

## 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. The degree requires a minimum 30 credits.

#### One required course:

COM 7000: Introduction to M.A. Studies in Communication \_\_\_\_\_

#### Two Journalism core courses:

COM 5080: History and Law of American Journalism \_\_\_\_\_

COM 5250: Professional Issues in Journalism & Mass Media \_\_\_\_\_

COM 6280: Reporting on Diversity \_\_\_\_\_

#### One theory course:

COM 7410: Communication Theory \_\_\_\_\_

COM 7520: Theories of Media Effects \_\_\_\_\_

COM 7700: Mass Media and Political Communication \_\_\_\_\_

#### One research methods course:

COM 6530: Audience Measurement and Survey Techniques \_\_\_\_\_

COM 7260: Quantitative Research Methods in Communication \_\_\_\_\_

COM 7360: Qualitative Research Methods in Communication \_\_\_\_\_

COM 7365: Ethnographic Methods for Communication Research \_\_\_\_\_

COM 7580: Content Analysis \_\_\_\_\_

#### Two additional content courses (used Journalism Core courses can be taken as additional content courses)::

COM 5200: Special Topics in Advanced Reporting \_\_\_\_\_

COM 5310: Investigative Reporting \_\_\_\_\_

COM 5381: TV News Reporting and Digital Editing \_\_\_\_\_

COM 5410: Producer's Workshop \_\_\_\_\_

COM 5460: Magazine Writing \_\_\_\_\_

COM 5500: Journalism and New Media \_\_\_\_\_

COM 5610: Advanced Television Production \_\_\_\_\_

COM 6190: Internship (1-3 cr, MAX 6 cr) \_\_\_\_\_

#### One of the following capstone plan options:

##### **Plan A:** Thesis

COM 8999: Master's Thesis Research and Direction (6 cr)

*Thesis credits are distributed across two or three semesters.*

Any one course from the department as elective (3 cr)

##### **Plan B:** Essay

COM 7999: Master's Essay Direction (3 cr)  
Any two courses from the department as electives (6 cr)

***Plan C: Coursework Only***  
Any three courses from the department as electives (9 cr)