

Master of Science in Journalism Degree Requirements Form Fall 2025 Edition

Use this form to track progress toward your degree. Keep this form updated and use it to help you select courses during course registration each semester. See page 2 for curriculum maps that offer suggested course sequences by semester.

REQUIRED COURSES (18 credits)

Course Number	Title	Credits	Semester Completed	Grade
JRN 510	Basic Reporting and Writing for Journalism	3		
JRN 520	Multimedia Journalism	3		
JRN 521	Solutions Journalism	3		
COM 577	Communication Law and Ethics*	3		
COM 583	Principles of Inclusive Engagement*	3		
JRN 600	Master's Project in Journalism	3		

Note: Courses marked with an asterisk are offered online with synchronous meeting patterns.

ELECTIVE COURSES (15 credits)

Course Number	Title	Credits	Semester Completed	Grade
		3		
		3		
		3		
		3		
		3		

ELECTIVES:

JRN 530: The Big Story

JRN 544: Freelance Writing

JRN 545: Mobile Podcasting

JRN 590: Special Topics in Journalism

JRN 603: Storytelling and Narrative Design

JRN 613: International Journalism

JRN 615: Data-Driven Storytelling

JRN 625: Media Reporting on Crime

^{*}Note: Students may complete select COM courses for elective credit, with departmental approval.

CURRICULUM MAPS

The tables below offer suggested course sequences for optimal degree completion, based on full-time or part-time enrollment. Students enrolled in or planning to enroll in the graduate student health insurance plan, must maintain full-time student status (9 credits) every semester they are enrolled. Students completing the two year track (see below) must request an underload from the graduate school before their last semester to maintain eligibility in their last semester, which requires only 6 credits. Please alert the graduate program director if this applies to you.

1.5 YEARS [FULL-TIME ACCELERATED]

FALL YEAR 1 12 credits	SPRING YEAR 1 12 credits	FALL YEAR 2 9 credits
JRN 510	JRN 520	JRN 600
JRN 521	COM 583	Elective
COM 577	Elective	Elective
Elective	Elective	

2 YEARS [FULL-TIME]

FALL YEAR 1 9 credits	SPRING YEAR 1 9 credits	FALL YEAR 2 9 credits	SPRING YEAR 2 6 credits
JRN 510	JRN 520	Elective	JRN 600
JRN 521	COM 583	Elective	Elective
COM 577	Elective	Elective	

Information for Part-Time Students

Students wishing to enroll part-time must complete the program (33 credits) within 5 years. Part-time students may elect to take one or two courses per semester, or a combination that best fits their personal schedule. Students electing to complete only one course per semester <u>must take at least one summer course</u> to ensure on-time degree completion. Potential course sequences for part time students are listed below. Actual plan of study may be modified to fit your needs.

3 YEARS [PART-TIME]

FALL YEAR 1 6 credits	SPRING YEAR 1 6 credits	FALL YEAR 2 6 credits	SPRING YEAR 2 6 credits	FALL YEAR 3 6 credits	SPRING YEAR 3 3 credits
JRN 510	JRN 520	COM 577	Elective	Elective	JRN 600
JRN 521	COM 583	Elective	Elective	Elective	

4 YEARS [PART-TIME]

FALL YEAR 1	SPRING YEAR 1	SUMMER YEAR 1	FALL YEAR 2	SPRING YEAR 2	SUMMER YEAR 2
3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits
JRN 510	JRN 520	Elective	JRN 521	COM 583	Elective

FALL YEAR 3	SPRING YEAR 3	SUMMER YEAR 3	FALL YEAR 4	SPRING YEAR 4
3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits
COM 577	Elective	Elective	Elective	JRN 600

5 YEARS [PART-TIME]

FALL YEAR 1	SPRING YEAR 1			SPRING YEAR 2
3 credits	3 credits			3 credits
JRN 510	JRN 520	Elective	JRN 521	COM 583

FALL YEAR 3	SPRING YEAR 3 3 credits	FALL YEAR 4	SPRING YEAR 4	FALL YEAR 5	SPRING YEAR 5
3 credits		3 credits	3 credits	3 credits	3 credits
COM 577	Elective	Elective	Elective	Elective	JRN 600