media Studies Internship (GEP Experiential Learning)	1-3	MSTU 460 Required Media Studies Symposium	3
MSTU Requirement	3	MSTU Requirement	3
GEP General Education Interdisciplinary Studies	3	Requirement /Minor (Upper Level)	1-3
GEP General Education Any Investigation Level Requirement /Minor (Upper Level)	3	Requirement /Minor (Upper Level)	3
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<i>Total credits</i>	16-17	<i>Total credits</i>	13-15
		Overall University Credits	120+
Minimum 41 credits in Communication coursework (must include minimum 18 credits at 300-400 level)		Minimum 120 credits for degree (must include minimum 40 credits at 300-400 level)	

*Depending upon placement. If you place into MATH 90, you will need an extra 3 credits somewhere in your plan to make up for that zero credit course. If you test into ENG 150, substitute an elective in one of the Written Communication spaces. If you test out of part or all of the World Language requirement, substitute an elective or requirement in one or both of those spaces.

+A minor is not required, but is strongly encouraged. Most minors require 18-24 credits.

General Education Program (GEP) category abbreviations: Written Communication (WC), Critical Thinking (CT), Quantitative Literacy (QL), Wellness (WLN), Arts (ART), Humanities (HU), Social Sciences (SS), Natural Sciences (NS), Environmental Responsibility (ER), U.S. Diversity (US), Global Awareness (GA),

You may count 3 credits of internship towards the major and up to 12 towards graduation. 40 hours of work experience for the internship counts as 1 credit, 80 hours as 2 credits, and 120 hours as 3 credits. Many students take emultiple internships.

Total credits may vary depending on selected electives. 120 minimum credits are required for graduation from UWSP.

Media Studies (B.A.)

Consists of a minimum of 37 credits in Media Studies courses:

Media Studies Core Required

- MSTU 001 - Media Studies Essentials 0 cr.
- MSTU 105 - Foundations of Media Practice: Time, Motion, & Video 3 cr.
- MSTU 106 - Foundations of Criticism: Understanding Media 3 cr.
- MSTU 107 - Foundations of Media Writing 3 cr.
- MSTU 460 - Media Studies Symposium and Capstone 3 cr.

You must also complete an internship or externship
COMM 480 – Communication Internship 1-8 cr. Or COMM 485 – Externship in Communication 6 cr.

World Language Courses, 8 credits:

Complete a two-semester sequence of university entry-level world language courses (101, 102). The requirement may be fulfilled through equivalent coursework or other language acquisition as demonstrated through a test-out policy (including Native American languages and American Sign Language). If your native language is not English and you can document formal high school or university study of your native language, then you may use ENGL 101 and ENGL 202, or ENGL 150 as a means of fulfilling this world language requirement.

Upper-level Requirements, 18 credits. A minimum of 6 credits in each category:

Media History, Theory, Criticism

- MSTU 160 - Introduction to the Art of Film 3 cr. (GEP ARTS)
- MSTU 190 - History of Media 3 cr. (GEP CT)
- MSTU 292 - Transmedia Storytelling 3 cr.
- MSTU 325 - Media Law 3 cr.
- MSTU 357 - Media and Popular Culture
- MSTU 359 - Topics in Media* 3 cr.
 - Algorithmic Cultures
 - Applied Media Aesthetics
 - Networked Media Practice and Mobile Culture
- MSTU 360 - Film History: Beginning to 1945 3 cr. (GEP ARTS)
- MSTU 361 - Film History: 1945 to Present 3 cr. (GEP ARTS)
- MSTU 363 – Media Genres* 3 cr. (GEP ARTS)
 - Fangs on Film
 - Cinema and the End of the World
 - Haunted Cinema
 - History of Animation
- MSTU 367 - International Media 3 cr. (GEP GA)
- MSTU 394 – Sex, Communication and #MeToo 3 cr. (GEP USD)
- MSTU 395 – Hashtag Activism 3 cr.
- MSTU 396 - Communication and Gender 3 cr. (GEP USD)

Media Writing

- MSTU 221 - Introduction to Journalism 3 cr.
- MSTU 251 - Media Writing* 3 cr.
 - Crafting a Digital Identity (GEP CT)
- MSTU 320 - Multimedia Writing 3 cr.
- MSTU 327 - Culinary Journalism: Food & Wines of the World 3 cr. (GEP GA)

- MSTU 351 - Advanced Media Writing* 3 cr.
 - Screenwriting
 - Television Fiction
 - Comedy Writing
 - Copywriting

Media Production

- DSN 104 - Foundation Studio: Color, Light and Perception
- MSTU 102 – Effective Podcasting 3 cr. (GEP CT)
- MSTU 253 - Video Production I 3 cr.
- MSTU 254 - Audio Production I 3 cr. (GEP ARTS)
- MSTU 322 - Introduction to Digital Photography 3 cr.
- MSTU 352 - Audio Production II* 3 cr.
 - Producing Audio Nonfiction
 - Producing Audio Fiction
 - Sportscasting
 - Audio for the Screen
- MSTU 354 - Special topics in Producing Media* 3 cr.
 - Video Art
 - Youtube: Producing a Digital Identity
- MSTU 356 - Video Production II* 3 cr.
 - Animation
 - Broadcast Journalism
 - Digital Storytelling
 - Motion graphics
 - Documentary
 - Advanced Cinematography

Courses listed above with an asterisk (*) may be repeated for credit under different subtitles.