



# JOURNALISM *online*

W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications curriculum guides augment your 2017-2018 Undergraduate Catalog. Use them to help plan each semester of your program. The guides:

- offer a semester-by-semester plan for your study,
- outline general education, school and program requirements,
- include reminders about internships and graduation audits, and
- summarize your graduation requirements.

## A suggested semester-by-semester plan

The following plan is a suggested model for progress through the online emphasis of the journalism major. 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 (15-16 hours)

FYS—Freshman Seminar **OR** MTH 121 (CT)  
 JMC 101—Media Literacy  
 JMC 103—Language Use for Media (if needed)  
 CMM 103—Fundamentals of Speech  
 ENG 101—English Composition I  
 ART 112/MUS 142/MUS210/THE 112—Select one

#### Semester 3 (16 hours)

JMC 201—News Writing I  
 JMC 241—Media Design  
 ENG 201—English Composition II  
 Any Modern Language  
 Core II Physical/Natural Science (4 hours)

#### Semester 5 (15 hours)

JMC 400, 410, 451 or 475  
 JMC 361—Digital Presence\*  
 Non-JMC elective  
 Literature (must have “literature” attribute)  
 International (must have “international” attribute)

**Complete a graduation audit at 80 hours**

#### Semester 7 (14 hours)

JMC 300/400 elective  
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 Non-JMC elective (2 hrs.)  
 Non-JMC 300/400 elective

*\* Offered fall terms only*

### SPRING

#### Semester 2 (15 hours)

FYS—Freshman Seminar **OR** MTH 121 (CT)  
 JMC 102—Media Toolbox  
 Core I CT  
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 Core II Social Sciences

#### Semester 4 (15 hours)

JMC 260—Digital Imaging for JMC  
 JMC 301—News Reporting II  
 Core II Humanities  
 Any Modern Language  
 Any History

#### Semester 6 (15 hours)

JMC 462—Web Design for Mass Media\*\*  
 ANT 201/SOC 200/GEO 100 (select one)  
 Non-JMC elective  
 Literature (must have “literature” attribute)  
 Multicultural (must have “multicultural” attribute)

**Recommended summer between semesters 6 & 7 (3 hours)**

JMC 490/470—Internship/practicum

#### Semester 8 (12 hours)

JMC 345—Mass Communications Law and Ethics  
 JMC 465—Multimedia Reporting  
 JMC 300/400 elective  
 Non-JMC 300/400 elective

*\*\* Offered spring terms only*

### REMINDERS

- 120 credit hours of 100 to 499 level courses
- 48 credit hours of journalism and mass communications
- 72 credit hours of non-journalism courses
- at least 42 hours of the 120 must be in 300/400 level courses
- 6 hours of critical thinking
- 6 hours of writing intensive
- 3 hours of multicultural and 3 hours of international
- earn an overall and a JMC gpa of 2.25 or better
- pass a language proficiency exam with a score of 77% or better (or equivalent) before admission to any JMC 300/400 level courses
- earn a “C” or better in English 201 and in all required journalism and mass communications courses
- request a graduation audit at your 80<sup>th</sup> credit hour
- complete the JMC writing requirement in JMC 440
- submit a graduation portfolio

## Core, JMC and Program Requirements—minimum 120 hours required

(All courses in these lists 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)

MTH 121 = 3 hours of CT.

Recommended: Select a second CT course from social sciences/humanities that meets both Core and SOJMC requirements.

#### 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 201 **OR** English 201H (honors)  
ACT scores of less than 18 (SAT 450), first take ENG 101P  
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 19 (SAT 460) or more take MTH 121  
Math ACT of 18 or less take MTH 121B

#### Fine Arts (3 hours)

Art 112 or Music 142 or Music 210 or Theater 112

Check the General Education website, <http://www.marshall.edu/gened>, for specific courses that meet Core I and Core II requirements. Note that some courses can be applied to both Core I and Core II.

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

#### Core II Social Sciences (3 hours)

#### Core II Humanities (3 hours)

### Securing an internship

All SOJMC majors must complete at least 3 credit hours of internship. Students earn 1 credit hour for each 100 hours of approved professional practice. Ideally, internships should be completed during the summer between the junior and senior years. To ensure your work is properly credited, you must work through the internship director.

- Submit a complete internship application.
- Secure approval of the employment or other work.
- Get permission to enroll in JMC 490, 491 or 470.
- Maintain weekly contact, attend scheduled meetings and submit a final report and a portfolio.

### Journalism and Mass Communications Requirements (SOJMC)

#### JMC Cognizance Area.....24 hours

##### Diversity (15 hours)

Modern Language 6 hours

Successful completion of any combination of Arabic, French, German, Japanese, Latin, Spanish or Greek language courses

Cultural 3 hours

Select ANT 201, SOC 200 or GEO 100

Multicultural 3 hours

Any 3 hours with a “multicultural” attribute

International 3 hours

Any 3 hours with an “international” attribute  
EXCEPT JMC 436. JMC 436 credit may not be applied to the JMC cognizance area

##### Historical (3 hours)

Any HST course

##### Literature (6 hours)

Any course with a “literature” attribute. Writing courses do not satisfy the literature requirement.

(Cultural, multicultural, international, history and literature courses taken as part of Core I or Core II may meet requirements of the JMC cognizance area as well.)

#### JMC Core ..... 21 hours

JMC 101 — Media Literacy

JMC 102 — Media Toolbox

JMC 241 — Media Design

JMC 260 — Digital Imaging for JMC

JMC 345 — Mass Communications Law and Ethics

JMC 361 — Digital Presence

JMC 470 or 490 — Professional Practicum or Internship  
(JMC 490 prerequisite JMC 201)

Pass school’s language skills exam **OR** complete JMC 100 or 103 **OR** have ACT verbal score of 30 or better

#### Online Journalism Emphasis.....27 hours

JMC 201 — News Writing I

JMC 301 — News Reporting II

JMC 400, 410, 451 or 475

JMC 462 — Web Design for Mass Media

JMC 465 — Multimedia Reporting

JMC Electives — any additional 12 hrs. of 3/400 JMC

#### Non-JMC Electives ..... 14 hours

No more than 4 hours of non-JMC electives may be completed in PEL. Non-JMC elective hours may vary depending on the extent to which two or more requirements are met with a single course.

#### Total earned credits required for graduation.....120 hours



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