

Journalism Concentration: MA Thesis Program Planning Form

Student: _____

Advisor/Major Professor: _____

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

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 received AP Stats credit or completed a statistics course as an undergraduate, you must take a graduate-level or cross-listed statistics course from any department. (We recommend ERSH 6300 or STATS 6210. You can take an undergraduate statistics course, but you will not receive graduate credit hours.) _____

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA REQUIREMENT: GradFIRST (1 CREDIT)

You must complete a 1-credit GradFIRST seminar in the fall or spring semester of your FIRST year, unless you are enrolled in an exempt program (the only Grady one is the online MA in Emerging Media).

- GRSC 7001 _____
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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 (15 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 (3-6 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. Courses must be at the 6000-level or higher to count toward your program.

You must take, at minimum, one graduate-level course (3 credit hours) outside of Grady College.

Course one _____

Course two _____

Additional Things to Know

- All Grady College graduate courses are 3 credit hours, while GRSC (GradFIRST) is 1 credit hour.
- It is permissible to take multiple sections of special topics courses, such as “JRMC 8350: Special Topics in Journalism,” if the sections have different titles and cover different topics.
- On occasion, some Grady College graduate courses may be offered online. This is particularly true for Maymester and summer courses. Online courses have an “e” at the end of the course number (e.g., JOUR 7320e). For credit purposes, an online course is considered the same as its in-person version.
- You may not count the *undergraduate* version of a split-level or cross-listed course for graduate credit (e.g., if you were enrolled in JOUR 5190 in the split-level course JOUR 5190/7190, you would receive undergraduate credit). At the same time, you may count the *graduate* version of a split-level or cross-listed course for graduate credit (e.g., if you were enrolled in JOUR 7190 in the split-level course JOUR 5190/7190, you would receive graduate credit). Also, to be clear, if you completed a particular split-level course for undergraduate credit (e.g., JOUR 5190), you may not complete the graduate version (e.g., JOUR 7190) for graduate credit.
- All 9000-level courses require permission of your advisor for enrollment.