

# ONLINE JOURNALISM MAJOR

Keep this curriculum guide during your stay in the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications. It augments your 2010-2011 Undergraduate Catalog, and it:

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

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## A suggested semester-by-semester plan

The following plan is a suggested model for progress through the online journalism program. It may be beneficial to take courses in different time frames, but watch particularly the sequence of JMC requirements. Plan course selections so that critical thinking, multicultural, international and writing intensive requirements are included.

### FALL

#### Semester 1 (15 hours)

FYS—Freshman Seminar **OR** MTH 121 (CT)  
JMC 101—Media Literacy  
CMM 103—Fundamentals of Speech  
ENG 101—English Composition I  
ART 112/MUS 142/THE 112—Select one

#### Semester 3 (16 hours)

JMC 201—News Writing I  
JMC 241—Graphics of Communication  
Core II Humanities—Literature  
Global Component (Modern Language 101)  
Physical/Natural Science (4 hours)

#### Semester 5 (15 hours)

JMC 302—Advanced Editing and Design **OR** JMC 402  
JMC 461—Web Strategies\*  
Social Science (see list on back)  
Global Component (Modern Language 203 or International)  
Minor \_\_\_\_\_

*Complete a graduation check*

#### Semester 7 (15 hours)

IST 365—Database Management  
Social Science (see list on back) 300/400 level  
Social Science (see list on back) or non JMC elective  
Minor or non JMC elective \_\_\_\_\_  
Minor or non JMC elective 300/400 level \_\_\_\_\_

\* Offered fall terms only

### SPRING

#### Semester 2 (15 hours)

FYS—Freshman Seminar **OR** MTH 121 (CT)  
JMC 102—Information Gathering  
Social Science (see list on back)  
ENG 102—English Composition II  
CT designated ANT, GEO or SOC

#### Semester 4 (15-16 hours)

JMC 301—News Reporting II  
JMC 360—Digital Imaging for JMC  
Social Science (see list on back)  
Global Component (Modern Language 102)  
Physical/Natural Science or Meteorology (3-4 hours)

*Declare a minor*

#### Semester 6 (18 hours)

JMC 402—Law of Mass Communications **OR** JMC 301  
JMC 462—Web Design for mass Media\*\*  
Literature  
Global Component (Modern Language 204 or International)  
Minor 300/400 level \_\_\_\_\_

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

#### Semester 8 (12-13 hours)

JMC 440—Mass Communications Ethics (Capstone)  
JMC 465—Multimedia Reporting  
JMC elective 300/400 level  
Minor or non JMC elective \_\_\_\_\_  
Non JMC elective (0-1 hours) \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* Offered spring terms only

### REMINDERS

- Declare a minor before completion of your 58<sup>th</sup> credit hour

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- 122 credit hours
- 80 credit hours of non-journalism courses—65 of the 80 hours must be in liberal arts and sciences
- 42 hours of the 122 must be in 300/400 level courses
- earn a “C” or better in English 102 and in all required journalism and mass communications courses

- Request a graduation check at your 80<sup>th</sup> credit hour

- earn an overall and a JMC gpa of 2.25 or better
- 6 hours of writing intensive
- 3 hours of multicultural or international
- complete a minor
- complete the JMC writing requirement
- submit a graduation portfolio

## Requirements Checklist—minimum 122 hours required

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

### General Education Requirements

#### CORE I — 9 hours

##### First Year Seminar (3 hours)

##### 100/200 level CT (6 hours)

Select two critical thinking courses from ANT 201, GEO 100\*, MTH 121, or SOC 200\*

#### CORE II—25 hours (100- and 200 levels)

Select courses to ensure 6 hours of writing intensive credits and 3 hours of multicultural or international credits.

#### Composition (6 hours)

English 101 and 102 **OR** English 201H (honors)  
ACT scores of less than 16 (SAT 400) must first take ENG 101C, then ENG 101B, then ENG 102  
ACT scores of 16-17 (SAT 410-440) must take ENG 101B  
ACT scores of 18-27 take ENG 101  
ACT scores of 28-33 take ENG 201H  
ACT scores of 34-36 receive automatic English credit

#### Communication Studies 103 (3 hours)

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

#### Mathematics 121 or above (3 hours)

Math ACT of 12-16 (SAT 250-390) first take MTH 098  
Math ACT of 17-18 (SAT 400-450) first take MTH 099

#### Physical or Natural Science (4 hours)

Select one course from:  
Biology 104, 105, 120, 121, 228, 250  
Chemistry 211 & 217, 212 & 250  
Geology 110 & 210L, 150 & 150L, 200 & 210 L  
Integrated Science 200, 201, 202, 205, 208, 209  
Physics 101 & 101L, 201 & 202, 203 & 204, 211 & 202 or 212, 213 & 204 or 114  
Physical Science 109 & 109L, 101 & 110L

#### Social Sciences (3 hours)

Select one course from ANT 201, CMM 213, 255, CJ 200, 211, 221, 231, 241 GEO 100\*, 203, 206, HST 101, 102, 103, 125, 200, 205, 206, 208, 219, 220, 221, 223, 230, 231, 250, 260, 265, PSC 104, 105, 220, 207, 209, 211, 233, PSY 201, 223, SOC 200\*

#### Humanities (3 hours)

Select one course from CMM 205, 239, 240, ENG 202, 203, 206, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 215, 220, 225, 231, 235, 240, 241, 242, FRN 240, GER, 240, JPN 240, PHL 200, 201, 250, RST 205, 206, 250, SPN 240

(Note: Appropriate Social Sciences and Humanities completed in CORE I and II can be applied toward the Journalism and Mass Communications requirements.)

#### Fine Arts (3 hours)

Art 112 or Theater 112 or Music 142

(\*meets Core I CT and Core II requirements)

### Journalism and Mass Communications Requirements

#### Literature (6 hours)

Any English literature (not writing)  
Religious Studies 304, 310, 320, 325, or 351  
Any 300/400 level literature course in French, German, Latin, or Spanish  
(Core II literature can be applied to the SOJMC requirement.)

#### Global Component (3-12 hours)

*Option 1* - Successful completion of a sequence of modern language ending with 204: Arabic, French, German, Japanese, Latin, or Spanish (or Greek 302). Up to 3 semesters of the language requirement may be waived for language taken in high school.  
*Option 2* - Successful completion of a sequence of 6 hours of one modern language AND 6 hours of approved study abroad  
*Option 3* - Successful completion of a sequence of 6 hours of one modern language AND 6 hours of approved international courses in addition to the core requirements. International courses JMC 436 and SFT 235 may not be used to satisfy global component requirements.

#### Physical/Natural Science or Meteorology (3-4 hours)

Any additional physical or natural science or Geography 101 or 230 or 350

#### Minor (12-18 hours)

See catalog for departmental specifications.

#### Journalism and Mass Communications (18 hrs.)

JMC 101—Media Literacy  
JMC 102—Information Gathering and Research  
JMC 402—Law of Mass Communications  
JMC 440—Mass Communications Ethics  
JMC 470 or 490—Professional Practicum or Internship  
JMC Elective—any additional 300 or 400 level JMC course

#### Online Journalism Major (24 JMC hours)

JMC 201—News Writing I  
JMC 241—Graphics of Communication  
JMC 301—News Reporting II  
JMC 302—Advanced Editing and Design  
JMC 360—Digital Imaging  
JMC 461—Web Strategies  
JMC 462—Web Design for Mass Media  
JMC 465—Multimedia Reporting

#### Social Sciences/Humanities (15 hours)

Online journalism majors must complete one class each from five of the following disciplines: Criminal Justice, Economics, History, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology/ Anthropology (except SOC 108), Geography 100, 203, 206, 305, 315, 317, 320, 401, 403, 405, 408, 410, 412 or 420

#### Required Non—JMC Courses (3 hours)

IST 365—Database Information Management and Design

