



**DEGREE WORKSHEET FOR:  
Journalism and Media Studies  
News and Multimedia Journalism Emphasis  
2016-2017 Catalog**

YEAR 1- FALL		YEAR 1- SPRING	
English 122 College Composition (see note 3)	3 credits	JMS 100 Intro to Media Studies (see note 3)	3 credits
Liberal Arts Core	12 credits	Liberal Arts Core	12 credits
	15 credits		15 credits
YEAR 2- FALL		YEAR 2-SPRING	
JMS 210 Media Writing	3 credits	JMS 342 Video Production	4 credits
JMS 212 Visual Media	3 credits	JMS 310 News Reporting and Writing	3 credits
Liberal Arts Core	9 credits	Liberal Arts Core	6 credits
	15 credits	University-wide Elective	3 credits
			16 credits
YEAR 3- FALL		YEAR 3- SPRING	
JMS 390 Impact of Mass Media on Society	3 credits	JMS 350 News Editing	3 credits
Minor Courses	6 credits	JMS 397 History of Mass Media	3 credits
University-wide Electives	6 credits	JMS Elective (see note 5)	3 credits
	15 credits	Minor Course	6 credits
			15 credits
YEAR 4- FALL		YEAR 4- SPRING	
JMS 410 Advanced News	3 credits	JMS 450 News Production (see note 4)	4 credits
JMS 485 Media Ethics	3 credits	JMS Elective	3 credits
JMS 497 Media Law	3 credits	Minor Course	3 credits
Minor Course	3 credits	University-wide Elective	4 credits
University-wide Elective	3 credits		
	15 credits		14 credits

**Minimum total credits for graduation: 120**

**Minimum total credits for JMS News and Multimedia  
Emphasis: 44**

**Admission Requirement - see notes page 2**

**Minor Required (see note 9)**

**Notes – see page 2**

**Contact Information**

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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-journalism major should be declared in the freshman or sophomore year.
2. Application submission to full JMS-major status should take place during the sophomore year. It is important to note that the JMS 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:
  - Completed 30 hours of undergraduate semester credit
  - Received a "C" or better in ENG 122 (C- is not acceptable)
  - Received a "C" or better in JMS 100 (C- is not acceptable)
  - Complete and submit, in person, an "Application for Admission to Journalism Major" form, available online at <http://www.unco.edu/jms/admissions.html>. Your application must be submitted to the School of Communication office between October 1 and October 15 for fall admission and between February 1 and February 15 for spring admission. Application deadlines are October 15 and February 15 and are firm. 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. JMS 492 Internship strongly recommended.
6. Students majoring in journalism are not permitted to apply more than 48 credits with a JMS prefix toward meeting the required 120 semester hours for graduation.
7. JMS majors must complete 72 hours outside JMS.
8. To graduate with a B.A. in journalism, all students must receive a "C" or higher in all courses in the major. C- is not acceptable.
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. Only 12 hours of JMS-type credit toward the JMS major and the 120 total hours needed to graduate can be accepted in transfer. If UNC accepts more than 12 hours of JMS-type credit in transfer, the student will need more than 120 hours to graduate.

The news and multimedia production emphasis is designed to prepare students to enter the field of journalism and media production. This emphasis is designed to provide a professional learning experience in reporting, writing, shooting video, editing and producing news. Under the guidance of professors with experience in the field, students perform news- and production-oriented tasks of progressively greater complexity and scope. Students receive individual assessments of the work on a regular basis.

Graduates of the news and multimedia journalism emphasis are qualified for employment in a wide variety of news organizations, including but not limited to weekly and daily newspapers, television and radio stations, production companies, magazines and online news outlets. For some students, the emphasis is a preparation for careers in related professions, such as law and government.