

J.D./M.A. IN JOURNALISM

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This joint degree program allows students to earn a J.D. and an M.A. in Journalism in 3 to 3½ years. Student complete a total of 109 credit hours for the joint degree. The program will allow 9 J.D. credit hours to be applied to the M.A. degree and 6 M.A. credit hours to be applied to the J.D. degree, saving the student 15 credit hours between the two programs.

The program in journalism has 15 credits of required courses and 12 credits of elective courses (plus 9 credits that will be transferred from the School of Law). Law students with particular areas of interest may consult with a faculty advisor in Journalism to request course substitutions. As journalism evolves, the core and list of electives will evolve as well.

Admission Requirements

Requirements for admission to the graduate studies for the Juris Doctor/Master of Arts in Communication joint degree are:

- Students must be admitted to the Law School first, prior to enrollment in the School of Communication, checking a box on their application indicating their interest in the joint degree program. Once accepted to the Law School, the student's law school application including LSAT score, undergraduate transcript, and letters of recommendation (two of them required for the J.D. program) will be sent to the School of Communication for review. The student will then receive notification from the School of Communication regarding his/her admission to the joint degree program.
- LSAT score may be submitted in lieu of the GRE score.

General notes:

- Students will be admitted to the Law School J.D. program and the School of Communication (SoC) master's program separately.
- Students in this joint degree program must commence law study first.
- Students who have already commenced work on the SoC M.A. are not eligible for the joint program.

Curriculum Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
JD REQUIREMENTS		73
LAW ELECTIVES IN FULFILLMENT OF BOTH DEGREES		9
Select from the following or others with approval:		
LAW 200	Administrative Law	
LAW 111	Communication Law	
LAW 217	Constitutional Law II	
LAW 112	Copyright Law	
LAW 256	First Amendment	
LAW 147	Intellectual Property Problem Solving	
LAW 156	Internet Law	
MA IN JOURNALISM REQUIREMENTS		
COM 605	Theories and Methods for Mass Communication Research	3
JMM 692	Special Topics in Journalism and Media Management (Online Journalism)	3
Journalism Electives		15
Select five of the following:		
JMM 610	Latin American Journalism and Media Systems	
JMM 617	Television News Reporting	
JMM 620	Reporting and the Internet	
JMM 622	Introduction to Infographics and Data Visualization	
JMM 623	Sports Reporting	
JMM 627	Television News Producing	
JMM 628	Seminar in Visual Storytelling	
JMM 641	Advanced Audio Video Narratives	
JMM 644	Feature Writing	
JMM 650	3D Design and Graphics	
JMM 699	Advanced Projects and Directed Research	

CIM 631	Collaborative Innovation Laboratory	
CIM 603	Intro to Creative Coding	
CIM 615	Interactive Media Business Essentials	
CIM 658	Immersive Storytelling	
CCA 740	Sound Design	
JOURNALISM COURSES IN FULFILLMENT OF BOTH DEGREES		
JMM 614	Law and Ethics in Journalism and Media Management	3
JMM 615	Writing and Reporting Across Platforms	3
Total Credit Hours		109