



**DEGREE WORKSHEET FOR:**  
**Journalism and Media Studies**  
**News and Multimedia Journalism Emphasis**  
**2020-2021 Catalog**  
**Degree Requirements – 120 credits**

YEAR 1- FALL	YEAR 1- SPRING
English 122 College Composition (LAC 1a) 3 credits Liberal Arts Core 12 credits  15 credits	JMS 100 Intro to Media Studies (LAC 5c) 3 credits JMS 210 Media Writing 3 credits JMS 212 Visual Media 3 credits Liberal Arts Core 6 credits 15 credits
YEAR 2- FALL	YEAR 2-SPRING
JMS 215 Social Media Storytelling 3 credits JMS 310 News Reporting and Writing (see note 1) 3 credits JMS 342 Video Production (see note 1) 4 credits University-wide Electives (see note 4) 6 credits 16 credits	JMS 312 Digital Storytelling 3 credits Liberal Arts Core 9 credits University-wide Elective (see note 4) 3 credits 15 credits
YEAR 3- FALL	YEAR 3- SPRING
JMS 390 Impact of Mass Media on Society 3 credits JMS 460 Media Management (see note 1) 3 credits Liberal Arts Core 6 credits University-wide Elective (see note 4) 3 credits 15 credits	JMS 350 News Editing (see note 1) 3 credits JMS 485 Media Ethics (see note 1) 3 credits JMS Elective (see note 2) 3 credits Liberal Arts Core 4 credits University-wide Elective (see note 4) 3 credits 16 credits
YEAR 4- FALL	YEAR 4- SPRING
JMS 410 Advanced News 3 credits JMS 497 Media Law (see note 1) 3 credits University-wide Electives (see note 4) 9 credits 15 credits	JMS 450 News Production (see note 1) 4 credits University-wide Electives (see note 4) 9 credits 13 credits

**Minimum total credits for graduation: 120    Minimum total credits for JMS News and Multimedia Emphasis: 44**

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This worksheet is a recommended schedule to complete your bachelor’s degree in 4 years, but is not mandatory. Course offerings might dictate alterations in what course will be taken what semester. Students must work with their advisor to deal with such changes. 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. 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.
2. JMS 492 Internship strongly recommended.
3. 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.
4. JMS majors must complete 72 hours outside JMS.
5. 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.
6. Journalism majors may not declare the Media Studies minor. Students cannot declare a minor until they have declared the major, but should consult with their advisor to select a minor soon after declaring the major.
7. Journalism majors may complete the requirements for only one journalism emphasis, and changing from one emphasis to another may be prohibited by the program.
8. 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, and podcasting. 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.