

# Journalism Concentration: MA Thesis Program Planning Form

Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor/Major Professor: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Program: MA (thesis)

Minimum of 31 credit hours to graduate (nine 3-credit hour courses + 3 thesis hours + 1-credit hour GradFIRST)

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## PREREQUISITES

If you do not have a journalism degree or professional journalism experience, you must take this course:

- JRMC 7340: Graduate Newsroom \_\_\_\_\_

If you have not completed a course in media law, you must take this course:

- JRLC 7040: Law of Mass Communication \_\_\_\_\_

If you have not completed a statistics course as an undergraduate or received AP credit for a statistics course, you must take:

- A graduate-level or cross-listed statistics course from any department \_\_\_\_\_

## UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA REQUIREMENT: GradFIRST (1 CREDIT)

You must complete a 1-credit GradFIRST seminar during the Fall or Spring semester of your FIRST year, unless you are enrolled in an exempt program. The only exempt Grady program is the online MA in Emerging Media.

- GRSC 7001 \_\_\_\_\_

## CORE COURSES (6 CREDITS)

You must take these two courses:

- JRMC 8000: Proseminar in Mass Communication \_\_\_\_\_
- JRMC 8010 or JRMC 8010e: Research Methodology in Mass Communication \_\_\_\_\_

## AREA OF CONCENTRATION COURSES (18 CREDITS)

You must take one of these courses:

- JRMC 9020: Quantitative Research in Mass Communication \_\_\_\_\_
- JRMC 9030: Critical, Cultural, and Naturalistic Approaches to Mass Communication \_\_\_\_\_

You must take, at minimum, any two of these courses:

- JRMC 7355: Health and Medical Journalism \_\_\_\_\_
- JRMC 8020: Public Opinion \_\_\_\_\_
- JRMC 8030: Mass Communication and Society \_\_\_\_\_
- JRMC 8050: Research and Directed Readings in Mass Communication \_\_\_\_\_
- JRMC 8350: Special Topics in Journalism \_\_\_\_\_
  - *Examples:* Media Psychology; Historical Research Methods; Media Images; Controversies in Covering Race, Women, Diversity, and Power in Media

You must take, at minimum, any two split-level JOUR courses, such as:

- JOUR 7160: Advanced Photojournalism \_\_\_\_\_
- JOUR 7190: Feature Writing \_\_\_\_\_
- JOUR 7280: Advanced Video Journalism \_\_\_\_\_
- JOUR 7320: Journalism Ethics and Diversity \_\_\_\_\_
- JOUR 7370: Documentary Photojournalism \_\_\_\_\_
- JOUR 7380: Data Gathering and Visualization \_\_\_\_\_
- JOUR 7420: Credibility, the News Media, and Public Trust \_\_\_\_\_
- JOUR 7590: Critical Writing \_\_\_\_\_
- JOUR 7640: Business of News \_\_\_\_\_

### **THESIS COURSE HOURS (3-6 CREDITS)**

Recommended: JRMC 7000: MA Thesis Hours (Fall semester of thesis year) \_\_\_\_\_

Required: JRMC 7300: MA Final Thesis Hours (Spring semester of thesis year) \_\_\_\_\_

### **COGNATE ELECTIVE COURSES (6 CREDITS)**

Cognate courses are any graduate-level courses outside of Grady College. This is your chance to take graduate courses in other programs, such as the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences, the Terry College of Business, the School of Public and International Affairs, the School of Law, the College of Public Health, the Odum School of Ecology, and the College of Family and Consumer Sciences.

You must take, at minimum, two graduate-level courses (3 credit hours each) outside of Grady College.

Course one \_\_\_\_\_

Course two \_\_\_\_\_

### **OTHER THINGS TO KNOW**

- All Grady College courses are 3 credit hours, while GRSC (GradFIRST) is 1 credit hour.
- It is permissible to take multiple sections of JRMC 8350: Special Topics in Journalism, as long as the sections cover different topics.
- On occasion, some Grady College graduate courses may be offered online. These courses are displayed with an “e” at the end of the course number (e.g., JOUR 7320e).

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