



PUBLIC RELATIONS

W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications curriculum guides augment your 2015-2016 Undergraduate Catalog. Use them to help plan each semester of your program. The guides:

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

A suggested semester-by-semester plan

The following plan is a suggested model for progress through the public relations 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 (15-16 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/MUS 210/THE 112—Select one

Semester 3 (16 hours)

JMC 201—News Writing I
JMC 241—Graphics of Communication
ENG 201—English Composition II
Any Modern Language
Physical/Natural Science (4 hours)

Semester 5 (15 hours)

JMC 360—Digital Imaging for JMC
JMC 437—Public Relations Writing*
MKT 340—Principles of Marketing
Literature (must have “literature” attribute)
International (must have “international” attribute)

Complete a graduation audit at 80 hours

Semester 7 (14 hours)

JMC 438—Public Relations Case Studies*
JMC 440—Mass Communications Ethics
CMM 308—Persuasive Communication
JMC 300/400 elective
Non-JMC elective (2 hrs.)

** Offered fall terms only*

SPRING

Semester 2 (15 hours)

FYS—Freshman Seminar **OR** MTH 121 (CT)
JMC 102—Information Gathering and Research
Core I CT
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Core II Social Sciences

Semester 4 (15 hours)

JMC 301—News Reporting II
JMC 330—Fundamentals of Public Relations
Core II Humanities
Any Modern Language
Any History

Semester 6 (15 hours)

ANT 201/SOC 200/GEO 100 (select one)
JMC 300/400 elective
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 402—Law of Mass Communications
JMC 439—Public Relations Campaign Mgt** (Capstone)
JMC 300/400 elective
Non-JMC 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 80th credit hour
- complete the JMC writing requirement in JMC 440
- submit a graduation portfolio

Core and Major 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 440), first take ENG 099

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 or more take MTH 121

Math ACT of 17 or 18 take MTH 121B

Math ACT less than 17 take MTH 100 then MTH 121

Fine Arts (3 hours)

Art 112 or Music 142 or Music 210 or Theater 112

Check the General Education website, <http://muwww-new.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.

Physical or Natural Science (4 hours)

Social Sciences (3 hours)

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 Area24 hours

Diversity (15 hours)

Modern Language 6 hours

Successful completion of any combination of Arabic, French, German, Japanese, Latin, Spanish or Greek language course (not culture course)

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—Information Gathering and Research

JMC 402—Law of Mass Communications

JMC 440—Mass Communications Ethics

JMC 470 or 490—Professional Practicum or Internship

JMC Electives—any additional six hours of 3/400 JMC

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

Public Relations Major 27 hours

JMC 201—News Writing I

JMC 241—Graphics of Communication

JMC 301—News Reporting II

JMC 330—Fundamentals of Public Relations

JMC 360—Digital Imaging for JMC

JMC 437—Public Relations Writing

JMC 438—Public Relations Case Studies

JMC 439—Public Relations Campaign Management

JMC Elective—one from JMC 302, 305, 383, 408, 432, 461, or 462.

Required Non-JMC Courses 6 hours

CMM 308—Persuasive Communication

MKT 340—Principles of Marketing

Non-JMC Electives 8 hours

No more than 4 hours of non-JMC electives may be completed in PEL

Total earned credits required for graduation120 hours



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