

Journalism and Mass Communication, BA

Academic Plans

Four-Year Graduation Plan

The following checkpoints list the minimum requirements students must complete by certain semesters in order to stay on the university's Four-Year Graduation Plan.

Students must declare the journalism and mass communication major by the first semester of their sophomore year in order to be eligible for the Four-Year Graduation Plan. The following checkpoints include the required work in journalism and mass communication plus a second area of study, but they do not include the requirements of a second major, since the Four-Year Graduation Plan does not apply to second majors.

Complete during any semester: To fulfill the SCRIPT experiential learning requirement, complete an approved course in at least one of the following categories: study abroad, community engagement, research, internship, professional practice, or teaching.

Before the fifth semester begins: JMC:1100 Introduction to Media Effects or JMC:1200 Introduction to Media and Culture or JMC:1500 Introduction to Social Media, JMC:1300 Introduction to Journalism and Strategic Communication, and JMC:1600 Writing Fundamentals; choose a second area of study; and complete at least one-half of the semester hours required for graduation.

Before the sixth semester begins: JMC:2600 Freedom of Expression, JMC:2020 Multimedia Storytelling, and JMC:2010 Reporting and Writing or JMC:2030 Visual Communication and Design.

Before the seventh semester begins: JMC:2010 Reporting and Writing or JMC:2030 Visual Communication and Design (if not already taken), JMC:2700 Media Ethics, one managing/planning or one understanding media course, one writing/storytelling or one designing/producing course, and at least three-quarters of the semester hours required for graduation.

During the seventh semester: two additional writing/storytelling or designing/producing courses, and one understanding media or one managing/planning course.

During the eighth semester: one writing/storytelling or designing/producing course, one capstone course, all remaining GE CLAS Core courses, and a sufficient number of semester hours to graduate.

Sample Plans of Study

Sample plans represent one way to complete a program of study. Actual course selection and sequence will vary and should be discussed with an academic advisor. For additional sample plans, see MyUI.

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Multimedia Production and Design Track

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Reporting and Writing Track

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Strategic Communication Track

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