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)