

Media and Journalism

Bachelor of Arts (BA)

Concentrations: Emergent Media, Journalism, Media Production, Strategic Communications/Public Relations

This degree map is based on the current Academic Catalog and is subject to change. Please note that the degree map is designed to give you a sense of roughly how courses might be distributed over a 4-year degree. Your exact schedule will differ depending on a range of factors though we recommend taking a minimum of 15 credits each fall and spring semester. Regular consultation with your academic advisor is the best way to make sure that you are taking the courses you need in the right order to ensure efficient progress through your degree program.

Sample 4-Year Plan

First Year

Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits
MEDJ 110 Intro to Mass Communications	3	MEDJ 190 Writing for the Mass Media	3
Writing General Education Course	3	MEDJ 120 Intro to Emergent Media	3
COMM 101 Public Speaking (Oral Communications General Education)	3	MEDJ 270 Digital Video Production	3
General Education Course – First Year Seminar	3	MEDJ 250 Public Relations Theory & Practice	3
Quantitative General Education Course	3	Natural World & Technologies General Education Course	3
Semester Total	15	Semester Total	15

Second Year

Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits
MEDJ 240 News and Democracy	3	MEDJ Concentration Elective	3
MEDJ Concentration Elective	3	MEDJ Concentration Elective	3
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Creativity & Expression General Education Course	3	Natural World & Technologies General Education Course	3
History General Education Course	3	Citizenship & Responsibility General Education Course	3
Semester Total	15	Semester Total	15

Third Year

Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits
MEDJ 390 Media Law & Ethics	3	MEDJ 391 Research Methods in Mass Communication	3
MEDJ Concentration Elective	3	MEDJ Concentration Elective	3
Literature General Education Course	3	Interconnections General Education Course	3
Citizenship & Responsibility General Education Course	3	Natural World & Technologies General Education Course	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Semester Total	15	Semester Total	15

Fourth Year

Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits
MEDJ 497 Capstone (Senior Seminar)	3	MEDJ 498 Internship in Mass Communications	3
MEDJ Concentration Elective	3	MEDJ Concentration Elective	3
Creativity & Expression General Education Course	3	Interconnections General Education Course	3
Interconnections General Education Course	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Semester Total	15	Semester Total	15

Winter/Summer College - Optional

While not required, Winter and Summer sessions are offered each year and may help you stay on track or get ahead. You may take up to seven (7) credits during Winter College and up to 14 credits during Summer College.

Curriculum Checklist

Mass Media & Journalism Foundation- Students take each of these (30)

- ___ MEDJ 110 Introduction to Mass Communications (3)
- ___ MEDJ 120 Introduction to Emergent Media (3)
- ___ MEDJ 190 Writing for the Mass Media (3)
- ___ MEDJ 240 News & Democracy (3)
- ___ MEDJ 250 Public Relations Theory & Practice (3)
- ___ MEDJ 270 Digital Video Production (3)
- ___ MEDJ 390 Media Law & Ethics (3)*
- ___ MEDJ 391 Research Methods in Mass Communication (3)*
- ___ MEDJ 497 Capstone (Senior Seminar) (3)*
- ___ MEDJ 498 Internship in Mass Communications Capstone (3)*

Media & Journalism Concentration Electives – **(students take a minimum of 12 of these)**

A. Emergent Media

- ___ MEDJ 220 Introduction to Multimedia (3)
- ___ MEDJ 221 Podcasting and Social Media (3)
- ___ MEDJ 222 Introduction to Visual Communication (3)
- ___ MEDJ 320 Social Media Analytics (3)*
- ___ MEDJ 420 Emergent Media Workshop (3)*

B. Journalism

- ___ MEDJ 241 Multimedia Journalism (3)
- ___ MEDJ 340 Storytelling for Journalism (3)*
- ___ MEDJ 241 Advanced News Journalism (3)*
- ___ MEDJ 440 Journalism Workshop (3)*
- ___ MEDJ 441 In Print: Publication from Concept to Design (3)*

C. Media Production

- ___ MEDJ 370 Advanced Digital Video Production (3)*
- ___ MEDJ 371 Digital Video Editing (3)*
- ___ MEDJ 372 Audio Storytelling (3)*
- ___ MEDJ 373 Visual Storytelling (3)*
- ___ MEDJ 470 Media Production Workshop (3)*
- ___ MEDJ 471 Advanced Video Editing (3)*

D. Public Relations/ Strategic Communications

- ___ MEDJ 350 Public Relations Tactics (3)*
- ___ MEDJ 351 Writing for Public Relations (3)*
- ___ MEDJ 352 Strategic Communications (3)*
- ___ MEDJ 450 Public Relations Workshop (3)*
- ___ MEDJ 451 Public Relations Cases & Problems (3)*

General Electives

- ___ MEDJ 210 Cinema Appreciation (3)
- ___ MEDJ 298 Practicum (repeatable 3 times) (1)*
- ___ MEDJ 310 Sport, Media & Society (3)*
- ___ MEDJ 315 Media Programming and Management (3)*
- ___ MEDJ 410 Media & Culture (3)*

Total Credits Required for the Major (42 credits)

*Denotes advanced coursework

Students must take a minimum of 42 credits of advanced coursework. Advanced coursework can be met in major courses, minor courses, free elective courses, and general education courses. Courses that meet this requirement are designated in Banner.

General Education Requirements **(45 credits)**

Note: Some requirements may be fulfilled by coursework in your major program including directed Gen Ed courses noted below

- Foundations (15 credits)
- Interconnections (9 credits)
- Citizenship & Responsibility (6 credits from at least two goals)
- Natural World & Technologies (9 credits)
- Creativity & Expression (6 credits)

Degree Requirements

All students must obtain a minimum of 120 credits (a minimum of 42 credits must be advanced coursework), complete all General Education requirements, and all requirements for the selected major. Meet with your advisor and consult Degree Works to monitor your progress and for all graduation requirements.

A minimum GPA of 2.0 in the major and overall are required.