



DEGREE WORKSHEET FOR:
Journalism and Media Studies
News and Multimedia Journalism Emphasis
2019-2020 Catalog
Degree Requirements – 120 credits

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	7 credits	Liberal Arts Core	6 credits
University-wide Electives	2 credits	University-wide Elective	3 credits
15 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 460 Media Management	3 credits
University-wide Electives	6 credits	JMS Elective (see note 5)	3 credits
15 credits		Minor Course	6 credits
15 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

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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 seeking journalism major. This is done by filling out a "Change of Major/Minor" form, available from the School of Communication. The seeking journalism major should be declared in the freshman or sophomore year.
2. Declaration of the full JMS major should take place during the sophomore year. Regardless of when declared, the Journalism major will often need two full academic years to complete the major course requirements. In particular, seniors and transfer students who are considering becoming Journalism majors are advised that it may not be possible to complete all the required coursework in fewer than four regular semesters.
3. The following courses must be completed **before** declaring the JMS major:
 - ENG 122 with a "C" or better (C- is not acceptable)
 - JMS 100 with a "C" or better (C- is not acceptable)
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 declare 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 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.