

BROADCAST JOURNALISM MAJOR



Keep this curriculum sheet during your stay in the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications. It augments your 2005-2007 Undergraduate Catalog, and it:

- offers a semester-by-semester plan for your program,
- outlines your general education and your major requirements,
- includes reminders about minors and graduation checks, and
- summarizes your graduation requirements.

A suggested semester-by-semester plan

The semester-by-semester plan is a suggested model for progress through the broadcast journalism program. It may be beneficial to take courses in somewhat different time frames, but watch particularly the sequence of JMC requirements.

FALL

Semester 1 (16 hours)

UNI 101—Freshman Seminar
 JMC 100—Journalistic Writing and Editing*
 JMC 101—Media Literacy
 ENG 101—English Composition I
 CMM 103—Fundamentals of Speech
 CL/PHL/RST—Select one

Semester 3 (16 hours)

JMC 201—News Writing I
 JMC 360—Digital Imaging for JMC
 HST 230—American History to 1877
 Language I
 Natural Science (4 hours)

Semester 5 (15 hours)

JMC 304—Computer Assisted Reporting**
 JMC 350—Television Reporting**
 Literature (300-400 level English or options)
 Language III
 Minor _____

Complete a graduation check

Semester 7 (16 hours)

JMC 440—Mass Communications Ethics (Capstone)
 JMC 461—Web Strategies**
 Integrated Science (4 hours)
 Minor _____
 Minor _____

SPRING

Semester 2 (18 hours)

JMC 102—Information Gathering
 PSC 104—American National Government and Politics
 MTH 121—Concepts and Application of Mathematics
 ENG 102—English Composition II
 ART 112/MUS 142/THE 112—Select one
 ECN 200—Survey of Economics

Semester 4 (16 hours)

JMC 301—News Writing II
 PSC 202—American State Government and Politics
 HST 231—American History since 1877
 Language II
 Natural Science (4 hours)

Declare a minor

Semester 6 (18 hours)

JMC 351—Advanced Television Reporting***
 PSC—one from 105, 207, 301, 303, 307, 381, 436
 Literature (300-400 level English or options)
 Language IV
 Minor _____

JMC 490/470—Internship/practicum
(Recommended summer before senior year)

Semester 8 (16 hours)

JMC 402—Law of Mass Communications
 JMC 414—Reporting Public Affairs***
 JMC Elective (300/400 level)
 Minor/General elective _____
 General electives (4 hours) _____

* Does not count toward graduation (test out is possible)

** Offered fall terms only

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General Education Requirement Checklist—minimum 128 hours required

(All courses in the checklist are included in the semester-by-semester plan.)

Freshman Seminar (1 hour)

UNI 101 or HON 101

English (6 hours)

English 101 and 102 **OR** English 201H (honors)
ACT scores of 0-13 must first take COM 094
ACT scores of 14-17 must first take COM 095
ACT scores of 18-27 take ENG 101 and 102
ACT scores of 28-33 take ENG 201H
ACT scores of 34-36 receive automatic English credit
Juniors or seniors who haven't completed the English requirement must take English 302

Modern Language (3-12 hours)

Arabic, French, German, Greek, Japanese, Latin, Spanish
Successful completion of a sequence of modern language ending with 204 (or Greek 302). Up to 3 semesters of the language requirement may be waived for language taken in high school.

Communication Studies (3 hours)

Communications Studies 103
The requirement may be waived by the Communication Studies Department if high school speech was taken and if the student passes the appropriate exam.

Fine Arts (3 hours)

Art 112, Theater 112 or Music 142

Classics, Philosophy or Religious Studies (3 hours)

Any Classics course **EXCEPT** 230, 231, 232, 233 or 234
Any Philosophy course
Any Religious Studies **EXCEPT** 304, 310, 320, 325 or 351

Literature (6 hours)

Any 300/400 level English literature (not writing)
Classics 230, 231, 232, 233 or 234
Religious Studies 304, 310, 320, 325, or 351
Any 300/400 level literature course in French, German, Latin, or Spanish

Social Sciences (18 hours)

Journalism and Mass Communications majors take 15 to 21 hours of specified social sciences depending on their majors.

Broadcast Journalism majors must take:

Economics 200	Political Science 104
History 230	Political Science 202
History 231	Political Science: one course from 105, 207, 301, 303, 307, 381, 436

Mathematics (3 hours)

Math 121 or above
ACT math scores of less than 19 require specific preparatory courses before enrolling in math 121.
Math ACT scores of up to 11 must take ASC 096
Math ACT scores of 12-15 must first take MAT 096
Math ACT scores of 16-18 must first take MAT 097

Natural Science (12 hours)

4 hours of Integrated Science
8 hours from any of the following sciences:
Biology
Chemistry
Geography 101
Geology
Physical Science
Physics

Required Journalism and Mass Communications (42 hours)

JMC 100—Fundamentals of Journalistic Writing and Editing*
JMC 101—Media Literacy
JMC 102—Information Gathering and Research
JMC 201—News Writing I
JMC 301—News Writing II
JMC 304—Computer Assisted Reporting
JMC 350—Television Reporting
JMC 351—Advanced Television Reporting
JMC 360—Digital Imaging for JMC
JMC 402—Law of Mass Communications
JMC 414—Reporting Public Affairs
JMC 440—Mass Communications Ethics
JMC 461—Web Strategies
JMC 470 or 490—Professional Practicum or Internship
JMC Elective—any additional 300 or 400 level JMC course
**Students who score less than 77 on the language-skills test must take JMC 100, which does not count toward graduation.*

REMINDERS

- Declare a minor before completion of your 58th credit hour
- Request a graduation check upon completion of your 80th credit hour
- The Marshall Plan—3 hours of writing intensive courses, 3 hours of multicultural courses, 6 hours of international courses and 4 hours of integrated science—should be folded into other course requirements

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- 128 credit hours (131 if you have to take JMC 100)
- 80 credit hours of non-journalism courses—65 of the 80 hours must be in liberal arts and sciences
- 48 hours of the 128 must be in 300/400 level courses
- earn a “C” or better in English 101, English 102 and in all required journalism and mass communications courses
- earn an overall gpa of 2.25 or better and a JMC gpa of 2.25 or better
- complete a minor
- complete the JMC writing requirement
- apply for graduation
- submit a graduation portfolio