

MAMC: Journalism – Thesis or Project-in-Lieu of Thesis

2009

DEGREE PLAN OF: _____
Please print your name.

DATE _____

SPECIALTY: _____

MINOR (if any): _____

ADVISER: _____

TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED: 31 CREDITS MINIMUM (excluding undergraduate courses throughout the university). Students write and successfully orally defend a thesis or complete and successfully orally defend a project. No more than six (6) thesis/project credits may be applied to the minimum total of thirty (31). Students who lack appropriate undergraduate studies or work experience in journalism will complete articulation courses.

A. CORE. 9 CREDITS REQUIRED. Complete all of the following.

| | | Credit | Term/Year | Grade |
|-----------|---|--------|-----------|-------|
| MMC 6400 | Mass Communication Theory | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| MMC 6421* | Research Methods in Mass Communication* | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| MMC 6660 | Mass Communication and Society | 3 | _____ | _____ |

*May substitute MMC 6426, Seminar in Qualitative Research, with permission from your adviser.

B. JOURNALISM. 12 CREDITS REQUIRED.

| | | Credit | Term/Year | Grade |
|----------|--|--------|-----------|-------|
| JOU 5007 | History of Journalism | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| JOU 5705 | Issues and the Press | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| JOU 6102 | Advanced Reporting Workshop. <i>Prereqs: MMC 5206L & permission of the instructor.</i> | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| JOU 6309 | Seminar in Journalism as Literature | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| MMC 5005 | Mass Communication History | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| MMC 5015 | Survey of Electronic Publishing | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| MMC 5206 | Advanced Law of Mass Communication | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| MMC 5306 | International Communication | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| MMC 5315 | Survey of Foreign Correspondence | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| MMC 6905 | Individual Work: advanced skills | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| MMC 6612 | New Media and a Democratic Society | 3 | _____ | _____ |
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C. ELECTIVES. 6 CREDITS REQUIRED. Chosen from graduate courses within or outside the college, which may be applied toward a minor or supporting field. **Must be letter-graded NOT S/U.** For term that the college's seminars are offered see current "Courses by Term" list.

| | | Credit | Term/Year | Grade |
|----------|--|--------|-----------|-------|
| MMC 6202 | Legal Problems of Mass Communication.* | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| MMC 6409 | Science/Health Communication | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| MMC 6417 | Seminar in Mass Media and Health | 4 | _____ | _____ |
| MMC 6423 | Content Analysis Methods | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| MMC 6426 | Seminar in Qualitative Research | 4 | _____ | _____ |
| MMC 6560 | Seminar in History of Mass Communication | 4 | _____ | _____ |
| MMC 6665 | Seminar in First Amendment Theory.* | 4 | _____ | _____ |
| MMC 6667 | Seminar in Advanced Topics in Mass Communication Law.* | 4 | _____ | _____ |
| MMC 6668 | Seminar in Public Policy Toward Mass Media.* | 4 | _____ | _____ |
| MMC 6930 | Seminar in Mass Communication Teaching. | 3 | _____ | _____ |
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D. SOCIAL SCIENCES/HUMANITIES REQUIREMENT, if any (credits do not apply toward minimum degree requirements).

REQUIREMENT FULFILLED THROUGH:

| | Credit | Term/Year | Grade |
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| _____ Statistics | _____ | _____ | _____ |
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E. ARTICULATION & OTHER COURSES, if any (credits do not apply toward minimum degree requirements).

| | Credit | Term/Year | Grade |
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F. THESIS OR PROJECT. 4 CREDITS REQUIRED, typically over two or more terms. For fall or spring graduation, take three (3) credits in final term; for summer graduation, take two (2) credits in final term. No more than six (6) thesis/project credits may be applied to the minimum total of thirty (31).

| | Credit | Term/Year | Grade |
|---|---------------|------------------|--------------|
| MMC 6971 or MMC 6973 Research for Master’s Thesis or Project. S/U | _____ | _____ | _____ |
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IRB (Institutional Review Board) FORM COMPLETION DATE: _____
 (only applicable for 6971 research involving human subjects)

TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED: 31 CREDITS MINIMUM (excluding undergraduate courses throughout the university).

SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE

| FALL | SPRING | SUMMER | FALL |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Issues & the Press | Advanced Reporting Workshop | Thesis | Mass Comm & Society |
| Mass Comm Theory | Elective or JM course | | Thesis |
| Mass Comm Law | Research Methods | | |
| JM course or Elective | Elective | | |

Signatures below indicate approval of this degree plan.

Signature of Student

Date Signed

Signature of Academic Adviser

Date Signed

Signature of Associate Dean, Division of Graduate Studies and Research

Date Signed

*See Graduate Catalog for prerequisites.