Journalism and Mass Communication Courses (JMC)

JMC Courses

This is a list of courses with the subject code JMC. For more information, see Journalism and Mass Communication (College of Liberal Arts and Sciences) in the catalog.

JMC:1000 First-Year Seminar 1-2 s.h.
Small discussion class taught by a faculty member; topics chosen by instructor; may include outside activities (e.g., films, lectures, performances, readings, visits to research facilities). Requirements: first- or second-semester standing.

JMC:1050 Sport and the Media 3 s.h.
Examination of sport and media's intimate relationship; aesthetic, cultural, political, economic, and industrial factors that shape it. Same as SMC:1050.

JMC:1100 Introduction to Media Effects 3 s.h.
Application of social science methods and media theory to understanding effects of news, advertising, entertainment, and social media. GE: Social Sciences.

JMC:1200 Introduction to Media and Culture 3 s.h.
Historical development of journalism in the United States; cultural, historical content. GE: Historical Perspectives.

JMC:1300 Introduction to Journalism and Strategic Communication 3 s.h.
Understanding foundational theories and practices of contemporary journalism and strategic communication; unique public service mission of journalism; cultural, social, organizational roles of public relations; journalism and public relations (PR) industry opportunities, problems, and solutions; structural inequalities in journalism and strategic communication impacting industry diversity and media representation.

JMC:1500 Introduction to Social Media 3 s.h.
Prehistory of social media and identification of ideas, events, and elements in ancient and historical times; earliest days of online posting and interacting; first instances of social engagement on the Web; how social media (journalism, politics, health care, romance and lifestyle, entertainment, war and terrorism, professions and jobs) affects individual areas of life, culture, and society; what's next and how social media changes lives in the future and affects the fate of humanity. GE: Values and Culture.

JMC:1600 Writing Fundamentals 1 s.h.
The importance of grammar; recognition of common errors in the student's own writing, with a focus on fixing these problems.

JMC:1800 Twenty-first-Century Science: Environmental Communication in the Digital Age 3 s.h.
How information created by scientists about environmental issues is used by media, public relations practitioners, lawmakers, regulators, and decision makers in governments, organizations, and corporations, as well as by lay citizens; analysis of strategies to get scientific knowledge to the public arena in ways that inform, educate, and empower the public; examination of how this information can be used to mislead or confuse the public. GE: Sustainability. GE: Values and Culture.

JMC:2001 Exploring Nonprofits: Communities, Communication, and Changemakers 3 s.h.
Explore real-world examples of nonprofit organizations and hear from guest speakers who are leaders in the field; gain practical insights into the challenges and successes of the sector; examine the various types of nonprofit organizations, including arts, culture, human services, environment, animals, health, international, religion, education, and more; discover the innumerable career paths within the nonprofit sector, including roles in marketing, communications, grant writing, program management, fundraising, finance, human resources, advocacy, and more.

JMC:2005 Preparing for Internship Success Seminar 1-2 s.h.
Facilitates student career exploration and professional development; gain job search skills and resources; identify and learn more about various career paths; and focus on professionalism, resume development, and interviewing in preparation for an internship search. Prerequisites: JMC:1300 with a minimum grade of C-. Requirements: journalism and mass communication major.

JMC:2010 Reporting and Writing 3 s.h.
Fundamental skills of journalistic reporting and writing. Prerequisites: JMC:1300 with a minimum grade of C- and JMC:1600 with a minimum grade of C- and (JMC:1100 with a minimum grade of C- or JMC:1200 with a minimum grade of C- or JMC:1500 with a minimum grade of C-). Requirements: journalism major.

JMC:2020 Multimedia Storytelling 3 s.h.
Fundamental skills of multimedia storytelling. Prerequisites: JMC:1300 with a minimum grade of C- and JMC:1600 with a minimum grade of C- and (JMC:1100 with a minimum grade of C- or JMC:1200 with a minimum grade of C- or JMC:1500 with a minimum grade of C-). Requirements: journalism major.

JMC:2030 Visual Communication and Design 3 s.h.
Introduction to visual communication design through lectures and hands-on projects; key professional production skills, including technical aspects of graphics and graphic design software; use of visual communication design skills to create effective layouts and design pieces; topics include elements and principles of design, visual perception theories, typography, color theory, representation, composition, information design, and ethical and inclusive practices of visual communication design; how to become more effective visual communicators and designers; preparation for upper-level journalism and mass communication coursework. Prerequisites: JMC:1300 with a minimum grade of C- and JMC:1600 with a minimum grade of C- and (JMC:1100 with a minimum grade of C- or JMC:1200 with a minimum grade of C- or JMC:1500 with a minimum grade of C-). Requirements: journalism and mass communication major.

JMC:2084 Sport and Film 3 s.h.
Sport films as means of exploring contemporary ideas about sport in the U.S.; focus on narrative structure, characterization, historical, and political contexts; formal aspects of film analysis (e.g., editing, lighting, cinematography). Same as AMST:2084, SMC:2084, SPST:2084.

JMC:2100 Journalism Internship 1-3 s.h.
Faculty-supervised professional work experience in journalism and mass communication. Prerequisites: JMC:2020 and JMC:2010. Requirements: journalism major.
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### JMC:3182 Sport, Scandal, and Strategic Communication in Media Culture 3 s.h.
Use of sport scandal to consider relationship between sport and media in American and global popular culture; broad range of case studies used to consider what constitutes a sport scandal, how this definition shifts in different circumstances; crucial roles media play in creating, communicating, and diffusing these crises; how phenomenon of sports scandal has intensified along with emergence of cable television, internet, and social media. Same as SMC:3182, SPST:3182.

### JMC:3183 Sport and the Media 3 s.h.
Examination of sport and media's intimate relationship: aesthetic, cultural, political, economic, and industrial factors that shape it. Same as SPST:3175.

### JMC:3184 Narrative Sports Journalism 3 s.h.
Historical review of long-form sports journalism to understand development of subjects, form, and technique of sports coverage and long-form nonfiction writing; students read several long-form articles and books that incorporate reporting about sports, and propose an original long-form work about sports. Same as SMC:3184, SPST:3184.

### JMC:3185 Topics in Understanding Media 3 s.h.
Focus on particular area, issue, approach, or body of knowledge; may include international media, media criticism, new technologies, history of documentary photography, literary journalism, media management.

### JMC:3186 Athletes, Activism, and Social Media 3 s.h.
Examine the relationship between sport and media. Media create many of the values, beliefs, feelings, and problems commonly connected to sports. Sports cannot be properly understood without taking into account their relationship to media. Same as SMC:3186.

### JMC:3187 American College Athletics: A Big Money Tradition Unlike Any Other 3 s.h.
Explore the series of events that led college football to go from almost being banned by the government to being an industry worth more than $20 billion. Students will learn about the social, cultural, and financial history of college athletes to better understand how we got to where we are and where we might be going. Same as SMC:3187.

### JMC:3188 Staging the World's Game: Soccer and Media 3 s.h.
Enterprise reporting on public affairs that relies on public records. Students learn how to successfully file requests for public records; learn the law and practice of making public records requests at the state and federal levels; create a piece of original enterprise reporting on public affairs that relies on public records. Prerequisites: JMC:2010 with a minimum grade of C-.

### JMC:3189 Topics in Writing/Storytelling 3-4 s.h.
The course covers the relationship between sport and media. Students learn about the social, cultural, and financial history of college athletes to better understand how we got to where we are and where we might be going. Same as SMC:3187.

### JMC:3400 Topics in Writing/Storytelling 3-4 s.h.
Topics may include public affairs, law, science, business, medicine, intercultural affairs, education, computer-assisted reporting. Prerequisites: JMC:2010 with a minimum grade of C- and JMC:2020 with a minimum grade of C-. Requirements: journalism major.

### JMC:3401 Beat Reporting and Writing 3 s.h.
Choose and follow an area of interest, known in journalism circles as a "beat." Examples of newsroom beats are: education, health, arts and entertainment, sports, crime and safety, business, city government, and state government. Prerequisites: JMC:2010 with a minimum grade of C-.

### JMC:3403 Public Affairs Reporting and Writing 3 s.h.
Combination of a skills-based course and a seminar-style course. Become familiar with the skills needed to produce excellent reporting on matters of policy and public affairs; learn how to successfully file requests for public records; learn the law and practice of making public records requests at the state and federal levels; create a piece of original enterprise reporting on public affairs that relies on public records. Prerequisites: JMC:2010 with a minimum grade of C-.

### JMC:3410 Magazine Reporting and Writing 3-4 s.h.
Finding ideas, researching, interviewing; problems of organization and style; identification of audiences and markets; development of writing skills. Prerequisites: JMC:2010 with a minimum grade of C- and JMC:2020 with a minimum grade of C-. Requirements: journalism major.

### JMC:3411 Newscast Reporting and Writing 3-4 s.h.
Principles of gathering, writing, editing, and reporting the news; techniques and concepts as a foundation for understanding, successfully writing, and delivering broadcast news. Prerequisites: JMC:2010 with a minimum grade of C- and JMC:2010 with a minimum grade of C-. Requirements: journalism major.

### JMC:3412 Strategic Communication Writing 3-4 s.h.
Principles and practices of persuasive writing; focus on public relations; may include editorials, op-ed pieces, magazine essays, reviews. Prerequisites: JMC:2010 with a minimum grade of C- and JMC:2020 with a minimum grade of C-. Requirements: journalism major.

### JMC:3413 Sports Writing 3-4 s.h.
Introduction to the history, culture, industry, and practice of sports writing. Prerequisites: JMC:2010 with a minimum grade of C- and JMC:2020 with a minimum grade of C-.

### JMC:3414 Basic Elements of Book Writing 3-4 s.h.
Basic elements involved in writing a novel or a nonfiction book; students will research, write, and workshop either a nonfiction book or novel proposal; they will complete a chapter outline and one chapter from their manuscript, and constructively edit and evaluate the work of fellow classmates through individual workshop sessions; course will culminate in an author's pavilion where students will select five minutes from their chapter to read to an audience. Prerequisites: JMC:2010 with a minimum grade of C- and JMC:2020 with a minimum grade of C-. Requirements: journalism major.

### JMC:3415 Writing Across Cultures 3-4 s.h.
Forms of travel writing and other types of cross-cultural reporting; skills, knowledge, understandings vital to writing well about an increasingly multicultural and diverse world. Prerequisites: JMC:2010 with a minimum grade of C- and JMC:2020 with a minimum grade of C-. Requirements: journalism major.
JMC:3420 Content Marketing  
3-4 s.h. 
Tools for creating great content, as well as tactics for getting that content in front of the right audiences with the right message at the right time. Prerequisites: JMC:2010 with a minimum grade of C- and JMC:2020 with a minimum grade of C-. Requirements: journalism and mass communication major.

JMC:3421 Sport Content Marketing  
3 s.h. 
Tools for creating great sport content, as well as tactics for getting that content in front of the right audiences with the right message at the right time. Prerequisites: JMC:2010 with a minimum grade of C- and JMC:2020 with a minimum grade of C-.

JMC:3425 Personal Branding and Building a Niche  
3-4 s.h. 
Creation of original journalistic websites incorporating writing, design, and structure; contemporary online media issues. Prerequisites: JMC:2020 with a minimum grade of C- and JMC:2010 with a minimum grade of C-. Requirements: journalism major.

JMC:3430 Political Public Relations  
3-4 s.h. 
How strategic communication goals, objectives, strategies, and tactics can influence public debate on policy issues; students apply this knowledge for the benefit of a real-world client, producing a portfolio of work by the end of the semester. Prerequisites: JMC:2010 with a minimum grade of C- and JMC:2020 with a minimum grade of C-. Requirements: journalism and mass communication major.

JMC:3436 Cross-Platform Storytelling  
3 s.h. 
Produce content across multiple media platforms using a story concept. Prerequisites: JMC:2010 with a minimum grade of C- and JMC:2020 with a minimum grade of C-.

JMC:3440 Multimedia Narratives  
3-4 s.h. 
Builds on skills learned in JMC:2020 to develop compelling multipart digital stories; focus on a range of storytelling techniques and tools to create in-depth stories that incorporate visual, audio, text, and data; students strengthen their digital storytelling skills by producing various multimedia projects, such as podcasts and digital long-form stories; project-based with opportunities to produce individual and collaborative work. Prerequisites: JMC:2010 with a minimum grade of C- and JMC:2020 with a minimum grade of C-. Requirements: journalism major.

JMC:3445 Journalistic Writing in Spanish  
3 s.h. 
Spanish writing skills; introduction to style and practice of journalistic reporting and writing. Taught in Spanish. Requirements: at least one course taught in Spanish at the 2000 level or above. Same as LAS:3020, SPAN:3020.

JMC:3460 Arts and Culture Reporting and Writing  
3-4 s.h. 
Writing about arts and culture in a range of formats (e.g., news, profiles, features, criticism, essays); emphasis on original reporting that draws on resources, issues, people, and events on campus and in the community, especially in visual and performing arts. Prerequisites: JMC:2010 with a minimum grade of C- and JMC:2020 with a minimum grade of C-. Requirements: journalism major.

JMC:3470 Narrative Journalism  
3-4 s.h. 
Process of writing the true story; development of skills in researching, interviewing, information gathering, organization, story-telling techniques, writing final story; story publication in magazines, newspapers, journals, online. Prerequisites: JMC:2010 with a minimum grade of C- and JMC:2020 with a minimum grade of C-. Requirements: journalism major.

JMC:3490 Feature Reporting and Writing  
3-4 s.h. 
Storytelling techniques for magazine, newspaper, website features; stylistic flair; human elements in stories; research, interviewing, and reporting. Prerequisites: JMC:2010 with a minimum grade of C- and JMC:2020 with a minimum grade of C-. Requirements: journalism major.

JMC:3500 Topics in Managing/Planning  
3 s.h. 
Focus on particular area, issue, approach, or body of knowledge.

JMC:3505 Audiences and Analytics  
3 s.h. 
Comprehensive understanding of audiences and consumers in the digital age; focus on developing essential analytical skills necessary for strategic communication professionals in the digital age. Students will acquire digital literacy skills to practice strategic communication effectively.

JMC:3510 Media and Marketing Research  
3 s.h. 
Solutions to problems related to communication channels, content, users, and audiences sought daily by media and communication professionals to understand what the public thinks, feels, and does about ideas, events, and trends; learn about audience needs; ways to improve or change content; systematic and methodical ways to investigate problems and figure out how best to tackle communication problems related to media content, audiences, media practice, and media institutions.

JMC:3520 Business of Media: Profits, People, and Power  
3 s.h. 
How U.S. media is managed; decision-making in a current highly charged, rapidly changing media culture; how major company decision makers seek competitive advantage, and their consequent successes and failures in doing so.

JMC:3530 Social Media Marketing  
3 s.h. 
Social media marketing as an ever-changing area that seems to only grow in importance for everyone from academic institutions to nonprofits to businesses big and small; each of these entities and more has an online brand and goals that social media can help them meet.

JMC:3540 The Business of Sport Communication  
3 s.h. 
Critical and practical approach to understanding contemporary sports media and business practices that mark it; focus on sports media industries and institutions; branding, marketing, demographic, public relations, and promotional factors that shape content. Same as SMC:3540, SPST:3181.

JMC:3550 Editing  
3-4 s.h. 
Principles and process of editing content for publication; micro- and macroediting, headline writing, other aspects of editing.

JMC:3600 Topics in Designing/Producing  
3-4 s.h. 
Analysis and solution of problems with communication strategies and/or media products; public relations, newsletter production, radio, media research, web basics, global media, interviewing, public relations fund raising. Prerequisites: JMC:2020 with a minimum grade of C- and JMC:2030 with a minimum grade of C-. Requirements: journalism major.

JMC:3603 Newscast Production  
3-4 s.h. 
Electronic news gathering; conceptualization, shooting, editing basic news packages. Prerequisites: JMC:2010 with a minimum grade of C- and JMC:2030 with a minimum grade of C-. Requirements: journalism major.
Fundraising Fundamentals 3 s.h.
Practical experience planning and writing fundraising materials; how yearly fundraising helps approximately 1.5 million nonprofit organizations receive more than $3 billion from individuals, foundations, and corporations to help people in need, advocate for causes, support research/arts/culture, and enhance opportunities for public and/or their members. Same as MUSM:3720.

JMC:4000 Scientists and Writers 1 s.h.
Science communication and collaborative skills that are highly sought after by employers in STEM firms including pharmaceutical firms, biotech start-ups, and many others; these same skills essential for reporting on, writing about, or translating science in any area; studio-style format. Same as CHEM:4000, WRIT:4002.

JMC:4100 Advanced Topics in Writing/Storytelling 3-4 s.h.
Project journalism; extended magazine pieces, explanatory/investigative journalism, series for newspapers, or task-force projects by entire class on a major issue, with goal of publication. Prerequisites: JMC:3400 or JMC:3401 or JMC:3403 or JMC:3410 or JMC:3411 or JMC:3412 or JMC:3413 or JMC:3414 or JMC:3415 or JMC:3420 or JMC:3421 or JMC:3425 or JMC:3430 or JMC:3440 or SPAN:3020 or JMC:3460 or JMC:3470 or JMC:3490. Requirements: journalism major.

JMC:4105 Iowa Community News 3 s.h.
Public affairs reporting; introducing and utilizing community-engaged storytelling techniques. Learn about government reporting and covering underrepresented groups; work with the goal of publishing project stories in an Iowa newspaper. Prerequisites: JMC:3400 or JMC:3401 or JMC:3403 or JMC:3410 or JMC:3411 or JMC:3412 or JMC:3413 or JMC:3414 or JMC:3415 or JMC:3420 or JMC:3421 or JMC:3425 or JMC:3430 or JMC:3440 or SPAN:3020 or JMC:3460 or JMC:3470 or JMC:3490.

JMC:4125 Advanced Strategic Storytelling 3-4 s.h.
Advanced tools for creating great content; tactics for getting that content in front of the right audiences with the right message at the right time. Prerequisites: JMC:3412 or JMC:3420 or JMC:3421 or JMC:3430 or JMC:3440 or JMC:3600 or JMC:3603 or JMC:3610 or JMC:3611 or JMC:3612 or JMC:3630 or JMC:3640 or JMC:3650 or JMC:3660. Requirements: journalism major.

JMC:4300 Photo Storytelling 3-4 s.h.
Builds on photography skills learned in JMC:3630; may include documentary photography, advanced photography methods and techniques. Prerequisites: JMC:3630.

JMC:4310 Advanced Topics in Designing/Producing 3-4 s.h.
Journalism and mass communication skills; may include editing, broadcasting, design, multimedia. Prerequisites: JMC:3600 or JMC:3603 or JMC:3610 or JMC:3611 or JMC:3612 or JMC:3630 or JMC:3640 or JMC:3650 or JMC:3660. Requirements: journalism major.

JMC:4315 Strategic Communication Campaigns 3-4 s.h.
Development and presentation of public relations campaigns for client organizations; communication theory and research techniques applied to analyzing and solving public relations problems through objective-based strategic planning. Prerequisites: JMC:3412 or JMC:3420 or JMC:3421. Requirements: journalism and mass communication major.
JMC:4325 Advanced Newscast Writing and Production 3 s.h.
Advanced training and experience in producing, writing, and reporting news packages and newscasts. Prerequisites: JMC:3411 or JMC:3603.

JMC:4335 Multimedia Production for Publication 3 s.h.
Build upon the knowledge base acquired in previous journalism and mass communication courses and focus on creating professional quality, commercially viable content for media. Prerequisites: JMC:3400 or JMC:3401 or JMC:3403 or JMC:3410 or JMC:3411 or JMC:3412 or JMC:3413 or JMC:3414 or JMC:3415 or JMC:3420 or JMC:3421 or JMC:3425 or JMC:3430 or JMC:3440 or SPAN:3020 or JMC:3460 or JMC:3470 or JMC:3490 and (JMC:3600 or JMC:3603 or JMC:3610 or JMC:3611 or JMC:3612 or JMC:3630 or JMC:3640 or JMC:3650 or JMC:3660).

JMC:4345 Audio and Video Storytelling 3 s.h.
Build on the skills used in the 3000-level audio and video journalism and Mass Communication courses. Prerequisites: JMC:3411 or JMC:3440 or JMC:3603 or JMC:3612 or JMC:3650 or JMC:3660.

JMC:4350 Advanced Graphic Design 3-4 s.h.
Advanced design, layout, and production; practical and aesthetic considerations; digital techniques; creative projects. Prerequisites: JMC:3610. Requirements: journalism major.

JMC:4360 Advanced Interactive Design 3-4 s.h.
Builds on interactive design principles learned in JMC:3611; students plan and prototype an app from user experience, user interface, and visual design perspectives. Prerequisites: JMC:3611. Requirements: journalism major.

JMC:4400 Capstone 3-4 s.h.
Application and practice of classroom experience to a specific project with guidance from a faculty member. Prerequisites: JMC:3400 or JMC:3401 or JMC:3403 or JMC:3410 or JMC:3411 or JMC:3412 or JMC:3413 or JMC:3414 or JMC:3415 or JMC:3420 or JMC:3421 or JMC:3425 or JMC:3430 or JMC:3440 or SPAN:3020 or JMC:3460 or JMC:3470 or JMC:3490 and (JMC:3600 or JMC:3603 or JMC:3610 or JMC:3611 or JMC:3612 or JMC:3630 or JMC:3640 or JMC:3650 or JMC:3660). Requirements: journalism major.

JMC:4900 Special Projects in Mass Communication arr.
Research and readings to fit needs, interests of students.

JMC:4910 Readings in Communication and Mass Communication 1-3 s.h.
Focus on a problem or issue.

JMC:4920 Undergraduate Research 0-3 s.h.
Undergraduate research in the field of journalism and mass communication.

JMC:4955 Honors Project 3 s.h.
Independent research or project for honors students. Requirements: honors standing.

JMC:5220 Foundations of Strategic Communication 3 s.h.
Introduction to the field of strategic communication.

JMC:5225 Digital Strategic Communication 3 s.h.
Exploration of information industry growth; creative processes involved in developing a blog and utilizing multimedia tools to enhance strategic messages; focus on characteristics and spread of new communication technologies and their social, economic, and political effects.

JMC:5230 Strategic Communication Writing 3 s.h.
Writing workshop for MA strategic communication students.

JMC:5235 Strategic Communication Research 3 s.h.
Methodology of social science inquiry, process and instruments of data gathering, evaluation of evidence, and usefulness and appropriateness of various information sources in the service of strategic communication research; blends theory and practice. Prerequisites: JMC:5220.

JMC:5236 Topics in Strategic Communication 3 s.h.
Various topics relevant to strategic communication.

JMC:5238 Strategic Communication Campaigns 3 s.h.
Practice of strategic communication through traditional and new media for purpose of benefiting nonprofit organizations or bringing about social change; examples and strategies from corporate, nonprofit, and social marketing campaigns; application of knowledge for benefit of real-world clients; principles and strategies applied to professional projects. Prerequisites: JMC:5220 and JMC:5230.

JMC:5243 Copywriting for Strategic Communication 3 s.h.
Focusing copy to a targeted audience to move them to action; multiple platforms where copywriting can appear; learn how professional copywriters craft motivational, persuasive messages and continuously refine their skills; build copywriting skills through weekly exercises, peer reviews, and a final portfolio.

JMC:5248 Strategic Political Communication 3 s.h.
Study of political communication; topics range from classic issues (agenda setting) to current debates and emerging topics associated with new media; readings address political communication in the United States.

JMC:5250 Strategic Communication for Nonprofits 3 s.h.
Examination of components, objectives, and initiatives of strategic communications for nonprofit organizations; students specifically examine strategies that inspire and persuade diverse audiences and stakeholders through multi-channel communications with emphasis on audience analysis; in addition to assigned texts, students utilize case studies to examine organizational approaches and identify successful —and unsuccessful—strategies; although focus is primarily on nonprofits, the teaching modules are applicable to diverse industries.

JMC:5255 Strategic Global Communication 3 s.h.
Examination of communications practices around the globe and exploration of different professions and organizations that employ international strategic communications; emphasis on practical application of communications theory, with copious use of real-life case studies and examples from leading expert practitioners; through a combination of projects, discussions, and case studies, students develop a more nuanced understanding of international and intercultural communication strategies while taking into account cultural context, stakeholders, and trends.

JMC:5260 Digital Analytics for Strategic Communication 3 s.h.
Introduction to multiple digital analytics platforms and dashboards; how to align business objectives and digital metrics, ensuring the ability to make more strategic content, marketing, and audience targeting decisions; strategies to assist students in communicating insights and analytics to leadership.
JMC:5266 Risk Communication 3 s.h.
Examination of risk as a central concept in communication process; risk as intrinsically an interdisciplinary concept; literature from a wide range of disciplines and perspectives (communication, psychology, sociology, formal risk analysis); case studies drawn from issues and cultural contexts (environmental, technological or health risks, food safety risks; international military crisis or threats of terrorism, natural disasters); emphasis on comparison of European and American contexts.

JMC:5267 Strategic Health Care Communication 3 s.h.
Breaking down health care to basics; writing and communicating about health care in an understandable way so that hospitals, medical groups, and health care businesses can be better understood when doing business with each other as well as the public and consumers at large; health care writing and communication so consumers can understand, avoid injuries and even death from medical errors shown by studies on health literacy; how doctors and insurance companies can convey their messages in easy-to-understand way to lessen public frustration with the system.

JMC:5269 Media Management for Strategic Communicators 3 s.h.
Looking at media in a completely new way; focus on economics and management of competitive businesses; how modern-day businesses in the media sector succeed or fail and why; decision-making, competition, and outcomes; emphasis on news media companies that operate in public glare and offer rich opportunities for critical observation.

JMC:5270 Leadership Communication 3 s.h.
Using communications skills effectively for leadership in the modern workplace; how technological, global, and demographic developments have combined to transform the field of strategic communications; skills necessary to be effective in an environment of collaboration, teamwork, and self-management across a variety of platforms.

JMC:5285 Strategic Communication Externship 3 s.h.
Externship to allow connection between academic program and professional world; enhancement of skill and knowledge.

JMC:5290 Capstone Project in Strategic Communication 1-3 s.h.
Workshop of capstone projects required for graduation; for students nearing completion of MA in strategic communication. Prerequisites: JMC:5220 and (JMC:5230 or JMC:5235). Requirements: MA in strategic communication program enrollment.

JMC:5600 Teaching Media Writing, Production, and Design 1 s.h.
Preparation to teach media skills courses; core topics include media writing, media production, and media design.

JMC:5955 Masters Research arr.
Independent research for projects, theses.

JMC:6100 Communication and Media Colloquium 1 s.h.
Forum on theoretical or methodological problems in mass communication.

JMC:6200 Humanistic Approaches to Media Communication 3 s.h.
Exploration of foundations, assumptions, and applications of critical/cultural theory and methods; how to understand and critique humanistic research; how to develop ideas, evidence, and arguments that lead to compelling and useful research in media communication.

JMC:6300 Social Scientific Approaches to Media Communication 3 s.h.
Exploration of foundations, assumptions, and application of social science theory and methods to media communication questions; how to understand and critique social science research; how to develop and test questions that lead to rigorous and useful research in media communication.

JMC:6315 Mixed Methods Research and Design 3 s.h.
Paradigms and theories of mixed methods research; how to use and integrate qualitative and quantitative approaches and data to answer research questions; formulating research questions, collecting and analyzing data, choosing an appropriate mixed methods design, and interpreting results; focus on mixed methods research in journalism, mass communication, and media studies; students develop an original project that is connected to their larger research agenda.

JMC:6325 Global Digital Media 3 s.h.
Exploration of media theory, production, consumption, and audiences in comparative international contexts; focus on digital media and contemporary issues, exploration of traditional media theories and concepts, newer approaches that ground understanding of current issues; topics include international media flows and counter flows, media, development, information and communications technology, social change and activism; identity and representation; global popular culture, and social media; research options include developing and conducting original research, proposing an international research project, or conducting country and region-specific research.

JMC:6330 Reading Group 1-3 s.h.
Analysis and discussion of important texts.

JMC:6333 Seminar in Media Communication 3 s.h.
Topics vary.

JMC:6334 Research Methods in Media Communication 3 s.h.
Specialized methods for conducting research in media, communication, and journalism. Topics vary.

JMC:6335 Journalism Studies 3 s.h.
Examine the major research areas of journalism studies; explore a variety of approaches and issues central to the study of journalism, drawing on the fields of sociology, media studies, and technology studies to make sense of its social, cultural, and epistemological consequences; inquiry into the ways in which technology continues to influence and destabilize core definitions of news production, distribution, and consumption.

JMC:6920 PhD Research arr.
Independent research for projects, theses.

JMC:6999 Dissertation arr.