

Admission to the Upper Division in Journalism and Film

Effective Fall 2013

Motion:

A. The following portions of sections 3270 (Film and Video) and 3380 (Journalism) of the Catalog are repealed:

All 3000-4000 level Film/Video courses require students to have an overall Georgia State University Institutional GPA of 2.5 prior to enrollment.

All 3000/4000-level journalism courses (excluding Jour 3500) require students to have an overall Georgia State University Institutional GPA of 2.5 prior to enrollment.

B. The following material is added to sections 3270 (Film and Video) and 3380 (Journalism) of the Catalog:

To Section 3270

All 3000-4000 level Film/Video courses require students to

- * have completed all courses with the "FILM" prefix that are in Film's Area F and
- * have earned a GPA of 2.5 in these FILM courses.

This GPA will be calculated based on the first attempt at these FILM courses at Georgia State University. WFs counts as an attempt. However, transfer students who transfer these course(s) into Georgia State, may use the grades in the transferred course(s) to calculate the GPA or they may attempt them once at Georgia State.

Once a student is eligible to take 3000-4000 Film/Video courses, they remain eligible to take them as long as they are eligible to enroll at Georgia State University.

To Section 3380

All 3000-4000 level Journalism courses require students to

- * have completed all courses with the "JOUR" prefix that are in Journalism's Area F and
- * have earned a GPA of 2.5 in these JOUR courses.

This GPA will be calculated based on the first attempt at these JOUR at Georgia State University. WFs counts as an attempt. However, transfer students who transfer these course(s) into Georgia State, may use the grades in the transferred course(s) to calculate the GPA or they may attempt them once at Georgia State.

Once a student is eligible to take 3000-4000 Journalism courses, they remain eligible to take them as long as they are eligible to enroll at Georgia State University.

Rationale:

The current rules for admission to the upper division in these two disciplines result in a large number of students (about 400) being in the relevant major without being able to take courses in that major. In some cases, whether a student can take courses in their major varies from term to term. In addition, admission is based on many courses, including those with little relevance to the major. This motion makes admission to the major courses a one-time “front-filter.” It also bases admission on courses relevant to the major.

