



## Fall Semester registration open with academic advisors standing by to help; new associate's degrees offered

Registration for Fall Semester continues to be open. We are here to help you with academic advising and registration overrides—whatever you need. Weber State University is offering classes in a variety of innovative and convenient formats during the COVID-19 pandemic. They include face-to-face, face-to-face hybrid, online, virtual, virtual-hybrid, and flex.

- **Face-to-Face:** Instruction in a classroom following strict health guidelines
- **Face-to-Face/Hybrid:** Instruction both in person and asynchronous online
- **Online:** Instruction asynchronous online
- **Virtual:** Instruction in synchronous format during scheduled time
- **Virtual/Hybrid classes:** Instruction uses both synchronous and asynchronous technology
- **Flex:** Format allows in-person, lab, studio, experiential or large class sizes within social distancing guidelines.

For more information about course schedules, see [https://weber.edu/Registration/Student\\_Course\\_Schedule.html](https://weber.edu/Registration/Student_Course_Schedule.html).

If you need academic advisement, visit [www.weber.edu/communication](http://www.weber.edu/communication) to determine your advisor. The department chair, Dr. Sheree Josephson, can also help you. She can be reached at [sjosephson@weber.edu](mailto:sjosephson@weber.edu). If you need assistance registering for a class that requires a prerequisite that you are currently taking, the department's administrative assistants can help you. They can be reached at [sgardner1@weber.edu](mailto:sgardner1@weber.edu) and [slove@weber.edu](mailto:slove@weber.edu). You can also take a prerequisite and the class requiring that prerequisite at the same time, but the administrative assistants will need an approval email from the professor.

This is the August edition of the monthly email to majors. At least once a month during the regular school year, we will email you to let you know about meetings of student organizations, guest speakers, important deadlines, opportunities, student and faculty achievements—and more. If you have information you'd like us to distribute, please email department chair Sheree Josephson at [sjosephson@weber.edu](mailto:sjosephson@weber.edu).

### What's Happening

#### August

- **Aug. 24:** Fall Semester begins

#### September

- **Sept. 7:** Labor Day break

### Student News

## **New associate's degrees in Digital Media Production available in Fall Semester**

The Department of Communication is now offering associate's degrees in Digital Media Production. Students have the choice between an Associate of Science, an Associate of Arts or an Associate of Applied Science. Students majoring in Digital Media or Film Studies are encouraged to contact their academic advisor to enroll. The degrees stack on the bachelor's degrees in DM or Film Studies with classes double-counting for both the associate's and bachelor's degrees. This provides a way for students to add a degree to their resume before the bachelor's degree is completed. Faculty who can help students add this degree to CatTracks include Andrea Baltazar at [andreabaltazar@weber.edu](mailto:andreabaltazar@weber.edu); Aimee Gillette at [aimeegillette@weber.edu](mailto:aimeegillette@weber.edu); Ash Soltani-Stone at [ashsoltanistone@weber.edu](mailto:ashsoltanistone@weber.edu) or Dr. Sheree Josephson at [sjosephson@weber.edu](mailto:sjosephson@weber.edu).

## **Studio 76 students take on 48-Hour Global Film Challenge, livestream Congressional debates**

Studio 76 students participated in the 48-Hour Global Film Challenge in June. Filmmakers from all around the world had 48 hours to complete a film from script to screen in a genre given at random. Studio 76 students participate in this film competition yearly. This production was led by Studio 76 executive managers, Logan Gossett and Cameron Jackson. Students had to adhere strictly to COVID-19 safety protocols. Students and faculty advisor Andrea Baltazar wore masks, socially distanced, took temperatures and disinfected equipment daily. They followed the Utah Film Commission's Recommendations for Healthy and Safe Production Sets. The cast and crew members included:

- Director: Cameron Jackson
- DP: Chelsey Shuman
- Camera operator: Rachel Loveland
- Audio technician: Kieffer Allen
- Editor: Logan Gossett
- DIT: Eleana Witt
- Producer: Nefi Alulema
- Writer: Ryland Sparrow
- Production assistant: Collins Blakely
- Gaffer: Jonathan Chen
- Actors: Jasmine Quinn and Marco Martinez

Studio 76 students also livestreamed the debates in the race for the First Congressional District on June 8-9.

## **Journalism scholarships awarded to nine Communication majors**

The Department of Communication has awarded scholarships for the 2021-2022 academic year to nine students. Here are the recipients:

- Patrick Parkinson: Jennifer Greenlee, editor-in-chief, The Signpost
- Jack and Betty Lampros: Marisa Nelson, news editor, The Signpost
- Lampros Journalism Fund: Alec Cipollini, Sarah Earnshaw, Lissette Landeverde, Robert Lewis
- Deseret News: Sarah Earnshaw
- Salt Lake Tribune: Miles Shaw
- Allison Barlow Hess: Daryn Steed, managing editor, The Signpost

## **Alumni Achievements**

### **Digital Media graduate owns video producing company, earns master's degree**

Matthew Havertz, an alum in Digital Media, is a video producer and owner of Purpose Pictures LLC. In that role, he has managed the business while producing and editing more than 15 videos for eight clients. He also earned a Master of Science in Instructional Technology from Utah State University in 2019. He graduated with a 4.0 GPA. He also taught a class at USU on video production to undergraduate students.

## **Announcements**

## **Students can enroll in two classes in one time slot**

Students will have the opportunity this fall to combine two courses into a single timeframe. COMM 3130, News Reporting and Writing, will meet on Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m., and COMM 3780, Broadcast News Writing and Production, on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. The focus of COMM 3130 is to write journalistic pieces, while the focus of COMM 3780 is to produce broadcast news pieces. In this combined model, students will be able to report on a single event or topic and both write and produce a news piece on it for publication and broadcast. Adding these multimedia packages to a portfolio will make students highly attractive to future employers. Students who have not yet taken COMM 2250, Essentials of Digital Media, should not take COMM 3780. Because of the time overlap, students may need an override to enroll. Those who are interested can email Dr. Jean Norman with their W number.

## **The Signpost publishing online during summer on campus events**

Weber State's student news organization, The Signpost, is publishing online during the summer. Staffers are reporting updates to the university's status with the COVID-19 pandemic and special financial help available to students, as well as the status of athletics and other events in the community. The Signpost will be available at [signpost.mywebermedia.com](http://signpost.mywebermedia.com) or [issuu.com/thesignpostwsu](http://issuu.com/thesignpostwsu).

## **The Signpost accepting applications for Fall Semester**

The Signpost is still accepting applications for students interested in joining the staff of Weber State's student news organization this fall. Positions include news reporter, photographer, videographer or sports reporter. Scholarships are available. [The application can be found at signpost.mywebermedia.com](http://signpost.mywebermedia.com) under the About Us>Staff menu.

## **Faculty Accomplishments**

### **Public relations professor interviewed for Instead podcast by MPC alum**

Dr. Nicola Corbin was recently interviewed by MPC Alum Wyatt Traughber for Utah State University's Instead podcast. Presented by USU's Office of Research, on the podcast Traughber interviews scholars to learn how Utah's researchers move the state forward as new challenges circle the world. Traughber's conversation with Dr. Corbin, titled "Extending Grace," draws on her research surrounding media representations and stereotypes of Black women and how Black college women negotiate these stereotypes. The conversation expands broadly—to Dr. Corbin's childhood in Guyana and experiences in America as an immigrant and a Black woman, racial stereotypes, and an analysis of the Minneapolis Police Department's public relations response to George Floyd's death. To listen to this conversation, read Traughber's post and listen here: <https://research.usu.edu/instead/blog-posts/nicola-corbin>.

### **Professor receives recognition for outstanding undergraduate research mentorship**

Dr. Anne Bialowas has been recognized for outstanding mentorship in undergraduate research in the College of Arts & Humanities. The award comes from the Office of Undergraduate Research at Weber State University.

### **Chair publishes 'Handbook of Visual Communication: Theory, Methods, and Media'**

Dr. Sheree Josephson, chair of the Department of Communication, has published the second edition of the "Handbook of Visual Communication: Theory, Methods, and Media" with Routledge. The book features 13 of the main theories in visual communication written by some of the foremost scholars in the field. These chapters are accompanied by peer-reviewed research chapters. Josephson, the lead co-editor, worked with Dr. James D. Kelly of Indiana University and Dr. Ken Smith of the University of Wyoming. The book contains a research chapter by Josephson and Master of Professional Communication graduate student Stacey Tyler titled "Using Eye Tracking to See How Children Read Interactive Storybooks with Supplemental or Incidental Digital Features." Josephson also co-authored the Introduction with Kelly and Smith. The official publication date of the print edition is April 29.

## Get Involved

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