



**DEGREE WORKSHEET FOR:  
Bachelor of Arts in Journalism  
News-Editorial Emphasis  
2015-2016 Catalog**

YEAR 1- FALL		YEAR 1- SPRING	
English 122 College Composition (see note 3)	3 credits	JMC 100 Intro to JMC (see note 3)	3 credits
Liberal Arts Core (see note 11)	12 credits	Liberal Arts Core (see note 11)	12 credits
	15 credits		15 credits
YEAR 2- FALL		YEAR 2-SPRING	
JMC 210 Newswriting	3 credits	Liberal Arts Core (see note 11)	3 credits
Liberal Arts Core (see note 11)	12 credits	General Electives	12 credits
	15 credits		15 credits
YEAR 3- FALL		YEAR 3- SPRING	
JMC 350 News Editing and Layout	3 credits	JMC 397 History of Mass Comm	3 credits
JMC 390 Impact of Mass Comm on Society	3 credits	JMC 485 Media Ethics	3 credits
JMC Group B Elective (see note 13)	3 credits	Minor Courses	6 credits
Minor Courses	6 credits	General Elective	3 credits
	15 credits		15 credits
YEAR 4- FALL		YEAR 4- SPRING	
JMC 352 Reporting Contemporary Issues (see note 4)	3 credits	JMC 410 Advanced News and Feature Writing(see note 4)	3 credits
JMC 497 Mass Comm Law	3 credits	JMC Group A Elective (see notes 5 and 12)	3 credits
JMC Group B Elective (see note 13)	3 credits	General Electives	9 credits
Minor Courses	6 credits		
	15 credits		15 credits

Minimum total credits for graduation: 120

Minimum total credits for JMC News-Ed emphasis: 36

**Admission Requirement - See notes page 2.**

**Minor Required (see note 9)**

**Notes – see page 2.**

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This worksheet is a recommended schedule to complete your bachelor's degree in 4 years. Every UNC student must meet the following requirements in order to graduate with a bachelor's degree: earn a minimum of 120 semester credit hours; possess a minimum of a 2.00 cumulative grade point average; have at least 40 credit hours in courses designated as Liberal Arts Core; meet all degree requirements in the student's major field of study. Each major and/or emphasis may have additional requirements necessary for graduation. **Students must consult with their major advisor to receive information on any additional graduation requirements.**

## Notes

1. To become a Journalism major, you first become a pre-Journalism major. This is done by filling out a “Change of Major/Minor” form, available from the School of Communication. The pre-major should be declared in the freshman or sophomore year.
2. Application submission to full JMC-major status should take place during the sophomore year. It is important to note that the JMC major is a two-year program beyond the time at which a pre-major is admitted with full Journalism status.
3. To apply to become a Journalism major, students must meet the following requirements:
  - Complete 30 hours of undergraduate semester credit
  - Received a “C” or better in ENG 122
  - Received a “C” or better in JMC 100
  - Complete and submit an “Application for Admission to Journalism Major” form, available from the School of Communication three weeks before each deadline. Your application must reach the school office by the deadlines indicated below:
    - Fall semester deadline: February 15
    - Spring semester deadline: October 15
    - No admission decisions are made during the summer
4. This course may be offered during only one semester during the academic year. If this course is offered in Fall, it may not be offered the following Spring. If offered in Spring, it may not be offered the following Fall.
5. JMC 492 Mass Comm Internship strongly recommended.
6. Students majoring in Journalism are not permitted to apply more than 48 credits with a JMC prefix toward meeting the required 120 semester hours for graduation.
7. ~~JMC majors must complete 72 hours outside JMC. Of these 80 hours, 65 must be in the liberal arts, defined as (1) any course in the Liberal Arts Core, and (2) any courses with the following prefixes: AFS, ANT, AST, BIO, CHEM, CHIN, COMM, CRI, ECON, ENG, ENST, ESCI, FL, FR, GEOG, GEOL, GER, HISP, HIST, HUM, JAPN, MATH, MAS, MCS, MIND, OCN, PHIL, PHYS, PSCI, SCI, SOC, SOCS, SPAN, WS.~~
8. To graduate with a B.A. in Journalism, all students must receive a “C” or higher in all courses in the major.
9. Journalism majors may not take the Media Studies minor. Students cannot declare a minor until they have been admitted to the major.
10. Journalism majors must complete the requirements for only one journalism emphasis, and changing from one emphasis to another after admission to the major may be prohibited by the program.
11. LAC recommended courses: ECON 101, GEOG 101, any 200 level or higher HIST, PSCI 100, PSCI 203, SPAN 101 & 102.
12. Group A Electives include: JMC 315, JMC 340, JMC 361, JMC 404, JMC 460, JMC 492.
13. Group B Electives include six additional credits in courses with a JMC prefix.
14. Only 12 hours of JMC-type credit toward the JMC major and the 120 total hours needed to graduate can be accepted in transfer. If UNC accepts more than 12 hours of JMC-type credit in transfer, the student will need more than 120 hours to graduate.

This program is designed to prepare students to enter the field of mass communications media. The news-editorial emphasis is designed to provide a professional learning experience in reporting, writing and editing. Under the guidance of experienced news people, students perform news-oriented tasks of progressively greater complexity and scope. Students receive individualized assessments of their work on a regular basis.

Graduates of the news-editorial emphasis are qualified for employment in a wide variety of news organizations. These include, but are not limited to, weekly and daily newspapers, radio, TV and cable outlets and magazines. For some students, the news-editorial emphasis is a preparation for careers in related professions, such as law and government.