

Mass Media Studies Concentration: MA Thesis Program Planning Form

Student: _____

Advisor/Major Professor: _____

Minimum of **31 credit hours to graduate** (10 3-credit hour courses + 1-credit hour GradFIRST)

PREREQUISITE

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 ERSB 6300 or STATS 6210. You can take an undergraduate statistics course, but you will not receive graduate credit hours.) _____

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA REQUIREMENT – GradFIRST seminar

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 College program is the online MA in Emerging Media.

- GRSC 7001 (GradFIRST) _____

CORE COURSES (6 CREDIT HOURS)

You need to take one: (3 credit hours):

JRMC 8000 – Proseminar in Mass Communication _____

JRMC 8010 – Research Methodology in Mass Communication _____

AREA OF CONCENTRATION COURSES (12-15 hours)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

COGNATE COURSES (6-9 hours) (can also select graduate courses in Grady College deemed relevant by the faculty adviser)

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, two graduate-level course (3 credit hours) outside of Grady College.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

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) _____

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 and count different sections of “Special Topics” courses, provided they have different titles and cover different topics; that is, you could take two different JRMC 8130 courses or two different JRMC 8160 courses, if they are covering different content.
- 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.
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- 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 ADPR 5750 in the split-level course ADPR 5750/7750, you would receive undergraduate credit). At the same time, you may count the graduate version of a split-level or course-listed course for graduate credit (e.g., if you were enrolled in ADPR 7750 you would receive graduate credit). Also, to be clear, if you completed a particular split-level course for undergraduate credit (e.g., ADPR 5750), you may not complete the graduate version (JOUR 7750) for graduate credit.
- All 9000-level courses require permission of advisor for enrollment.