News Media Major
Specialized Writing Sequence
2020-2021 catalog

This sheet shows a general order in which classes should be taken, freshman (top) to senior year (bottom) • This sequence takes at least six semesters • Students have flexibility; the time frame can be altered if they work with their adviser • Students must have a C- or better in all prereqs

Students must complete 120 overall hours to graduate, 43 of which are in the JCM major.

Students also must have a minor.

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<th>FRESHMAN YR</th>
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<td>JCM 180 Journalistic Principles and Practices</td>
<td>JCM 103 Mechanics of Media Writing (1 credit)</td>
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<td>JCM 102 Intro to Media Content Creation</td>
<td>JCM 303 News Writing and Reporting</td>
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<td>JCM 331 Intro to Electronic Reporting Prereq: JCM 102 and MC 101</td>
<td>JCM 315 Adv. News Writing and Reporting Prereq: JCM 303</td>
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<td>Choose one 3-hour upper division JCM Elective See back for options</td>
<td>JCM 429 Food Writing and Reporting Prereq: JCM 315 or JCM 325</td>
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<td>MC 401 Mass Comm Law &amp; Regulation Prereq: MC 101 and 61 or more hours</td>
<td>JCM Concept Elective See back for options</td>
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<td>JCM 442 Specialized Magazine Writing Prereq: JCM 315 or JCM 325</td>
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<td>JCM 499 Digital News and Sports Capstone Prereq: JCM 331 and Senior Status</td>
<td>JCM 493 Ethics &amp; Diversity in Media Prereq: JCM 331 and Senior Status</td>
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JCM Concept Elective Options (choose 1):
- JCM 448 News Analysis
  - Prereq: JCM 100 or MC 101
- JCM 494 Global Media Systems
  - Prereq: JCM 212 or JCM 331
- JCM 372 Media Effects
  - Prereq: JCM 100 or MC 101
- MC 409 History of Mass Communications
  - Prereq: MC 101
- MC 426 Race, Gender and Media
  - Prereq: MC 101 and 61 hours
- MC 446 Contemporary Issues in Sports Media
  - Prereq: MC 101 and 60 hours

Recommended Upper Division Electives
- Specialized Writing
  - JCM 327 Visual Journalism
    - Prereq: JCM 180
  - JCM 428 Editorial Analysis & Opinion
    - Prereq: JCM 315 or JCM 325
- JCM 443 Science Journalism
  - Prereq: JCM 315
- JCM 458 Entrepreneurial Journalism
  - Prereq: JCM 303
- JCM 494 Global Media Systems
  - Prereq: JCM 212 or JCM 331
- MC 409 History of Mass Communication
  - Prereq: MC 101
- JCM 382 News Media Internship
  - Prereq: JCM 303

* In addition to the courses needed for a degree, students may take any other JCM course not listed provided they have the prereqs for the class.