Mass Communication, Ph.D.

Academic Plans

Sample Plan 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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Course | Title | Hours
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Academic Career
Any Semester
72 s.h. must be graduate level coursework; maximum of 30 s.h. of graduate transfer credits from master's allowed upon approval. More information is included in the General Catalog and on department website. a, b

First Year
Fall
JMC:6300 | Social Scientific Approaches to Media Communication | 3
Methods, Theory, Concentration, or Elective course c, d | 3
RHET:5100 | Practicum: College Teaching and Professional Development for Teaching Assistants e | 1
JMC:6100 | M.A./Ph.D. Seminar f | 1
Hours | 8
Spring
JMC:6200 | Humanistic Approaches to Media Communication | 3
Methods, Theory, Concentration, or Elective course c, d | 3
Methods, Theory, Concentration, or Elective course c, d | 3
JMC:6100 | M.A./Ph.D. Seminar f | 1
Qualifying Exam g | 1
Hours | 10

Second Year
Fall
Methods, Theory, Concentration, or Elective course c, d | 3
Methods, Theory, Concentration, or Elective course c, d | 3
Additional Professionalization course e | 2
JMC:6100 | M.A./Ph.D. Seminar f | 1
Hours | 9
Spring
Methods, Theory, Concentration, or Elective course c, d | 3
JMC:6920 | Ph.D. Research h | 3

Third Year
Fall
Comprehensive Exam i
Present Dissertation Proposal at PhD Seminar
JMC:6999 | Dissertation f | 1
JMC:6100 | M.A./Ph.D. Seminar f | 1
Hours | 2
Spring
JMC:6999 | Dissertation f | 1
JMC:6100 | M.A./Ph.D. Seminar f | 1
Hours | 2

Fourth Year
Fall
JMC:6999 | Dissertation f | 1
JMC:6100 | M.A./Ph.D. Seminar f | 1
Hours | 2

Total Hours | 42

a Students entering with a bachelor's degree must work with their faculty advisor to complete 30 s.h. of appropriate graduate coursework. Students entering with fewer than 30 s.h. of coursework from the master's degree must work with their faculty advisor to complete the needed appropriate graduate coursework.
b Students must complete specific requirements in the University of Iowa Graduate College after program admission. Refer to the Graduate College website and the Manual of Rules and Regulations for more information.
c Students are required to complete 3 s.h. of methods area, 3 s.h. of theory area, 6 s.h. of concentration area, and 6 s.h. of elective coursework.
d Work with faculty advisor to determine appropriate graduate coursework; see the General Catalog and department website for specifics.
e Students are required to take a total of 3 s.h. of professionalization courses including RHET:5100; consult with faculty advisor to determine which courses best align with career goals.
f Registration required every semester.
g Completed at the end of first year to directly assess understanding of content from two approaches courses.
h Prior to comprehensive exam, work with faculty advisor and committee to build the proposals literature review; see the General Catalog and department website for specifics.
i Writing and defending the dissertation proposal satisfies the comprehensive exam requirement. The dissertation proposal must clearly indicate the logical steps necessary for the completion of the project and suggest a plan of action.
j Minimum total of 4 s.h. of thesis credit required.
k Dissertation defense.