# Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Mass Communication Degree Requirements

# **General Studies Requirements**

All undergraduate students in the College of Public Programs are required to complete the university General Studies requirements in order to be eligible for graduation in any of the undergraduate curricula offered by the college. Many general studies requirements may simultaneously fulfill college and major requirements (see shaded regions).

# **College Requirements**

In addition to the university General Studies requirements, the College of Public Programs requires the following:

## **Communication Requirement**

Cronkite School majors satisfy this requirement by taking either:

COM 225 Public Speaking (L) COM 241 Intro. to Oral Interpretation (L, HU)

## **Computer Science Requirement**

A computer science course is required for all undergraduate majors in the College of Public Programs. Any CS course from the university General Studies list that involves the use of computer application skills is acceptable. Below is a list of commonly taken courses:

CSE 180 Computer Literacy
CIS 200 Computers in Business
EDT 321 Computer Literacy
EDT 323 Computer Applications

## **Writing Competency Requirement**

Cronkite School majors satisfy this requirement by taking the following:

JMC 201 Journalism Newswriting

# **Major Requirements**

## **English Proficiency Exam**

Each student must pass an English proficiency exam in order to continue School courses beyond MCO 110 or MCO 120. The exam is given during MCO 110 and MCO 120 throughout each semester, or by appointment through the School office.

## **Suggested Two-Year Curriculum**

Complete admission competency deficiencies within the first two years of enrollment at ASU.

Freshman				
1st semester	2nd semester			
*ENG 101	3	*ENG 102	3	
*MAT 114 or 117	3	*MCO 110	3	
SB	3	SQ/SG Lab. Science	4	
UNI 101 or 100 OR	1-3	Non-English Lang.	4	
Non-English Lang.	4	*COPP Computer	3	
Total hours	12-14	Total hours	13-17	

Sophomore					
3rd semester	4th semester				
*JMC 201	3	Advanced Eng. Comp.	3		
SQ/SG Lab. Science	4	*COM 225 or 241	3		
Non-English Lang.	4	Non-English Lang.	4		
HU or SB	3	HU or SB	3		
Elective	3	Elective	3		
Total hours	14–17	Total hours	13–16		

\*Must be completed prior to admission to professional program

#### **Requirements for Professional Status**

All students entering the School are admitted with preprofessional status, which allows them to take required lower division major courses. The requirements to apply for professional status are:

- the completion of at least 56 semester hours by the start of professional status;
- achievement of a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50 in at least nine graded hours at ASU (3.0 or higher ASU GPA strongly recommended);
- achievement of a minimum major GPA of at least 3.0 is strongly recommended;
- the completion of the following courses: MCO 110 or MCO 120 *AND* JMC 201
- Submission of formal application.

Completion of the minimum requirements for eligibility does not guarantee admission to the upper division professional program. The admissions committee considers a variety of criteria, including cumulative GPA, major GPA, recent media experience, writing ability, and commitment to the field. Admission to the School is competitive and based on available resources. Students may apply twice.

# **Major Concentration Requirements**

#### **Journalism**

Baseline: JMC 301 Reporting Major Concentration (9 hours required)

JMC 300 Adv. Brd. Newswrtg. (brd track)

JMC 313 Intro. to Editing (print track) JMC 315 Brd. News Rptg. (brd track)

JMC 330 Adv. Brd. Rptg. (brd track)

JMC 420 Rptg. Pub. Aff. (print track)

JMC 465 Precision Jrn. (print track)

Capstone: (one course)

JMC 413 Adv. Editing

JMC 440 Magazine Wrtg.

JMC 470 Depth Rptg.

JMC 475 TV Newscast Prod.

JMC 494 Science Rptg.

Major Electives (3–9 hours)

## Media Analysis and Criticism

Baseline: MCO 494 Iss. of MM/Pop Cltr Major Concentration (9 hours required)

JMC 200 Intro. to Electronic Media JMC 332 Broadcast Programming

JMC 412 Editorial Interpretation

JMC 494 Understanding the Audience

MCO 418 Hist. of Mass Comm.

MCO 430 International Mass Comm.

MCO 435 Emerging Media Technology

MCO 450 Visual Communication MCO 456 Political Communication

MCO 460 Race, Gender, & Media

MCO 494 Media and Politics

MCO 494 American Political Film

MCO 494 Sex, Love & Rmnce in MM

Capstone:

MCO 421 News Problems

Major Electives (3–9 hours)

#### Media Management

Baseline: JMC 200 Intro. to Elect. Media Major Concentration (9 hours required)

JMC 332 Broadcast Programming

JMC 433 Sales & Promotion

JMC 494 Media Management

JMC 494 Understanding the Audience MCO 421 News Problems

MCO 435 Emerging Media Technology

MCO 470 Issues in Mgmt. & Strategies

JMC 472 Elect. Media Management Major Electives ( 3–9 hours)

Capstone:

#### **Media Production**

Baseline: JMC 235 Electronic Media Prod. Major Concentration (9 hours required)

JMC 200 Intro. to Electronic Media

JMC 202 Radio-TV Writing

JMC 394 Station Operations

JMC 394 Videography

JMC 414 Electronic Publication Design

JMC 415 Writing for Public Relations JMC 417 Public Relations Campaigns

JMC 437 Documentary Production

JMC 494 Multimedia Video

JMC 494 Online Media

Capstone: (one course)

JMC 475 TV Newscast Production JMC 494 Adv. Multiple Media Prod.

Major Electives (3–9 hours)

## Strategic Media & Public Relations

Baseline: JMC 270 Public Relations Tech. Major Concentration (9 hours required)

JMC 200 Intro. to Electronic Media

JMC 394 Videography

JMC 401 Advanced Public Relations

JMC 414 Electronic Publication Design

JMC 415 Writing for Public Relations

JMC 440 Magazine Writing

JMC 472 Electronic Media Mgmt.

JMC 494 Advanced Production

JMC 494 Online Media

JMC 494 Understanding the Audience

MCO 421 News Problems

MCO 435 Emerging Media Technology

MCO 456 Political Communication MCO 470 Issues in Mgmt. & Strategy

Capstone:

JMC 417 Public Relations Campaigns Major Electives (3–9 hours)