

Journalism

Coursework Requirements Curriculum Checksheet

The Master of Arts in Communication with a Concentration in Journalism program prepares students for careers in news organizations and related areas in mass media. The program includes courses in print and broadcast management skills, organizational communication, Internet-based reporting, and communication and cultural diversity issues. Students normally finish their Masters in Journalism under Plan B with a final 3-credit essay, for a total of 33 credits. For students selecting Plan C, at least 33 credits of coursework are required.

Three required courses:

COM 7000: Introduction to M.A. Studies in Communication (3 cr) _____

COM 5080: History and Law of American Journalism (3 cr) _____

COM 6280: Media and Diversity (3 cr) _____

One research methods course from the following:

COM 6530: Audience Measurement and Survey Techniques (3 cr) _____

COM 7260: Quantitative Research Methods in Communication (3 cr) _____

COM 7365: Ethnographic Methods for Communication Research (3 cr) _____

COM 7580: Content Analysis (3 cr) _____

One theory course from the following:

COM 7410: Communication Theory (3 cr) _____

COM 7520: Theories of Media Effects (3 cr) _____

COM 7700: Mass Media and Political Communication (3 cr) _____

Five elective courses from the following. The courses should be appropriate to the specialization, selected in consultation with the adviser, and approved by the Director of Graduate Studies.

COM 5250: Professional Issues in News Media Management (3 cr) _____

COM 5300: Online Layout and Design (3 cr) _____

COM 5310: Investigative Reporting (3 cr) _____

COM 5381: TV News Reporting and Digital Editing (3 cr) _____

COM 5420: Director's Workshop (3 cr) _____

COM 5460: Magazine Writing (3 cr) _____

COM 5500: Web Design for News Content (3 cr) _____

COM 5700: Political and Government Reporting (3 cr) _____

COM 6190: Internship (1-3 cr; Max. 6 credits) _____

COM 6540: Media Operation and Management (3 cr) _____

COM 6560: Journalism and New Media (3 cr) _____

COM 7330: Advanced Desktop Publishing (3 cr) _____

COM 7400; Media Arts Production (3 cr) _____

COM 7999: Master's Essay Direction _____

One elective course from another department, selected in consultation with the adviser.

Possible departments include Political Science, Anthropology, History, Sociology, Business, or others appropriate to the student's interests.

One of the following capstone plan options:

Plan B: Three credits of COM 7999: Master's Essay Direction with an approved essay, and additional courses as needed totaling a minimum of 33 credits.

Plan C: Coursework selected from the above requirements totaling a minimum of 33 credits.

Acknowledgment of M.A. and G.C. Handbook Policies and Procedures

I have read the Department of Communication Master of Arts and Graduate Certificate Handbook and familiarized myself with the policies and procedures governing the program I am pursuing. I also understand that I must familiarize myself with the policies, procedures, and directives from the Graduate School as detailed in the Graduate Bulletin.

I understand that deviations from the Department of Communication or Graduate School policies and procedures may interfere with reasonable and normal academic progress and, in extreme circumstances, may result in my dismissal from the program. I further understand that I am to maintain regular contact with my academic adviser so that I may complete my degree in a timely manner.

Student Name and Access ID (Please Print)

Signature and Date

Please complete and return this form to the Graduate Secretary of the Department of Communication, 585 Manoogian Hall, along with the signed Plan of Work form and the appropriate M.A. or G.C. coursework requirements Curriculum Checksheet. The Plan of Work is to be completed in consultation with your academic adviser and must be filed by the completion of twelve credit hours of coursework.

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