

## MEDIA STUDIES MINOR

The Media Studies minor at the University of Northern Colorado is administered through the School of Communication. The minor consists of courses in the Journalism and Media Studies (JMS) program and an optional Film Studies course.

The purpose of the Media Studies minor is to provide liberal arts education in the history, roles, functions and effects of mass communications in society and culture. It is a beneficial minor for students majoring in any of a wide range of fields, including psychology, sociology, communication, political science, history, education, or the performing and visual arts. Journalism majors are not permitted to declare the Media Studies minor.

The Media Studies minor is not a “journalism minor.” It is not based on the JMS courses designed to prepare students for careers in journalism or other media professions.

**IMPORTANT:** Students should not attempt to complete the requirements for the Media Studies minor in fewer than three regular semesters after the semester in which they declare the minor. Regular semesters are fall and spring semesters, as summer offerings in JMS are not usually abundant enough to account for a full semester’s worth of requirements. Even though JMS courses contained in the Media Studies minor are open to minors as well as to journalism majors, minors will be competing for the limited space in these courses along with journalism majors, who have priority. **Seniors are thus not advised to declare the Media Studies minor. Even second-semester juniors are not advised to declare the Media Studies minor unless they have completed at least JMS 100.**

JMS classes fill up fast during pre-registration. Minors who do not pre-register for JMS classes the prior semester will probably not get them.

### REQUIRED COURSES\*

JMS 100 Introduction to Journalism and Media Studies.....	3 credits
JMS 390 Impact of Mass Media on Society .....	3 credits
JMS 397 History of Mass Media .....	3 credits

### REQUIRED ELECTIVES

Nine Hours of Courses with the JMS Prefix* .....	9 credits
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Six Hours of Courses with the JMS Prefix* and FILM 120 .....	9 credits

Total Credits: 18

\* Many JMS courses are restricted to JMS majors. However, JMS 100, JMS 390 and JMS 397 are open to minors as well as majors. To meet the elective requirements for the Media Studies minor, other 3-credit JMS courses are also open to minors:

JMS 345 Intro to Strategic Communications	JMS 485 Media Ethics
JMS 380 Strategic Communications Techniques	JMS 490 Television Criticism
JMS 497 Media Law	

Students who are declared Media Studies minors but have trouble registering for any of the courses above should contact the instructor of the course to inquire about registering for them.

Media Studies minors are not permitted to take JMS 492 (Internship).

Media Studies minors must complete 50% of their minor coursework at the 300 and 400 level.