

ONLINE JOURNALISM MAJOR



Keep this curriculum guide during your stay in the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications. It augments your 2009-2010 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 following plan is a suggested model for progress through the online 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 multicultural, international and writing intensive requirements of the Marshall Plan are folded into other classes.

FALL

Semester 1 (16 hours)

UNI 101—Freshman Seminar (1 hour)
 JMC 101—Media Literacy
 ENG 101—English Composition I
 CMM 103—Fundamentals of Speech
 CL/PHL/RST—Select one
 ECN 200—Survey of Economics

Semester 3 (16 hours)

JMC 201—News Writing I
 JMC 241—Graphics of Communication
 PSC 202—American State Government and Politics
 Global Component 1
 Natural Science (4 hours)

Semester 5 (15 hours)

JMC 302—Advanced Editing and Design or JMC 402
 JMC 461—Web Strategies*
 History 230—American History to 1877
 Global Component 3
 GEO 100 or 317—Cultural/World Geography
Complete a graduation check

Semester 7 (16 hours)

JMC Elective (300/400 level)
 Integrated Science (4 hours)
 Literature (300-400 level English or options)
 Minor/Global Component 5 option 3 _____
 Minor _____

SPRING

Semester 2 (15 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

Semester 4 (16 hours)

JMC 301—Advanced News Reporting
 JMC 360—Digital Imaging for JMC
 CJ 200—Introduction to Criminal Justice
 Global Component 2
 Natural Science (4 hours)

Declare a minor

Semester 6 (18 hours)

JMC 402—Law of Mass Communications or JMC 302
 JMC 462—Web Design for Mass Media**
 History 231—American History since 1977
 Global Component 4
 Minor _____
 JMC 490/470—Internship/practicum
 (Recommended summer before senior year)

Semester 8 (16 hours)

JMC 440—Mass Communications Ethics (Capstone)
 JMC 414—Reporting Public Affairs**
 Literature (300-400 level English or options)
 Minor/General elective _____
 Minor/General elective (4 hours) _____

* Offered fall terms only

** Offered spring terms only

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 ENL 094

ACT scores of 14-17 must first take ENL 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

Global Component (3-15 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 Marshall Plan requirements. International courses JMC 436 and SFT 235 may not be used to satisfy global component requirements.

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.

Classics, Philosophy or Religious Studies (3 hours)

Any Classics course **EXCEPT** 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235 or 236

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, 234, 235 or 236

Religious Studies 304, 310, 320, 325, or 351

Any 300/400 level literature course in French, German, Latin, or Spanish

Social Sciences (21 hours)

Online majors must take:

Criminal Justice 200

History 230

Economics 200

History 231

Geography 100 or 317

Political Science 104

Political Science 202

Mathematics (3 hours)

Math 121 or above

ACT math scores of less than 19 require successful completion of Math Workshop before enrolling in Math 121.

Fine Arts (3 hours)

Art 112, Theater 112 or Music 142

Natural Science (12 hours)

4 hours of Integrated Science

8 hours from any of the following sciences:

Biology

Chemistry

Geography 101, 230, 350

Geology

Physical Science

Physics

Minor (12-18 hours)

See catalog for departmental specifications.

Required Journalism and Mass Communications (42 hours)

JMC 101—Media Literacy

JMC 102—Information Gathering and Research

JMC 201—News Writing I

JMC 241—Graphics of Communication

JMC 301—News Writing II

JMC 302—Advanced Editing and Design

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 462—Web Design for Mass Media

JMC 470 or 490—Professional Practicum or Internship

JMC Elective—any additional 300 or 400 level JMC course

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
- 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 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

