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INTRODUCTION

The University of Florida is dedicated to excellence in its Ph.D. program in mass communication. The program offers a course of study in an ideal setting for a quality educational experience.

* The College of Journalism and Communications, proud of its award-winning student body and faculty, boasts the variety made possible by one of the largest enrollments in the country. More than 200 students engage in graduate and advanced studies, joining more than 2,800 undergraduates. More than 50 faculty members in the college teach, conduct research, and provide service.

* The University of Florida, with 20 colleges and schools on a single campus, ranks as one of the nation’s most comprehensive research institutions. External funding for research support totals more than a quarter of a billion dollars per year, placing the university among the top 10 public institutions. The university enrolls some 48,000 students, including over 7,000 graduate students. They come to the university from every state in the union and more than 100 foreign countries.

* Supporting programs have great strength in law, history, psychology, political science, economics, and area studies, among others. The Latin American Studies Center and African Studies Center rank among the best in the nation.

* Gainesville offers excellent theatre, dance, art, and music. Yet it remains small enough at a population of 124,000 to provide a suitable environment for concentrated study. Graduates of the public schools rank high on national tests. For recreation, the sandy beaches of the Atlantic may be reached in an hour-and-a-half drive, while the top-rated fishing and seafood of the Gulf Coast lie only an hour west. The major theme parks and metropolitan areas of Orlando and Tampa are only two hours away.

* As one of the fastest-growing states in the nation, Florida offers unmatched opportunities. The state has emerged as a high-technology center, with communications as a leading field. Florida has 10 state-supported universities, 28 community colleges, and more than three dozen private institutions of higher education.

GENERAL INFORMATION

This handbook is intended to help the student understand how to approach graduate studies in our College, so please read it carefully. The policies detailed here are set by the faculty members in this college. The handbook is supplemented with updates on the Graduate Studies webpage at http://www.jou.ufl.edu/grad/default.asp and in emails.

This handbook is intended to be read in conjunction with the Graduate Catalog that is available online at http://gradschool.rgp.ufl.edu/students/catalog.html Requirements listed in the Graduate Catalog (a volume of The University Record) in effect when a student enters always constitute the last word. In other words, the Doctoral Handbook takes up where the Graduate Catalog stops. Students graduate under the catalog in effect at the time of their initial enrollments as degree-seeking students at UF provided they maintain continuous enrollment. Students who do not maintain continuous enrollment will use the catalog in effect at the time enrollment is resumed.

“It is the responsibility of the graduate student to become informed and to observe all regulations and procedures required by the program the student is pursuing. . . Ignorance of a rule does not constitute a basis for waiving that rule.” --Graduate School Catalog

In addition, the student should be familiar with the requirements in the publications listed below as well as online at http://gradschool.rgp.ufl.edu/ and http://gradschool.rgp.ufl.edu/editorial/introduction.html

DEADLINE DATES

All graduate school deadline dates are available online http://gradschool.rgp.ufl.edu/students/critical-dates-and-deadlines.html
CHECKLIST FOR DISSERTATION
This checklist is an essential guide to help the student through the dissertation process and can be found online
http://gradschool.ufl.edu/editorial/introduction.html

THE UNIVERSITY CALENDAR
The calendar is published online in the Graduate Catalog
http://gradschool.ufl.edu/students/catalog.html and
http://www.registrar.ufl.edu/

THE UNIVERSITY GRADUATE STUDENT CATALOG AND HANDBOOK/PLANNER
The Graduate Catalog and Handbook/Planner are available by clicking on the appropriate link at
http://gradschool.ufl.edu/students/introduction.html In addition to providing the university calendar, the catalog is the University’s official record of graduate policies, critical dates, deadlines, course descriptions and faculty members for master’s degree and doctoral degree students. The planner is intended to assist students by providing helpful information and reference material in a useful format and includes an online daily planner complete with deadline dates.

GRADUATE SCHOOL LIST SERVE
The Graduate School maintains a list serve for all UF graduate students and will communicate only through your GatorLink email account. Please use your GatorLink email as your primary email source for the university and this college. From a memo sent via the Graduate Student List Serve on January 6, 2009:

The UF Graduate Student Listserv is a service of the UF Graduate School to keep students informed of academic, research and financial opportunities, as well as important deadlines and critical dates for graduate students.

This listserv is automatically updated daily every semester to include all currently enrolled graduate students. Because we want all graduate students to have the same official information, there is no way to opt off this listserv. We strive to keep its messages as broad-based as possible, but realize some messages may not apply to all graduate students. In such cases, simply delete messages that do not apply to you – or, better yet, share them with a colleague for whom you think they might be useful!

For Graduate School information please see
http://gradschool.rgp.ufl.edu/students/introduction.html

GRADUATE SCHOOL EDITORIAL OFFICE
The Editorial Office (224 HUB) oversees the thesis/dissertation process, offering help and guidance to ensure the students’ theses and dissertations meet UF’s high standards and are ready for electronic submission and digital archiving. Staff members answer questions about format and reference systems; tables, figures and equations; and copyright and documentation issues. It also provides referrals to editors and formatters for hire. Staff members do not examine or critique content, scholarship, research methods or writing style, which is the responsibility of the student and his/her supervisory committee. For more detailed information, please see:
http://gradschool.ufl.edu/editorial/introduction.html

FORMS
Forms required by this college are available online at
http://www.jou.ufl.edu/grad/forms/ or in the Graduate Division wall files outside room 2013.

ACADEMIC HONESTY
All graduate students in the College of Journalism and Communications are expected to conduct themselves with the highest degree of integrity. It is the students’ responsibility to ensure that they know and understand the requirements of every assignment. At a minimum, this includes avoiding the following:

Plagiarism: Plagiarism occurs when an individual presents the ideas or expressions of another as his or her own. Students must always credit others’ ideas with accurate citations and must use quotation marks and citations when presenting the words of others. A thorough understanding of plagiarism is a precondition for admittance to graduate studies in the college.

Cheating: Cheating occurs when a student circumvents or ignores the rules that govern an academic assignment such as an exam or class paper. It can include using notes, in physical or electronic form, in an exam, submitting the work of another as one’s own, or reusing a paper a student has composed for one class in another class. If a student is not sure about the rules that govern an assignment, it is the student’s responsibility to ask for clarification from his instructor.

Misrepresenting Research Data: The integrity of data in mass communication research is a paramount issue for advancing knowledge and the credibility of our professions. For this reason any intentional misrepresentation of data, or misrepresentation of the conditions or circumstances of data collection, is considered a violation of academic integrity.
Misrepresenting data reported in a thesis or dissertation is a clear violation of the rules and requirements of academic integrity and honesty.

Any violation of the above stated conditions is grounds for immediate dismissal from the program and will result in revocation of the degree if the degree previously has been awarded.

BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS

As stated in the UF Student Code of Conduct, “Students enjoy the rights and privileges that accrue to membership in a University community and are subject to the responsibilities which accompany that membership. In order to have a system of effective campus governance, it is incumbent upon all members of the campus community to notify appropriate officials of any violations of regulations and to assist in their enforcement. All conduct regulations of the University are printed and made available to all students as part of the Florida Administrative Code (Chapter 6C1-4) and are applicable upon publication in the Independent Florida Alligator, the University Catalog, or any reasonable means of notification.”

http://www.dso.ufl.edu/studentguide/studentconductcode.php

PURPOSE OF DOCTORAL PROGRAM

The Ph.D. degree is a research degree. The Florida program is designed to develop knowledge, attitudes and skills so graduates can make important contributions to understanding mass communication. Faculty members help students lay the foundation for a lifetime of significant, creative work. The doctoral program prepares students for a variety of opportunities in mass communication. Graduates are expected to teach at colleges and universities; conduct research for organizations in advertising, journalism, public relations, telecommunication, and other mass communication fields; do consulting; and conduct research and contribute to policy in government and private organizations. Doctoral students in the College of Journalism and Communications gain valuable experience in both teaching and research. Assistantships help prepare students for academic and other research positions. Students in the program have consistently been among the nation’s leaders in winning top-paper awards at national and regional scholarly meetings.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The doctoral degree requires 90 credit hours past the Bachelor’s degree, completion of oral and written examinations, and successful oral defense of a doctoral dissertation. Doctoral students, fitting together their goals and the college's Ph.D. curriculum, prepare a degree plan during their first year. As part of the plan, they name a supervisory committee to assist them in their studies. Students have an annual evaluation to help them assess their progress. A residency requirement must be fulfilled while taking courses. When courses have been completed, students take a qualifying examination and become, on passing the examination, formal candidates for the doctoral degree. Students then complete the dissertation and have a final oral examination. Each requirement is discussed below. Additional information on requirements is given in the Graduate Catalog http://gradschool.rgp.ufl.edu.

CURRICULUM

A student’s Ph.D. program of study is tailored to serve the individual. Within broad general distribution requirements, the student’s program is constructed to provide preparation for lifelong contributions to the field of mass communication.

Approaches and Emphases
The program is built around the following concentrations:

- Media Law
- Public Relations
- Advertising
- New Technology and Policy
- International and Cross-Cultural Communication
- Media Economics and Policy
- Science/Health Communication
- Mass Communication
Distribution Requirements and Transfer of Credits

Distribution requirements are designed to encourage depth and breadth of knowledge. Five types of courses are required: (a) mass communication core courses, (b) specialization courses, (c) methodological courses, (d) supporting courses, and (e) dissertation research. Of these courses, at least five must qualify as advanced courses, which are those that require the completion of an original scholarly paper (academic conference quality) that advances knowledge in the field. No more than two of these courses may be taken as independent study, and at least three must be taken in the college. Core courses and dissertation research cannot qualify as advanced courses.

Core courses provide an intellectual foundation upon which advanced courses may build. Specialization courses provide expertise in the student’s mass communication concentration area. Methodological courses provide the tools with which students will undertake future mass communications research, including statistics. Supporting studies provide both further groundwork for advanced study and actual experience in advanced study outside the college. In the dissertation, the student makes an original contribution to knowledge.

Credit requirements may be met through a combination of master’s and doctoral study. The Graduate School of the university requires, for the doctoral degree, a minimum of 90 semester credits beyond the bachelor’s (or the equivalent of the U.S. bachelor’s). No more than 30 hours of a master’s degree from another institution will be transferred to a doctoral program. The College of JM/COM requires that the Master’s degree be awarded by a U.S. institution. These credits must reflect current or recent knowledge in the field or a supporting studies field. These courses also must have been completed recently enough so that material remains timely. In any case, the courses must have been completed within the seven years immediately prior to approval of the degree plan. The block of 30 credits must be approved by your academic advisor and transferred into the program using the appropriate paperwork. Pending approval by the Graduate Faculty, no credits beyond the 30 credits of the Master’s degree will be accepted into the 90 total required credits. All sixty credits beyond the Master’s will be completed at UF. The Transfer of Credit form is available in the Graduate Division and at http://www.jou.ufl.edu/grad/forms/.

The faculty recognizes that departures from credits listed in the various categories may be required in individual cases. The distribution requirements provide a general model for planning a program that combines the necessary depth for original contributions to understanding mass communication with the breadth that will enhance the student’s personal life and professional activities. Departures from the model must be approved by the student’s supervisory committee and the associate dean for graduate studies. A doctoral student cannot receive credit toward his/her degree for an undergraduate class. Doctoral students are required to take any undergraduate courses needed for their program of study as an audit or for credit that does not count in the total required credits for the Ph.D. Undergraduate courses may not be taken as MMC 6905. Formal appeals to this policy must be made in writing to the Graduate Committee.
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**Core Courses**
Core courses provide students with a foundation for teaching and conducting research in mass communication. Two semesters of Communication Colloquium are required and must be taken in the student’s first fall and spring semesters. Mass Communication Perspectives is also required and must be taken in the student’s first fall semester.

To achieve the depth and breadth of background required for exemplary research and teaching, students work with their advisors and committees to determine the need for any additional core courses.

**Specialization Courses**
Specialization Courses consist most commonly of the College of Journalism and Communications' specialized content courses and research seminars in the student’s area of interest. Students, in consultation with their advisors and committee members, will determine the specialization courses appropriate to each individual degree plan.

In addition, all students are strongly encouraged to take **MMC 6400—Mass Communication Theory** if they have not completed an equivalent course in the recent past. The course emphasizes social science theoretical conceptualizations of mass communication.

Specific course numbers, titles, and credits for some of the possible specialization courses offered by the College are listed online at [http://www.jou.ufl.edu/grad/courses.asp](http://www.jou.ufl.edu/grad/courses.asp). As the program develops, additional fixed-subject courses will be added to supplement or replace the rotating-topics courses. Prerequisites for all courses are described in the Graduate Catalog [http://gradschool.rgp.ufl.edu](http://gradschool.rgp.ufl.edu).

**Methodological Courses**
The Ph.D. is a research degree. As such, a thorough knowledge of the appropriate methods of inquiry in the
pursuit of answers to mass communications questions is essential. At least two methodology courses must be taken within the College of Journalism and Communications.

Additionally, knowledge of descriptive and inferential statistics, at least through regression, can be an important tool for doctoral students. As appropriate, this knowledge can be acquired through coursework previously taken at the undergraduate or master’s level. The student’s advisor and supervisory committee will assist the student in selecting appropriate coursework in statistics.

Supporting Courses
The interdisciplinary nature of mass communication suggests that a student may need to complete courses in disciplines outside the College of Journalism and Communications. The supporting studies strengthen understanding of ideas and methodology important to the student's dissertation research. Courses taken will vary depending on students' research interests and intellectual preparation. Some courses may come from master's study. A minimum of 9 credit hours of coursework must be taken outside the college.

Students who need greater depth of knowledge to pursue their research interests will take articulation courses in preparation for advanced supporting studies. For example, a student with an interest in probing psychological questions in research will need a firm grounding in the basics of psychology, a student who intends to write a dissertation in history of mass communication must have a broad acquaintance with history, and so forth. But some departments offer special introductory graduate-level survey courses more suited to meet the needs of new doctoral students. Check with faculty and other students.

Students are expected to complete at least one research seminar in their supporting studies. The seminar will add perspective to understanding of research substance and method.

Dissertation Research
At least 18 credits of dissertation research are required. Students begin work on the dissertation before the qualifying examination. Students must be registered in MMC 7979 during the term they take the qualifying exam. After passing the examination, students register for dissertation research under MMC 7980--Research for Doctoral Dissertation

Advanced-Level Courses
Advanced level courses are those that require the completion of a scholarly paper of academic conference quality that advances knowledge in the field. Students must complete at least five advanced-level courses. No more than two of these courses may be taken as independent study. These hours may not include 7979/7980 course hours. The Graduate Committee and the associate dean for graduate studies determine which courses in the College of Journalism and Communications qualify as advanced-level courses prior to each semester, based on faculty syllabi. A list of advanced-level offerings within the college is available in the Graduate Division each semester. Courses outside the College may also be considered advanced-level, based on course syllabi, with approval of the student's committee chair.

Languages
Students emphasizing international communication may need to demonstrate proficiency in at least one, and possibly two, languages other than English. Other students may be required by their supervisory committees to demonstrate a reading knowledge of at least one foreign language, depending on their research interests.

Teaching
Students are encouraged to complete a course in teaching. Supervisory committees may grant exemptions based on student interests. The college offers an outstanding course that has received excellent evaluations from students. See section on Assistantships below.

Degree Plan
A program of study, the heart of the degree plan, is determined individually for each student under the guidance and with the approval of a supervisory committee chaired by the student's academic adviser. Graduate coordinators and course instructors from supporting departments are consulted during development of the degree plan. Specific goals of the student are considered in developing the program. Students’ degree plans must be approved by the advisor prior to pre-registration for your second semester of coursework. The final degree plan, signed by all members of the supervisory committee from the college, should be submitted to the associate dean for graduate studies in the College of Journalism and Communications by the end of the second term of study. Degree plans can be found on the College website at: http://www.jou.ufl.edu/grad/DP/PhD.pdf

The original copy of the final degree plan will be placed in the student’s file, and subsequent changes to the degree plan must be approved by the supervisory committee chair and indicated on the original copy.
Prospectus/Proposal

Prospectus: A prospectus is a preliminary document that is used in several ways. It is used primarily to inform potential committee members of the topic and to solicit their participation. The document outlines the student’s proposed topic, its importance and relevance, the literature to be covered, methodology and expected findings. The length varies as directed by the chair of the committee.

Proposal: the proposal is made up of the first three chapters of the dissertation—the introduction, the literature review, and the methods. It is defended at the time of the oral qualifying exam defense. In addition to passing the Qualifying Exam, the student must have the dissertation proposal approved before being admitted into Candidacy.

Supervisory Committee

The supervisory committee plays a crucial role in doctoral studies. The committee assists the student in developing and carrying out a program of study and executing the dissertation. Proposed committee members are given a copy of the student’s prospectus and must approve the complete degree plan, as noted above. After reviewing the student’s qualifications and program of study, committee members indicate their approval by their signature on the degree plan.

The committee has at least four members, at least two of whom come from inside the college (including the chair) and at least one from outside. If an outside member of the committee has not been identified prior to the second semester of coursework, students must submit the names of three potential outside committee members with the degree plan. If the committee consists of only two members from inside the college, both must be full-time, active graduate faculty members. With the possible exception of medical school and law school faculty members, all outside members must be graduate faculty members.

The committee is not “official” until the supervisory committee form, complete with all signatures, has been submitted to the Graduate Division and processed.

The committee also conducts the qualifying examination and passes judgment on dissertation topic, progress, and completed work. The committee chair will serve as the student’s academic adviser.

As mentioned in section I, the UF Graduate Council has changed the policy for all examinations involving a graduate student’s thesis, project, or dissertation supervisory committee. Effective Spring 2009, only

the student and the chair or co-chair are required to be in the same physical location. All other committee members, including the external, can participate via advanced communication technology.

http://gradschool.ufl.edu/news/policy-change.html

Annual Evaluation

Each doctoral student is reviewed annually at the conclusion of the spring semester. This review is conducted by the student’s adviser and shared with the student for comment. To facilitate this evaluation, the student will submit to the adviser evaluation materials as requested and a current curriculum vitae. This evaluation will include the student’s coursework completions, research accomplishments, teaching or research assignment performance, dissertation progress, and overall level of progress toward the doctoral degree. After the student has a chance to see and comment on the evaluation, a copy is also placed in the Division of Graduate Studies and is available for review by the entire graduate faculty of the College of Journalism and Communications.

A copy of the review form used by the faculty for this annual review process and a copy of the material requested of the student for its completion are contained in Appendix A of this handbook.

The Division of Graduate Studies is advised of potential problem evaluations. Students who seem unlikely to complete the program or who appear to hold little promise of contributing to the field will be advised of alternatives to studying in the doctoral program. Students who fail to remain in good academic standing will be suspended from the program.

Academic Progress

 Unsatisfactory Progress

Any student may be denied further registration in the university or in a graduate major if progress toward the completion of the planned program becomes unsatisfactory to the College or the Dean of the
Graduate School. The Graduate School defines unsatisfactory progress as failure to maintain a cumulative overall GPA of 3.0 (B) or a cumulative major GPA of 3.0 (B). Students who declare a minor must maintain a 3.0 GPA in the minor. Grades of incomplete may well lead to a GPA problem.

The College has defined unsatisfactory progress more severely than the Graduate School. Beyond considering a GPA of less than 3.0 as unsatisfactory, the College also considers as unsatisfactory progress receipt of grades below B-. See probation and suspension, below.

Computing the GPA

The Graduate School computes two GPAs for all students, overall and major. For students with a minor, the Graduate School also computes a minor GPA. The major GPA includes only graduate courses in the College. In computing the overall GPA, the Graduate School counts all courses at the 5000 level or above and 3000/4000 level outside the major taken while the student has been classified as a 7, 8, or 9. Students may repeat courses in which they earn failing grades. The grade points from both the first and second attempts will be included in the computation of the GPA, but the student will receive credits only for the second attempt. When computing the GPA, the Graduate School does not round up fractions. Thus, a 2.99 GPA fails to meet the 3.0 requirement.

Courses receiving grades of satisfactory/unsatisfactory (S/U) are excluded in GPA computation, as are correspondence courses and courses at the freshman and sophomore (1000/2000) levels. The Graduate School also excludes any courses at the junior and senior (3000/4000) levels if in a student’s major. Hours at the 1000/2000 level may not count toward residency or toward the total credits required for a degree. Courses designated with a grade of H (used only in special situations when the work is expected to be developed over a period of time greater than a single term) are excluded until such time as grade changes are processed. All H grades must be cleared prior to graduation. The grade of H is not a substitute for a grade of S, U, or I. Courses for which H grades are appropriate are noted in their catalog descriptions and must be approved by the Graduate Curriculum Committee and the Graduate School.

Grades of Incomplete or Unsatisfactory

Grades of I (incomplete) or U (unsatisfactory) must be removed by the deadline stated in The University Calendar. If a grade of I has not been changed to an A-E letter grade by the end of the term following the one in which the grade was assigned, it will be retained on the record with a notation on the transcript that the grade will be computed as an E when calculating the grade point average. An I or U grade constitutes violation of probation or conditional status.

Grades of I (incomplete) cannot be given for a graduate level S/U course.

Courses in which students receive grades of U do not meet the Graduate Council’s standard of satisfactory performance. Accordingly, such grades either must be changed or the Graduate School must approve a petition setting forth the reasons why the student should be allowed to graduate with the U grade on the record.

The Graduate Committee and Graduate Faculty approved a new policy regarding the number of incompletes a student may have in their academic career. Doctoral students may have a maximum of three incompletes (including “no grades”) and three unsatisfactory grades from spring 2010 forward.

Incomplete-Grade Contract

To assist in the tracking process of incompletes, the Incomplete Grade Contract should be used in every instance of assigning an incomplete grade. The procedure is described in detail on the form which is available in the Graduate Division in Weimer Hall as well as on the College of Journalism and Communications, Graduate Studies, web page at http://www.jou.ufl.edu/grad/forms/. A copy is included in the appendix of this handbook.

Penalty for I/U grades over the limit—As mentioned above, doctoral students are allowed a maximum of three incompletes (including “no grades”) and three U grades, Master’s students are allowed only two of each. Per the vote of the Graduate Faculty, a student who receives more than the allowed number of I/U grades will be suspended for two semesters and be required to reapply to the program by submitting the application for readmission to the Graduate Committee for approval.
**Probation**

Students may be placed on probation if their progress becomes unsatisfactory. The associate dean for graduate studies will attempt to contact any student whose grade point has fallen below 3.0. However, the student bears the responsibility of determining whether the grade point average is sufficient to remain on regular status. If it is not, the student must confer with the Associate Dean for graduate studies at the start of the first term during which the GPA stands below 3.0.

Any student who receives one grade below B- will be placed on probation, with the exception of courses taken from the Levin College of Law. For these courses, any student receiving one grade below C in any course from the Levin College of Law will be placed on probation.

**Students on probation or suspension are not eligible to hold a graduate assistantship.**

If students are placed on probation, they will need to work with their chair to devise a plan to improve their grades. They will need to submit the plan to the Associate Dean for Graduate Studies. If they satisfy that plan in the term of probation the probation flag will be lifted.

If the plan is not satisfied, they will be suspended for one term. They will be allowed to register in the term following the suspension but if they do not satisfy the plan in that term, they will be removed from the program.

If a student satisfies the probation plan but the situation arises in future terms, the student will not be granted another probation term, he will be suspended until the Graduate Committee lifts the suspension. To have the suspension flag lifted, the student will need to devise a plan, in conjunction with his or her chair, for review and approval by the Graduate Committee. If the plan is not satisfied in the following term, the student will be removed from the program.

**Suspension**

The official University definition of suspension is, “The student is required to leave the University for a given or indefinite period of time, the termination of which shall depend upon specified acts of the student’s own volition related to mitigation of the offense committed. The student must comply with all sanctions prior to re-admission.” The College does not guarantee readmission, it is subject to review by the Graduate Committee.

Any student who accumulates two grades below B- (with the exclusion of courses taken from the Levin College of Law) during his or her graduate studies will be suspended, as will any student who receives one grade of D+ or lower at any time during graduate studies.

When a student is suspended, the student’s records will be flagged and future registration will be forbidden until the Graduate Committee approves lifting the flag. To have the suspension flag lifted, the student will need to devise a plan, in conjunction with their chair, for review and approval by the Graduate Committee. Students will be allowed only one suspension. If another suspension is necessary, the student will be removed from the program.

**Any violation of the academic honesty guidelines is grounds for immediate dismissal from the program and will result in revocation of the degree if the degree previously has been awarded. For more information, see the Appendix of this handbook.**

**Dropping or Adding Courses**

At the beginning of a semester, during the Drop/Add period, students may drop or add courses with no fee penalty. After the drop/add period, however, students are expected to complete all courses for which they are enrolled. Students may be administratively dropped from a class if they miss the first week's meetings, unless they notify the instructor before the first week and have an acceptable excuse such as a medical or family emergency.

After the Drop/Add period, students can no longer drop a class and replace it with something else with no added tuition or charges. Students will be fee responsible for the class they drop as well as the added class.

Students who find it necessary to drop a course after drop/add should visit the Graduate Division to obtain a Course Schedule Change Request form. The form requires signatures of the student, academic adviser and Associate Dean. To add a class, the student must also have the signature of the instructor of the course to be added. After completion of the form, the student should return it to the Graduate Division and the process will be completed. Excessive drops are not allowed. Ordinarily, more than two drops are considered excessive.

Remember: Students are FEE LIABLE for all courses on their schedule at the end of the Drop/Add period. Fees will not be refunded for courses dropped after Drop/Add.
**Minimum Registration**

All students in the College, unless on assistantship, must register for a full-time load unless they obtain a written waiver from the Associate Dean for Graduate Studies. In the fall and spring terms, a full-time load is 9-12 credits or more. In summer terms the number of credits required is a total of 8 in any combination over summer terms A, B, or C. Permission to carry less than a full-time load is normally given when a student must work full-time or has health problems, commuting problems, or special home conditions. A waiver must be obtained BEFORE the affected term starts. If registering in a term, in no case may a student register for fewer than three credits in either the spring or fall semesters or two credits in the summer semester.

Graduate assistants are not required to obtain a waiver from the 12-credit rule. They are covered by a separate rule, enforced throughout the State University System, which may be waived only by the dean of the Graduate School. Petitions should be sent directly to the dean of the Graduate School; they will not be supported by the College. The rule requires graduate assistants to register for credits based on the percent of assistantship.

Students who will graduate in a fall or spring semester must register for at least three credits of MMC 7980 in their final term of study. August graduates need sign up for only two credits during a summer term.

**Registration Preparation**

To enable your registration, it is required that you go to ISIS and complete the Registration Preparation requirement and update your emergency contact information every term prior to your registration start time. You will have a “registration preparation hold” until it is completed.

**Registration Process**

Students are responsible for their own registration with the exception of departmentally controlled courses and independent studies (discussed above). To begin the registration process, visit ISIS at: [http://www.isis.ufl.edu/](http://www.isis.ufl.edu/). When viewing the page, the far left column includes all the student’s personal information and processes. The student’s individual information on the left side of ISIS will only show the courses for which you can register yourself, not all classes being offered.

Before beginning the registration process, please go to “Schedule of Courses” on the right side of the ISIS page. Select the appropriate semester and click on “Course Listings.” At the course listings site, “Select a Department” from the drop down box and select Mass

**Communication** to view all graduate-level courses in our College. If you choose one of the four major departments in the College, Advertising, Journalism, Public Relations, or Telecommunication, you will see only the undergraduate listings. To view courses in another college, select the appropriate department in the drop down box.

**Non-classroom Courses—Independent Studies**

The graduate program has four courses (other than advanced research and doctoral research) that do not normally involve classroom participation. The four are COM 6940—Supervised Teaching (S/U grade), MMC 6905—Individual Work (letter-graded), MMC 6910—Supervised Research (S/U grade) and MMC 6949—Internship (S/U grade). Consult the Graduate Catalog for details about these courses. Maximum credits students may take in the courses throughout their graduate careers are listed in the catalog.

If a student wants to be registered for a non-classroom course, the form, available in the Graduate Division as well as on the College of Journalism and Communications, Graduate Studies, web page at [http://www.jou.ufl.edu/grad/forms/](http://www.jou.ufl.edu/grad/forms/), and an attachment describing the proposed work and method of evaluation, must be approved by the supervising professor, adviser, and Associate Dean for Graduate Studies. After receiving the appropriate approvals, the student will submit the form to 2014 Weimer Hall, Division of Graduate Studies, for registration prior to the registration deadline.

Proposals for Individual Work (MMC 6905) must include:

- the sub-topics to be studied,
- the resources (readings and such) to be used,
- the requirements for completion, and
- the method of evaluation (basis on which the work will be graded).

Typically, students taking Individual Work must conduct original research. Building on an exhaustive search of the literature, students must make an original contribution to the understanding of mass communication. The finished products ideally would be accepted for publication or presentation at a conference. Regular meetings with the course instructor must be scheduled. The course “instructor” MUST be a graduate faculty member. Any exceptions to this rule must be approved by the Associate Dean for Graduate Studies. Graduate students cannot be the instructor of record for any independent study courses.
In the case of Supervised Research (MMC 6910), proposals must include:
- the goal of the activity,
- the specific duties to be fulfilled,
- how often and for how long the student will confer with the instructor, and
- the method of evaluation.

In the case of Supervised Teaching (COM 6940), proposals must include:
- the goal of the activity,
- the specific duties to be fulfilled,
- how often and for how long the student will confer with the instructor,
- the method of evaluation,
- the name/number of the course.

The student and instructor should also be aware of the following expectations for students taking COM 6940:
- the student is there for class observation and does not have to attend every lecture,
- the instructor should provide tutoring in grading techniques with no actual grading responsibilities for the student, as well as discuss the process with the student.
- the student is not required to spend more than 3 hours per credit per week.
- unlike TAs, this should be more of a learning experience to help the student, not to provide assistance to faculty members.
- the student is allowed to present up to 10% of lectures.

The student should discuss the required information with the person supervising the course and present the completed form and accompanying details (typed) for the supervisor’s approval. Forms are available in the Division of Graduate Studies office or online at [http://www.jou.ufl.edu/grad/degreeplans.asp](http://www.jou.ufl.edu/grad/degreeplans.asp). A completed proposal, including the signed form, must be submitted to the Division of Graduate Studies before the student will be registered. **Students must have the signature of the instructor to be registered for the course.**

**Residency**
The University of Florida requires a period of concentrated study during a doctoral program. Students must complete on the Gainesville campus at least 30 credits in one calendar year or 36 credits in no more than four semesters within a period of two calendar years. A doctoral student who will not be registered at the university for a period of more than one semester must request written permission from the academic adviser for a leave of absence for a designated period of time.

**Committee Examination Policy Change**
The UF Graduate Council has changed the policy for all examinations involving a graduate student’s supervisory (thesis, project, or dissertation) committee. Effective Spring 2009, only the student and the chair or co-chair are required to be in the same physical location. All other committee members, can participate via advanced communication technology. [http://gradschool.ufl.edu/news/policy-change.html](http://gradschool.ufl.edu/news/policy-change.html)

**Qualifying Examination**
At the conclusion of courses in the Ph.D. program, each student must pass a comprehensive qualifying examination. The examination covers mass communication, both the field as broadly conceived and the specific approach followed by the student. It also covers the supporting studies. The written part of the examination is followed by orals. In addition to passing the Qualifying Exam, the student must have the dissertation proposal approved before being admitted to Candidacy. The supervisory committee has the responsibility at this time of deciding whether the student is qualified to continue work toward the Ph.D. degree.

As mentioned above, only the student and the chair or co-chair are required to be in the same physical location. All other committee members, including the external, can participate via advanced communication technology, see next paragraph. Only with advance notification and permission of the Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Research can a graduate faculty member substitute for another committee member. Justification for the substitution must be made in
writing to the Associate Dean and contain a reasonable timeframe for the substitute to review and prepare for
the oral portion. Only in extraordinary situations would a substitution be approved less than one month prior to
the oral portion of the examination. No substitutions are permitted for the committee chair or the external
member. If a substitution is denied, the oral portion must be cancelled and rescheduled when all committee
members are present.

As mentioned, telephone participation or participation via videoconference is allowed. The request to have a
member of the supervisory committee participate by telephone must be made in advance and in writing to
the Associate Dean. Advance permission is necessary to estimate the costs of the call and to reserve a room. The
Division of Graduate Studies will not reimburse telephone expenses directly to students. Therefore, approval to pay for telephone expenses must be made in advance with the division. The College will accept
responsibility for the cost of the call only if the student has followed all procedures properly.

Upon passing the qualifying examination, the student is admitted to candidacy for the doctorate. Between the
oral portion of the qualifying examination and the date of the degree there must be a minimum of two
semesters. The semester in which the qualifying examination is passed is counted, provided that the
examination occurs before the midpoint of the term. All work for the doctorate must be completed within five calendar years after the qualifying examination, or this examination must be repeated.

A full description of the policies governing the Qualifying Examination is on the Graduate Studies web page at:
http://www.jou.ufl.edu/grad/forms/ listed under "Guidelines and Policies," as well as in the wall files in
the Graduate Division.

Dissertation

The dissertation contributes to mass communication knowledge. It conveys results of original research on a
topic approved by the supervisory committee. All students entering the University of Florida doctoral
programs in fall 2001 and after are required to submit dissertations in electronic form. Please see the
following web sites for complete details on electronic dissertation workshops, submission procedures, and
deadline dates.
http://gradschool.rgp.ufl.edu/index.html and

Final Oral Examination

In the final oral examination, the supervisory committee assesses the dissertation for originality and contribution
to knowledge. As detailed in section L, only the student and the chair or co-chair are required to be in the same
physical location. All other committee members, can participate via advanced communication technology.
When necessary, there may be one graduate faculty substitute, but not for the chair or the external member.
The examination is open to the public. All work for the doctorate must be completed within five calendar years
after the qualifying examination, or this examination must be repeated.

Participation in Graduation Ceremonies

A doctoral student may not participate in the graduation ceremony in a semester prior to the completion of the
dissertation. Only after the student has successfully defended the dissertation in the oral portion of the
examination process is the student eligible to participate in the College and University graduation ceremonies and
to be “hooded” by a member of the student’s supervisory committee as a part of the formal process for conferring the doctoral degree.

FINANCIAL AID

Many students admitted to the doctoral program have a good chance to receive three years of financial aid.
Annual renewal of aid is contingent upon favorable term-by-term evaluation of performance of assigned
duties and responsibilities, the needs of the college's departments, and availability of funds. Good academic
standing is required. Likelihood of support is enhanced by the size of the college’s endowment, which now
ranks among the very largest for journalism and mass communication programs. Student aid often takes the
form of an assistantship with accompanying tuition waiver.

Students may compete for many types of financial aid, among them fellowships, loans, and grants for research and travel. Additional funding sources may be available for applicants with particular qualifications. Applicants
should stay in contact with the Graduate Division of the College and also with the University of Florida Graduate
School and Office of Financial Aid, to check for new financial aid programs.

All applicants who qualify for Florida residency status must make sure residency is established prior to
registration. Recent changes in residency requirements do not allow for non-Florida residence to qualify for a
change to Florida residency by attending school here for 12 months. A student’s residency status as established
during the application process will continue until they graduate, except in special circumstances, such as marriage to a Florida resident.

**Assistantships and Fellowships**

Most fellowships carry application (to the program) deadlines in February, by which time applicants must have been admitted to the program or at least be under serious consideration. All application papers should be in by early January to be sure of consideration for the full range of fellowships. Most assistants and fellowships carry in-state and out-of-state tuition waivers. Some fellowships prohibit simultaneous assistants and fellowships.

Graduate students that are funded in part or in whole by the College, are limited to working a combined full time equivalency (FTE) of .50 FTE or 20 hours a week during the Fall and Spring semesters for all jobs on campus. During the summer, this limitation increases to 1.0 FTE. For students funded by the College, funding will not continue after the second year of Master’s studies or the third year of Ph.D. studies, except for the Graduate School Fellowship program. These limitations are to assist our graduate students in their academic success and to allow them to focus on their graduate studies. Exceptions to these limitations will only be granted in the most extreme situations. Exemption petitions, in essay form, must be submitted to the Graduate Committee, or College Administration if Graduate Committee is not actively meeting.

The University of Florida Office of Research and Graduate Programs funds highly qualified applicants. The amounts of the fellowships vary according to the nature of the award. The Graduate School also awards research assistantships for Grinner Fellowships, named after a former dean of the Graduate School, which pay up to $4,000 a year for as many as three years. The College of Journalism and Communications uses the Grinner Fellowships to supplement doctoral teaching and research assistantship stipends. The college offers the Dolgoff and Flanagan Assistantships, which provide financial aid for students with strong backgrounds in radio. These assistantships require that you work with the college radio stations, usually conducting research. Many doctoral students also receive either Grinner or other types of fellowships including those listed below:

**Lowenstein Assistantships** – Created in honor of Dean Emeritus Ralph Lowenstein, former dean of the college. The Lowenstein Assistantship program offers doctoral students an additional annual stipend.

**Bateman Assistantships** – Created in honor of J. Carroll Bateman, the amount of Bateman Assistantships varies.

Some students receive only Bateman Assistantships which carry an annual stipend of $7,000 and a tuition waiver. Others receive supplements of varying amounts.

**University of Florida Graduate School Fellowships (formerly known as the Alumni Fellowships)** – The Graduate School Fellowships are offered to top applicants and carry a $20,000 to $25,000 annual stipend plus tuition waiver.

**Teaching and Research Experience**

Duties vary. Teaching assistants typically instruct students in labs, for example in writing, reporting, or production, although some teaching assistants may assume responsibility for entire courses. The university requires students holding teaching assistantships to attend a teaching workshop and meet minimum language requirements. Research assistantships involve a progression of duties up through supervising entire small-scale studies.

Faculty and staff make every effort to assist students in locating summer funding. Summer support cannot be guaranteed, however, because of budget limitations. Students are urged to gain additional experience during summers in the fields in which they will teach or work.

The college also offers Joseph L. Brechner Freedom of Information Graduate Assistantships. Brechner assistants conduct research in legal issues and edit the newsletter of the Brechner Center, housed in the college.

**Tuition Waivers**

For doctoral students on assistantships more than quarter time, all or most tuition is waived with a 9 credit limit in fall and spring. Tuition is generally waived on fellowships over $3,150 per semester. The percentage waived depends on graduate student union negotiations and funding levels. Students are responsible for miscellaneous fees (building, capital improvement trust fund, student financial aid, activity and service, athletic, and health [limited service]).
Loans
Doctoral students may be eligible under one of a variety of loan programs. Check with the Office of Financial Aid [http://www.sfa.ufl.edu/101/gradstudents2.html](http://www.sfa.ufl.edu/101/gradstudents2.html)

Travel Grants
Travel grants are awarded by the college for students whose research papers are accepted for presentation at refereed sessions of mass communication scholarly conferences. These funds are available for use on a fiscal year basis, July 1 to June 30, each year, and student allocations of travel funding are based on the fiscal year in which a conference falls. Travel grants will be awarded as graduate division funds are available and funding is not guaranteed – funds are limited. Additional travel funding is offered by the Graduate School and Graduate Student Council. Research and travel funding also may be available through the University of Florida’s Latin American Studies Center, African Studies, or Asian Studies, for research projects involving those areas. Forms and specific requirements and rules are available in the wall files located in the Graduate Division or online on the Graduate forms web page.

The following policies were developed and approved by the GSMCA and the Graduate Committee:

- Both masters and Ph.D. students will be eligible equally for conference funding. Students must be registered and in residence as full-time graduate students in the college at the time the paper is presented.
- One student on an accepted paper will be funded as long as funds are available.
- In the case of a multi-authored paper, the student authors must decide which author will request college funding to attend the conference. In the case that the authors disagree about who should be funded, authors may appeal to the Graduate Committee.
- $400 per fiscal year to support travel to a national conference, $150 per fiscal year to support travel to a regional conference.

Also, you must:
- submit a Grant Award Request Form to the Graduate Division at least 30 days before the travel dates.
- submit a copy of your acceptance letter/ email with your Travel Grant Award Request Form.
- submit all original itemized receipts. Reimbursement will be made for things such as lodging, airfare, and your own meals.

- include the original air fare receipt and/or rental car invoice and your hotel bill, even if neither of these is being used as the basis for reimbursement. Evidence of extravagant expenditure will nullify this award.
- turn in receipts by the dates posted each semester.
- submit a copy of the conference program. Copy should include cover page and schedule of the conference. Please highlight or note your presentation on the schedule.
- follow University of Florida’s travel procedures and policies.

We are committed to supporting graduate student success by supporting travel to the maximum extent the budget allows. We feel it is important to you, as well as to the College, to continue funding your conference travel to present your research to national audiences. Hopefully, these guidelines will enable us to support the broadest range of student work possible during the present budget limitations.

Please remember that some conferences try to help with graduate student travel and offer small grants for that purpose. The Graduate Student Council and the Graduate School offer travel money as well.

WORK LIMITATIONS FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

Funding is not guaranteed. In the cases where graduate students are funded in part or in whole by the College, they are limited to working a combined full time equivalency (FTE) of .50 FTE or 20 hours a week during the Fall and Spring semesters for all jobs on campus. During the summer, this limitation increases to 1.0 FTE. For students funded by the College, funding will not continue after the second year of Masters studies or the third year of Ph.D. studies, except for the Graduate School Fellowship program. These limitations are to assist our graduate students in their academic success and to allow them to focus on their graduate studies. Exceptions to these limitations will only be granted in the most extreme situations. Exemption petitions, in essay form, must be submitted to the Graduate Committee or College Administration if the Graduate Committee is not actively meeting.
COMMUNICATION WITHIN THE COLLEGE

The Graduate Studies Web Page is located within the College’s Web site and provides information including:

- Current Student Forms and Information,
- the Graduate Student Directory which includes contact information and pictures of current students,
- Course Offerings,
- links to the UF Graduate School, and other valuable information.

Please check the following site on a regular basis http://www.jou.ufl.edu/grad/default.asp

Graduate student and faculty mailboxes are located on the second floor in 2104, near the Dean’s Office. Graduate student mailboxes are separated into Doctoral and Master’s sections with Master’s students sharing mailboxes.

Email addresses should always be kept current with the Graduate Division staff. Important notices (and some not so important) are sent to all students as needed. The Graduate School communicates with students through their GatorLink email accounts. Please use your GatorLink (@uf.edu) email address as your primary email source for the university and this College.

GRADUATE FACULTY

Many of the college’s Graduate Faculty members are listed below, along with the undergraduate departments in which they hold appointment. Selected publications are given to illustrate research approaches. Students must conduct dissertation research within the boundaries set by faculty expertise. For more information please see the Graduate Faculty website at: http://www.jou.ufl.edu/grad/gradfac.asp

Alexander, Laurence B. Journalism. Research interests in media law and policy. Former chair of the Department of Journalism (1994-98). Since coming to UF in 1991, he has taught courses in mass media law and newspaper editing. He has written extensively on media law issues. Published in various communication journals and law reviews, including Communications and the Law, Editor & Publisher, Free Speech Yearbook, Journalism & Mass Communication Educator, National Trial Lawyer, Newspaper Research Journal, Notre Dame Journal of Legislation, Visual Communication Quarterly, and Yale Law & Policy Review. A native of New Orleans, he received a bachelor’s degree from the University of New Orleans, a master’s degree from UF, and a Juris Doctor from Tulane University. Also taught at Temple University and the University of New Orleans.

Professional journalism experience: The Houma Daily Courier, The Times-Picayune and The Philadelphia Inquirer. He is the Chairman of the Board of Directors of The Independent Florida Alligator.

Armstrong Cory L. Journalism. A former public affairs reporter in Ohio and Pennsylvania, Armstrong’s research interests are in gender representations, news content and credibility. She received her PhD from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and joined the UF faculty in 2004. In 2003, she won the Mary Gardner Award for Graduate Student Research from the AEJMC Commission on the Status of Women and she was awarded a Top 3 faculty paper in the newspaper division at the 2006 AEJMC annual conference. She teaches graduate courses in Race, Class, Gender and Media and Issues in the Press, along with undergraduate courses in Reporting and News Writing and Applied Fact Finding. She has been published in Journalism & Mass Communication Quarterly, Journal of Broadcasting & Electronic Media; Journal of Communication, Mass Communication & Society, and Newspaper Research Journal. Armstrong is a faculty affiliate with the Center for Women’s Studies and Gender Research at the University of Florida.

Babanikos, James. Telecommunication. Babanikos specializes in encoding practices of video and film production, media writing, and documentary theory and practice. He has been working as a writer/director in video and film since 1984. He has received production grants from the Independent Television Service, the National Educational Telecommunication Association, the Florida Arts Council, as well as the National Film Board of Canada. His works include A Second Chance (2004, 75:00, DVCPro 50, drama), Catherine’s Story (1999, 81:00, 16mm, drama); The Science Directorate (1999, 6:00, Betacam, corporate); Color My World: The Arts in Medicine (1998, 57:30, Betacam, documentary); C.P. Cavafy: From Ithaca to Tarpon Springs (1996, 29:50, Betacam, documentary); The Death of a Bachelor (1995,
25:00, 16mm film, drama); and Goodbye, Socrates (1992, 37:00, 16mm film, drama). Dr. Babanikos’ work has been screened in a number of international venues, and his projects have won a number of awards in various production competitions. Dr. Babanikos joined the faculty of Florida’s Department of Telecommunication in 1993 and teaches courses in the production sequence.

Calvert, Clay. Journalism. Director of the Marion B. Brechner First Amendment Project. Research interests include Communications Law, First Amendment Law, Freedom of Expression, Freedom of Speech, Mass Media Law. Calvert is the Brechner Eminent Scholar in Mass Communication at the University of Florida, arriving at the University in 2009. He formerly served as John and Ann Curley Professor of First Amendment Studies at the Pennsylvania State University, where he also co-directed the Pennsylvania Center for the First Amendment and had served as interim dean of the Schreyer Honors College. He has authored or co-authored more than 90 law journal articles on freedom of expression-related topics. Professor Calvert is co-author, along with Don R. Pember, of the market-leading undergraduate media law textbook, Mass Media Law: 2009/2010 (McGraw-Hill, 2008), and is author of the book Voyeur Nation: Media, Privacy, and Peering in Modern Culture (Westview Press, 2000). He received his J.D. with Great Distinction in 1991 from the University of the Pacific’s McGeorge School of Law and then earned a Ph.D. in 1996 in Communication from Stanford University, where he also completed his undergraduate work with a B.A. in Communication in 1987. He is a member of the State Bar of California.

Chance, Sandra F. Journalism. Executive Director, Brechner Center for Freedom of Information at www.brechner.org. Research interests include First Amendment and media law issues. She has written extensively on freedom of information issues, the media and the judiciary, and the role and responsibilities of the press. She is an Associate Professor in the Journalism Department and teaches media law at both the undergraduate and graduate level. Chance is developing an expertise in international FOI issues, and has traveled to Brazil, Jamaica, Peru and Chile to work with journalists and government officials in these emerging democracies and promote the principals of freedom of information. This past summer, she taught a special course, “Media and the Courts,” for judges from around the country at the National Judicial College, in the University of Nevada’s Judicial Studies Program. Chance graduated with honors from the University of Florida’s College of Law in 1990 and was named to the Order of the Coif. She practiced media law with the law firm of Holland & Knight in Tampa, Florida. There she handled litigation concerning access to public records and judicial proceedings, reporter subpoenas and Florida’s Government in the Sunshine Law. Chance also served as an Assistant General Counsel at the University of Florida. Chance has published in numerous academic and professional journals and newspapers, including Journalism & Mass Communication Educator, Communication Law and Policy, Journal of Broadcasting & Electronic Media, Arkansas Law Review, Journal of Law and Public Policy, Quill and Editor & Publisher. She has authored several chapters in Communications and the Law, a widely used textbook, and the Reporters’ Handbook. She’s also contributor to the Oxford Companion to American Law. She is on the editorial board of the Communication Law and Policy journal and the advisory board of UF’s College of Law’s Journal of Law and Public Policy.

Chan-Olmsted, Sylvia. Telecommunication. Chan-Olmsted specializes in media economics, strategic competition and new media, and media brand management. Her recent research includes international strategies for dealing with telecommunications and media convergence, mobile content ventures, alliances concerning cable television and telephony industries, Internet business models for traditional media, and branding issues involving television and the Internet. Chan-Olmsted is the author of the book, Competitive Strategy for Media Firms, and co-editor of the books, Handbook of Media Management and Economics and Global Media Economics, and author of numerous book chapters and articles published in refereed journals such as the Journal of Broadcasting and Electronic Media, Journalism & Mass Communication Quarterly, International Journal on Media Management, and the Journal of Media Economics. She is affiliated with the Communications Competitiveness Research Initiative of Public Utility Research Center (PURC) at the University of Florida and has received research grants from institutions such as the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB), Magness Institute at Cable Center, and Center for International Business Education and Research (CIBER).

Cleary, Johanna. Telecommunication. Prior to earning her doctorate from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2004, Cleary was a news director, reporter/producer and marketing director for Alabama Public Television. Her teaching interests include ethics.

Coffey, Amy Jo. Telecommunication. Coffey's research interests include audience economics and language, with an emphasis on foreign language programming within the United States, as well as market segmentation and other strategic competition issues. Her research interests stem in part from her professional news background, which included positions with CNN in Atlanta, as well as reporting, anchoring, assignment editing, and production positions in television and radio in Ohio, Tennessee, and Georgia. Dr. Coffey teaches courses in audience analysis, telecommunication programming, and telecommunications management. Dr. Coffey was the recipient of a 2006 research grant from the National Association of Broadcasters, and has made numerous presentations at meetings of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC), Broadcast Education Association (BEA), and the International Communication Association (ICA). Coffey received her Ph.D. from the University of Georgia.

Dodd, Julie E. Journalism. Research interests include effective teaching -- teaching media writing and teaching and technology; high school journalism; and sports media. Her articles have appeared in Newspaper Research Journal, Journalism & Mass Communication Educator, Editor & Publisher, Quill and Scroll and Communication: Journalism Education Today. She was editor of Scholastic Journalism in the Sunshine State (1996) and wrote four chapters for the textbook Mass Media Writing: An Introduction (1997).


Freeman, John. Journalism. John Freeman has headed the photojournalism program at the University of Florida since joining the faculty in 1991. His research interest focuses on successful photojournalists and has been published in Visual Communications Quarterly and News Photographer magazine. His professional experience includes six years as a staff photographer at The Wichita Eagle in Kansas and college internships at The Arizona Republic and Palm Beach Post. Freeman is also active in the National Press Photographers Association and was named NPPA Educator of the Year in 2001. He is a two-time winner of the College of Journalism’s Teacher of the Year award.

Goodman, Robyn. Advertising. Goodman’s teaching and research interests include health communications, visual communications, and gender, race, and media. Publications include, "Flabless is Fabulous: How Latina and Anglo Women Read, Negotiate, and Incorporate the Excessively Thin, Mediated Body Ideal Into their Everyday Experience," "Sculpting the Female Breast: How College Women Negotiate the Media’s Ideal Breast Image," and “Olympic Athletes and Heroism in Advertising: Gendered Concepts of Valor?“ all in Journalism and Mass Communication Quarterly. Dr. Goodman has worked as a sports reporter, advertising graphic designer and a freelance graphic designer. She has been recognized and received top paper awards for her research.


Kaplan, John. Journalism. Research and creative activities/interests include international journalism, societal displacement and civil rights. Since coming to UF in 1999, he has taught courses in international journalism, foreign correspondence, photojournalism and design. He is the author of Photo Portfolio Success, 2003 (Cincinnati: Writer’s Digest.) Published in journals including Viscom and Journalism History. Solo exhibits include Four Nations, Vanishing Heritage, Surviving Torture. Group exhibits include The Pulitzer Prize Photographs: Capture the Moment. Mass media publication credits include Life, Fortune and the New York Times. Awards include Pulitzer Prize for Feature Photography, Overseas Press Club Award, Robert F. Kennedy Award, AEJMC Best of the Web, Harry Chapin Media Award, National Newspaper Photographer of the Year. He is a member of the ACEJMC Accreditation Council. A native of Wilmington, Delaware, Kaplan received bachelors and master’s degrees from Ohio University. Also taught for Syracuse University, Ball State University and Ohio University.


Kim, Hyojin. Advertising. Kim’s research interest is in the application of advertising theories and strategies for health communication and promotion. Her research particularly focuses on consumer processing of health information and persuasion through interactive communication. Her dissertation was entitled, “The Effects of Interactivity on Learning: Implications for Stereotype Change.” Kim received the Master of Health Science in International Health with a focus of Applied Medical Anthropology at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and the Master of Arts and the Ph.D. in Advertising at University of Texas at Austin. Before she joined the advertising faculty in 2005, she worked at Korean Institute for Health and Social Affairs (KIHASA) and UNICEF Philippines among other places. She has been recognized and received numerous awards for her scholastic work, including a university continuing fellowship that is awarded to the top 5 continuing doctoral students at the University of Texas ($20,000). Her work has been published in Human Communication Research, Health Education Research, Journal of Interactive Advertising, and LBJ Journal of Public Affairs.

Kim, Sora. Public Relations. Sora Kim (Ph.D. University of Tennessee, 2008) was previously an assistant professor in the College of Communication at DePaul University in Chicago. She also has professional experience in the advertising and public relations fields. She has taught public relations principles, crisis communication management, international public relations, public relations management, research methods for the communication professional, and campaigns for both undergraduate and graduate students. Her research interests include: How different corporate communication strategies (CSR, Corporate ability, and Hybrid strategies) can influence consumers’ evaluations of companies and their products, Crisis communication management, Relationship management, and Corporate social responsibility (CSR)/Philanthropy.

Kiousis, Spiro K., Public Relations. Kiousis’ teaching areas include public relations strategy, public relations writing, mass communication theory, and persuasion. His research interests include political communication, online communication, agenda setting, framing, and persuasion. He has had articles published in several leading journals, including Communication Research, Mass Communication & Society, Communication Yearbook, Journalism Studies, and New Media & Society. He has also presented papers to the International Communication Association, Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, World Association for Public Opinion Research, and Southwest Education Council for Journalism and Mass Communication. Dr. Kiousis has professional experience in public relations, marketing, online journalism, and media production. He also has his APR credential from the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA).

Lee, Moon. Public Relations. Dr. Lee joined the faculty in the fall of 2009 after teaching in the Edward R. Murrow School of Communication at Washington State University. Her research interests include new communication technologies, mass communication and human decision making. She has taught courses in health communications and a variety of public relations topics. Dr. Lee received her MAMC and Ph.D. in Mass Communications from the University of Florida.

Leslie, Michael. International Communication. Leslie’s teaching/research areas include Communications/information technologies and national development, images of women and minorities in media, international/ intercultural communication. He teaches graduate courses in international/intercultural communication, and race/gender/class and media, and conducts cross-cultural research on the impact of media content on society. At the undergraduate level, he teaches courses in advanced writing for electronic media, ethics and race and media. Dr. Leslie served as a Fulbright Professor at the University of Yaounde (Cameroon), from 1987 to 1989 and as a lecturer in the department of mass communication at the University of Zambia, 1984-1987. Additionally, he has taught, lived or done research in Belgium, France, South Africa, Mexico, Cuba and Brazil. Dr. Leslie speaks, reads, and writes in English, Spanish, French and Portuguese. In addition to his Washington Ph.D., Dr. Leslie holds an M.S. from Columbia University, and has published his research in the Howard Journal of Communications, the Journal of Afro-Latin American Studies and Literatures, Africa Media Review and Journalism and Mass Communication Quarterly. He was awarded the Stephen H. Coltrin Award for Excellence in Communications Education in 1997.
Lewis, Norman. Journalism. Norm Lewis joined the faculty in the fall of 2007 after completing a doctorate at the University of Maryland. Before that, he worked for 25 years in the newspaper business, including 15 years as editor in chief of three dailies in the West. During three of those years, he also served as a publisher. While at Maryland, he worked on the financial desk of the Washington Post. His dissertation examined newspaper plagiarism from the perspective of organizational behavior, identifying the systemic influences and elements of newsroom culture that affect how plagiarism is defined and treated in U.S. daily papers.

Martinez, Belio. Public Relations. Martinez holds a Ph.D. in mass communication from the University of Florida, an M.A. degree in communication studies from the State University of New York at Albany and a B.A. degree in cultural studies from Empire State College in Saratoga Springs, New York. Dr. Martinez also earned an A.A.S. degree in visual communication technology at Fulton-Montgomery Community College in Johnstown, New York. His current research interests include political communication, public relations strategies for nation building, communication for development, communication and culture and public relations targeting minority groups in the United States. He has presented papers to the International Communication Association, the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, the National Communication Association and the New York State Communication Association. Dr. Martinez’s teaching areas include communication theory, public relations writing, public relations research, international and ethnic public relations and visual communication.


Morton, Cynthia. Advertising. Morton’s teaching interests are in advertising management, research, and strategic planning. Her current research interests are in source credibility and message effects, social communication, issue advertising, and product placement. Her work has been published in Journal of Current Issues and Research in Advertising, Journal of
Promotion Management, Journal of Nonprofit and Public Sector Marketing, Proceedings of the American Academy of Advertising, and The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science. She has presented papers at conferences sponsored by the American Academy of Advertising, the American Marketing Association, and the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication. In 2002, she was awarded the American Academy of Advertising's Research Fellowship Competition Award with collaborator and colleague Dr. Jorge Villegas. Morton has four years of professional experience in advertising and three years of experience in the not-for-profit sector. She holds degrees from The University of Georgia (A.B.J., M.B.A.) and from the University of Texas at Austin (Ph.D.).


Roberts, Churchill. Telecommunication. He received his BA from the University of Tennessee, MA from Memphis State University, and Ph.D. from the University of Iowa. He is the author of numerous articles on communication which have appeared in such journals as Broadcasting and Electronic Media, Journalism and Mass Communication Quarterly, Communication Monographs, and the International Communication Bulletin. He is co-author of Discovering Mass Communication (1992). Dr. Roberts has been the recipient of grants from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, the Florida Endowment for the Humanities, the National Endowment for the Humanities, Freedom Forum, Florida Department of Education, and the United States Agency for International Development. He served as executive producer of several PBS documentaries, including Giving Up the Canal (1990), Campaign for Cuba (1992), and Last Days of the Revolution (1994). The most recent Documentary Institute project, Freedom Never Dies, was completed in 2000 and aired on PBS in the spring of 2001. Dr. Roberts’ research interests are documentary film and the impact of media on society.

Robinson, Judy L. Journalism. Robinson is the Executive Director of the Florida Scholastic Press Association. She received her MAMC and Ph.D. in Mass Communications from the University of Florida. Her research interests include media & new media literacy, changing roles of scholastic journalism organizations, development and role of mobile media and diffusion & reinvention: podcasting. She recently presented “New Freedoms in Media: Teaching the Digital Journalism of Tomorrow.” She currently teaches Developing Digital Online Learning.


**Spiker, Ted.** Journalism. Creative activities: Writing for national consumer magazines. Specializes in health, fitness, narrative and essays. Contributing editor to *Men’s Health* magazine, editor-at-large of *Women’s Health* magazine, and work has also appeared in *Outside; Fortune; O, The Oprah Magazine; Runner’s World; Prevention; In Style; Sports Illustrated Women; St. Petersburg Times; Writer’s Digest; The Philadelphia Inquirer Sunday Magazine* and more. Co-author of two national bestselling health books, including YOU: *The Owner’s Manual*. Former articles editor for *Men’s Health* magazine. Also interested in research about the magazine industry with special emphasis on the effects and trends in magazine covers. Scholarly paper about the images portrayed in 9/11 magazine covers appeared in the *Journal of Magazine and New Media Research* (Spring 2003). Courses taught include Magazine & Feature Writing, Advanced Magazine & Feature Writing, Applied Magazines, Magazine Management, and Journalism as Literature.


**Tripp, Bernell.** Journalism. Specializes in sports writing and has won several awards for her spot sports coverage and sports writing. Before joining the College of Journalism and Communications, Tripp was a sports writer for the *Pensacola News* and freelanced for the *Orlando Sentinel, Florida Times-Union* and the *New Orleans Times-Picayune*.


**Zerba, Amy.** Journalism. Zerba teaches online journalism, multimedia storytelling and visual journalism. She spent 10 years as a journalist, working as a copy editor / page designer at the Sun-Sentinel, Houston Chronicle and Austin American-Statesman and most recently as a multimedia producer at CNN.com. She is an Alligator editor alum as well. Her area of research focuses on young adults (ages 18-29) and their news habits and non-news habits -- from print newspapers to online to social media. Two of her most recent projects include: examining the reasons behind why some young adults don't read print news; and experimenting with ways to increase relevancy, comprehension, interest and informativeness of news stories for a young adult audience. Her research interests include: the young adult news audience, news avoidance, uses and gratifications, online journalism and multimedia. Her research methods include, but are not limited to, experiments, online surveys, content analyses, secondary data analyses, in-depth interviews and focus groups.

**Zheng, Lu.** Advertising. Zheng’s research interests include construction of persuasion model, persuasion via narrative advertising, cross-cultural advertising, media planning, and health communication. Her work
has been published in *Advances in International Marketing, International Journal of Advertising, Asian Journal of Communication, China Media Research*, among others. Before enrolling in graduate school, Zheng was a news reporter for Xinhua News Agency in Beijing, China. During the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games, she worked as a trilingual (English, French, and Chinese) news reporter and photographer for *Village Life*, the official daily publication circulated inside the Olympic Village. She was also a reporter and photographer for *China Daily, Chinadaily.com.cn*, and a columnist for *21st Century* during the 2008 Olympics. She was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation by the U.S. Olympic Committee for her journalistic work.
APPENDIX A

Forms and Procedures for
Annual Evaluation of Doctoral Students
Annual Evaluation of Doctoral Students
College of Journalism and Communications
University of Florida

INFORMATION REQUESTED FROM STUDENTS

Each year the College of Journalism and Communications evaluates the progress of all doctoral students. A copy of the form used for this evaluation is on the next page. In order to facilitate this process, please provide your advisor with the following information. You may use these instructions as a format to fill in the categories.

1. **Coursework:** A copy of your degree plan. Include the grade for each course. If you received lower than a B in any course, explain the deficiency in this area and what you plan to do to redress it. If you have an “I” in a course, please explain your progress toward completion of this course.

2. **Progress Evaluation:** Statement evaluating your progress toward your degree schedule. List date you entered doctoral program, evaluate your progress toward requirements, give date you plan to complete coursework, take exams, complete degree.
   Please address specifically in your statement the following:
   (1) formation of a committee, including outside/external member; list names.
   Has the paperwork been submitted to the Graduate Division?
   (2) timeline for preparation or completion of qualifying exams, including oral defense of exam.
   (3) work on identifying dissertation topic and completing prospectus.
   (4) current GPA, any incompletes? If so, plans for completing.

3. **Research.** Using a standard citation format, such as APA or Chicago. Please list:
   (1) papers you have submitted to conferences in the past year.
   (2) papers you have presented to conferences in the past year.
   (3) publications submitted to scholarly or professional journals.
   (4) status of those publications.
   (5) creative activities submitted.
   (6) creative activities that were juried or presented.

4. **Assistantships/Fellowships/Scholarships:** If you have been receiving financial assistance for which you have been doing teaching, research, or other assigned duties, please list these in detail for at least the current and previous two semesters. If you have been teaching courses, please provide copies of the summary student teaching evaluations and copies of evaluations received from the supervisor of your work. If you are not teaching a course directly, please submit your supervisor’s evaluation of your work (assisting in a course, assisting with research, other assignment).

5. **Service:** If you have provided service to the department, college, university or profession, please discuss.

6. **Job Search:** Describe any activities you have been undertaking in your job search, if applicable.

7. **Curriculum Vitae:** Please provide a current copy of your curriculum vitae.

8. **Degree Plan:** Please include your degree plan.

Please also provide an electronic copy of your vitae in Microsoft WORD to the Associate Dean for Graduate Studies dtreise@jou.ufl.edu
NOTE: this is the form your advisor will complete and submit, following receipt of the information you provide.

**ANNUAL EVALUATION OF DOCTORAL STUDENTS**

**FACULTY REPORT**

Student’s Name: ____________________________

Beginning Date of Ph.D. Studies: ________ Anticipated Completion: ____________

Please comment on student’s progress on each item that is relevant to student progress at this point in the degree. Use back if necessary to provide details.

1. **Overall Progress toward the Degree:**
   - **Core Courses Completed:** Yes No
     - If no, is adequate progress being made? Yes No
   - **Specialization Courses Completed:** Yes No
     - If no, is adequate progress being made? Yes No
   - **Methodological Courses Completed:** Yes No
     - If no, is adequate progress being made? Yes No
   - **Number of Advanced Courses completed**
     - Is adequate progress being made? Yes No
   - **Supporting Courses Completed:** Yes No
     - If no, is adequate progress being made? Yes No
   - **Degree Plan Completed:** Yes No
     - If no, is adequate progress being made? Yes No
   - **Committee Formed by Submitting Paperwork to Graduate Division:** Yes No
   - **Comprehensive Exams Completed:** Yes No
   - **Dissertation Progress:** Satisfactory Unsatisfactory

2. **Academic Work:**
   - Satisfactory Unsatisfactory
     - GPA: __________
     - Incompletes?

3. **Research Accomplishments:**
   - Satisfactory Unsatisfactory
     - Number of conference papers submitted __________ number presented __________
     - Number of articles submitted __________ number published __________
     - Number of creative activities submitted __________ number presented or exhibited __________

4. **Assistantships/Fellowships/Scholarships:**
   - Satisfactory Unsatisfactory N/A
     - Courses Taught? __________________________ Assisted with? ____________

5. **Service to the Department, University, and/or Profession:**
   - Satisfactory Unsatisfactory Not able to judge

**Summary Evaluation Comments:**

Overall, how would you rate the progress of this doctoral student?

Excellent Good Average Below Average Unsatisfactory

Additional Comments: (use back of page)

Advisor: Name __________________________ Signature __________________________ Date __________________________

I have seen this evaluation and had the opportunity to respond. (Please use the back or additional pages to comment or respond.)

Student: Name __________________________ Signature __________________________ Date __________________________
APPENDIX B

Avoiding Plagiarism
Avoiding Plagiarism

By the time you reach graduate school, you should already have had the opportunity to write a research paper, and so you should have had some instruction in how to cite others’ work properly to ensure academic honesty and to give credit to those upon whose work they are drawing for their own papers. However, recent problems with plagiarism and improper citation have revealed that many students apparently do not understand what constitutes plagiarism or how to avoid plagiarizing by using others’ work correctly. This guide is meant to clarify what is acceptable use of others’ work and what is not.

Even after you have read this guide, however, it is imperative that students consult the instructor in each course if they have questions about properly citing others’ work. Don’t rely on your friends or other students to tell you what professors expect. Ask the professors themselves, and keep asking questions until you are certain you understand how material drawn from others’ work should be credited.

What types of materials must I cite to avoid plagiarism?
In short, everything. Any material you use, from any source, MUST be properly cited. If you yourself did not write the material – and if you did not write the way it appears in the paper – you must give credit to the original author or source. This includes material from scholarly publications, newspapers, magazines, advertising, press releases, television programs, web pages, conference papers, speeches, etc.

How should I cite material copied word-for-word from another source?
If you use material copied verbatim from any other source, you must enclose the verbatim material in quotation marks to indicate that the particular wording of the passage was not your own. For instance, look at the material below, drawn from an article published in the Journal of Health Communication.

“The results also show that the depiction of young models in ads for youth brands is not simply a consequence of the fact that people generally find younger models more attractive than older models. In the ads for the adult brands, such as Merit, Eve, and Carlton, few people perceived the models as less than 25 years old. Those brands are clearly targeted toward adults, usually promising lower tar and nicotine than other brands in an effort to encourage brand switching by addicted smokers, and consequently the models they depict are also clearly adults. Some brands in this study usually regarded as adult brands, notably Lucky Strike and Parliament, did feature models who appeared to a sizable proportion of participants to be under 25, perhaps indicating an effort to reposition these brands as youth brands.”

Talk is Cheap: The Tobacco Companies’ Violations of Their Own Cigarette Advertising Code
JEFFREY JENSEN ARNETT
Journal of Health Communication, 10:419–431, 2005

If you used part of a sentence from this segment of the article, it should appear like this:

Arnett (2005) concluded that the data “also show that the depiction of young models in ads for youth brands is not simply a consequence of the fact that people generally find younger models more attractive than older models” (p. 429).

The citation style might vary depending on which reference style you are using, but all reference styles require that you enclose the word-for-word material in quotation marks and indicate the page on which it appeared.
If you used the entire passage, most reference styles would require that you single-space the material and indent it from both margins. The indentation and single-spacing then take the place of the quotation marks to show that the wording is that of the original author, not yours.

The results also show that the depiction of young models in ads for youth brands is not simply a consequence of the fact that people generally find younger models more attractive than older models. In the ads for the adult brands, such as Merit, Eve, and Carlton, few people perceived the models as less than 25 years old. Those brands are clearly targeted toward adults, usually promising lower tar and nicotine than other brands in an effort to encourage brand switching by addicted smokers, and consequently the models they depict are also clearly adults. Some brands in this study usually regarded as adult brands, notably Lucky Strike and Parliament, did feature models who appeared to a sizable proportion of participants to be under 25, perhaps indicating an effort to reposition these brands as youth brands. (Arnett, 2005, p. 429).

**What if I want to paraphrase what another author wrote?**

The key to paraphrasing properly is to make sure you’re summarizing the meaning of the other author’s work in your own words, not simply making slight modifications to the original author’s wording. For instance, the “paraphrase” below is **not correct**:

Arnett (2005) concluded that his data showed that the **portrayal** of younger models in ads for youth brands was not merely a result of the reality that consumers generally find younger models more attractive. He argued that in the ads for adult-targeted brands, such as Merit, Eve, and Carlton, only a few people saw the models as less than 25 years old. Those brands are **obviously** targeted toward adults, typically advertising lower tar and nicotine than other brands in an attempt to encourage addicted smokers to switch brands, so the models they use are clearly adults.

In this **incorrect paraphrase**, a few words (which appear in **boldface**) have been changed; however, the essential structure of the information still mirrors what was written by the original author. Thus, it still constitutes plagiarism.

A **correct paraphrase** would read something like this:

One explanation for the use of younger models might be that consumers have been shown to perceive younger models as more attractive. However, Arnett (2005) concluded that model attractiveness did not explain the use of younger models in ads for youth-targeted cigarette brands because few participants perceived the models used in adult-targeted brands, such as Merit, Eve, and Carlton, as appearing younger than 25. These brands, usually aimed at persuading addicted smokers to switch brands, typically emphasize the brands’ lower tar and nicotine and use models who are obviously adults older than 25.

**An important note about paraphrasing:**

You’ll note that the preceding example of correct paraphrasing still includes the author’s name and the year the article was published. This is to make it clear that the ideas stated there are not yours – they are someone else’s.
What if I don’t have the original article but want to cite a work I’ve seen mentioned in another article?
First, you should be aware that citing someone else’s explanation of what a different author has said generally is not recommended. In most cases, you should seek out the original work because it’s always possible that when you read the original work, you will disagree with the interpretation of that work by the author whose citation you had seen.

However, if you cannot find the original work, your in-text citation makes reference to both the original work and the article in which you found it described. In the reference list, you will show that you were quoting from someone else’s citation of the work.

For instance, let’s say that you want to use this quote from James Tiedge and colleagues concerning the third-person effect:

“In either case, most people appear to be willing to subscribe to the logical inconsistency inherent in maintaining that the mass media influence others considerably more than themselves” (Tiedge, Silverblatt, Havice & Rosenfeld, 1991, p. 152).

But you can’t find the original work – instead, you only have the citation from Richard Perloff’s chapter in a book. In the text, cite both works:

“In either case, most people appear to be willing to subscribe to the logical inconsistency inherent in maintaining that the mass media influence others considerably more than themselves” (Tiedge, Silverblatt, Havice & Rosenfeld, 1991, p. 152, as cited in Perloff, 2002).

In the reference list, however, you would ONLY list Perloff:


What if there’s no author to cite?
Let’s say you want to use a passage from the First Amendment Center’s report on its 2005 State of the First Amendment Survey. If you were going to use the following paragraph word-for-word, you’d simply enclose the passage (or the part of it you used) in quotation marks. Instead of listing the author – because there isn’t one listed – you would credit the report itself in the reference (according to APA style – other styles may differ). In this case, it’s an online report, so there is no page number to list. Instead, you would list the paragraph number. In the reference list, you would provide the full citation for the report, including the URL at which the report can be found.

“Nearly 80% of respondents agreed that broadcasters should be allowed to televise the proceedings of the U.S. Supreme Court, though less than half agreed that broadcasters should be able to televise any courtroom trial they wish.” (“State of the First Amendment,” 2005, ¶11).

You’d use a similar procedure if you were going to paraphrase the material from that paragraph:

The State of the First Amendment survey (2005) revealed that less than 50 percent of respondents believe broadcasters should have free reign to televise any courtroom trial; however, almost 8 in 10 respondents supported broadcasts of U.S. Supreme Court cases.
APPENDIX C

Academic Integrity in Graduate Studies
The Penalties for Plagiarism
ACADEMIC INTEGRITY IN GRADUATE STUDIES  
IN THE COLLEGE OF JOURNALISM AND COMMUNICATIONS

All graduate students in the College of Journalism and Communications are expected to conduct themselves with the highest degree of integrity. It is the students’ responsibility to ensure that they know and understand the requirements of every assignment. At a minimum, this includes avoiding the following:

Plagiarism: Plagiarism occurs when an individual presents the ideas or expressions of another as his or her own. Students must always credit others’ ideas with accurate citations and must use quotation marks and citations when presenting the words of others. A thorough understanding of plagiarism is a precondition for admittance to graduate studies in the college.

Cheating: Cheating occurs when a student circumvents or ignores the rules that govern an academic assignment such as an exam or class paper. It can include using notes, in physical or electronic form, in an exam, submitting the work of another as one’s own, or reusing a paper a student has composed for one class in another class. If a student is not sure about the rules that govern an assignment, it is the student’s responsibility to ask for clarification from his instructor.

Misrepresenting Research Data: The integrity of data in mass communication research is a paramount issue for advancing knowledge and the credibility of our professions. For this reason any intentional misrepresentation of data, or misrepresentation of the conditions or circumstances of data collection, is considered a violation of academic integrity.

Misrepresenting data reported in a thesis or dissertation is a clear violation of the rules and requirements of academic integrity and honesty.

THE PENALTIES FOR PLAGIARISM

Any violation of the above stated conditions in any class taken at UF is grounds for immediate dismissal from the program and will result in revocation of the degree if the degree previously has been awarded.

This document applies to all students taking courses in the College of Journalism and Communications. If you are not a student in our college, please sign the document and return it to your professor.

I have read and understand this document, and I agree to abide by these standards.

________________________________________________________________________
Print Name Date

________________________________________________________________________
Signature
APPENDIX D

Doctoral Degree Plan
DEGREE PLAN FOR A PH.D. IN MASS COMMUNICATION

GRADUATE DIVISION – COLLEGE OF JOURNALISM AND COMMUNICATIONS
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
GRADUATE FACULTY APPROVAL 4-04, UPDATED JANUARY 2008, UPDATED FOR AUGUST 2010

Your Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________
Your Name Printed: ____________________________ UF ID #: ____________________________

Specialization: ____________________________
Methodological Approach(es): ____________________________
Supporting Studies: ____________________________
Languages (if any): ____________________________
Qualifying Exam: (anticipated term)
Graduation: (anticipated term)

Required Attachments: Statement of Research Interests and Intent, Curriculum Vitae, Program of Study and Transcripts

Supervisory Committee (Signatures with dates indicate approval of this degree plan.) Please complete the pink Supervisory Committee form at this time and obtain signatures on both documents. Return the form to the Grad Division.

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Approved

Associate Dean, Division of Graduate Studies and Research

Date
STATEMENT OF RESEARCH INTERESTS AND INTENT

Present your research program and goals for employment after graduation. As part of the essay relate experiences that have led to your interests and goals.

Within the context of your research program, discuss projects you are working on at the time this essay is written, projects in planning stages, and projects you have or would like to undertake before you complete your course work. Make clear the intellectual relationships among the various projects. List convention papers and scholarly journal and trade press publications anticipated from each project. Include both co-authored and solo works.

Describe your goals for employment after completing your degree.

Length: At least two pages, typed, and double-spaced.

CURRICULUM VITAE

Your Name
Doctoral Student
College of Journalism and Communications
University of Florida
PO Box 118400 - 2000 Weimer Hall
Gainesville FL 32611-8400

UF Student ID Number:
Local Residence:
EDUCATION
TEACHING EXPERIENCE
MASS COMMUNICATION WORK EXPERIENCE
RECENT HONORS
BOOKS
BOOK CHAPTERS
REFEREED PUBLICATIONS
OTHER PUBLICATIONS (Conference papers and others)
CURRENT RESEARCH
PROGRAM OF STUDY

The requirements for your degree plan are outlined below. You must explain and justify any departures from distribution requirements. Your degree plan must be approved by your advisor prior to pre-registration for your second semester of coursework. By the end of your second semester, your committee members from inside the college also must sign your degree plan. In addition, at that time, if you have not previously identified an outside member for your committee, you must submit three names for a potential outside member. You are urged to secure an outside committee member by pre-registration for your third semester. Your degree plan will be approved by the associate dean at the end of the second semester.

List individual courses under appropriate headings. For an example of how to present courses, see courses listed under Core, and dissertation research listings below. Include grades for courses already completed. *The degree plan represents the minimum number of hours to fulfill the degree requirements. Your advisor may require additional course work in many cases.

**Required Courses**  With advisor approval, up to 30 credits from your master’s degree program can be applied to doctoral program requirements. **Students must take a minimum of five advanced-level courses, at least three of which must be taken in the College.** Advanced-level courses are defined as those that require the completion of an original scholarly paper (academic conference quality) that advances knowledge in the field. These courses can fit under the Specialization, Methodological or Supporting categories listed below. No more than two of these courses may be taken as independent study. These hours may not include 7979/7980 course hours. A minimum of 9 credit hours of coursework must be taken outside the college. No substitute or transfer courses are allowed to substitute for advanced-level courses. Please attach syllabi for all advanced-level courses.

**Core Courses, 6 hours required**

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**Total Credits**

**Specialization Courses, 12-20 credits required** *(List courses individually.)* Essential courses in area of interest, primarily from this college.

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### Supporting Courses, 26 Credits Required *(List additional courses individually.)*

(Not: Courses in this area may be used to strengthen areas of teaching, area specialization, and foundational expertise. **A minimum of 9 credit hours of coursework must be taken outside the college.** Please see the Doctoral Handbook for more details.)

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**Dissertation Research, 18-24 Credits Required,** may be taken in any combination, however, MMC 7980 may be taken only after you are approved for candidacy. See Doctoral Handbook for more information.

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**Grand Total**

- **Total Required:** 90 Credits
- **5 Advanced Level Courses**
APPENDIX E

Incomplete Grade Contract
INCOMPLETE-GRADE CONTRACT

COURSE NUMBER AND NAME: __________________________________________

SEMESTER AND YEAR OF COURSE: ____________________________________

STUDENT'S NAME: ___________________________________________________

STUDENT'S UFID #: _________________________________________________

INSTRUCTOR'S NAME: ________________________________________________

ADVISOR’S NAME: ___________________________________________________

REQUIREMENTS: “I” grades are not to be used when a student is doing less than satisfactory work in a class and the instructor simply wants to provide him or her with another chance to do better. Instructors are not required to assign incomplete grades; they may be given at the discretion of the Instructor in compliance with the terms and completion of this “Incomplete-Grade Contract.” As agreed to by the Graduate Faculty of the College of Journalism and Communications, Doctoral students are allowed a maximum of three (3) incompletes (including “no grades”) and three (3) U grades, Master’s students are allowed only two (2) of each. Per the vote of the Graduate Faculty, a student who receives more than the allowed number of I/U grades will be suspended for two semesters and be required to reapply to the program by submitting the application for readmission to the Graduate Committee for approval. With this in mind, and so that students can continue to try to meet all established academic standards in a timely fashion and progress through their graduate work, all of the following conditions must be true for the student to be eligible to receive an “I” grade.

1. The student must have completed a major portion of the course with a passing grade.

2. The student is unable to complete the course requirements before the end of the term because of extenuating circumstances beyond his or her control, such as a documented serious illness, that are directly relevant to the inability to complete the requirements.

3. The student and instructor have discussed the situation prior to the final graded assessment in the course (except under emergency conditions where such discussion is not feasible, including but not limited to medical or family emergencies).

If all three of these conditions are met, then the following portion of this form applying for an “I” grade must be completed, including all appropriate signatures and submitted to Kim Holloway, Program Assistant in the Graduate Division, by the date grades are due for the term in which the “I” grade is assigned. It is the student’s responsibility to make sure this document is filed by the deadline.
A. **RATIONALE:** EXPLAIN THE REASONS FOR THE “I” GRADE (ATTACH ADDITIONAL PAGES IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED).

B. **REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPLETION:** IDENTIFY ALL OF THE SPECIFIC PROJECTS, PAPERS, EXAMS AND OTHER REQUIRED MATTERS THAT MUST BE FINISHED BY THE STUDENT IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THE COURSE.

C. **PENALTY:** PLEASE INDICATE IF A PENALTY WILL BE ASSESSED FOR UTILIZING THE DELAYED GRADE, AND IF SO DESCRIBE: (for example, dropping final grade by one letter)

   YES: ____ describe:__________________________________________
   NO: _____

D. **DATE:** DATE BY WHICH ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS MUST BE COMPLETED TO REMOVE “I” GRADE: ____/___/20___

E. **UNSATISFACTORY COMPLETION:** FINAL GRADE STUDENT WILL RECEIVE IF ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS ARE NOT COMPLETED BY THE AGREED-UPON DATE IN (ABOVE) ITEM “D”: _____

F. PLEASE **LIST ANY COURSES** (AND THE TERMS) IN WHICH YOU HAVE RECEIVED A GRADE OF I, U, OR NO GRADE IN PREVIOUS SEMESTERS.

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Upon completion of the work required to remove the “I” grade, the Instructor must fill out a *Change of Grade Form* and submit it to Jody Hedge, Program Assistant/Current Graduate Student Records for the College of Journalism and Communications.

*It is the responsibility of the student to make sure that all such paperwork is filed.*

Any and all exceptions to this process and contract require specific written approval of the Associate Dean for Graduate Studies.

*Updated 03/11/2011*
APPENDIX F

Highlights in the History of the College
# HIGHLIGHTS IN THE HISTORY OF THE COLLEGE

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<td>University News, forerunner of Independent Florida Alligator, first published.</td>
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<td>1925</td>
<td>Legislature approves appropriation for setting up Department of Journalism and hiring full-time professor. First full-time professor, Orland Kay &quot;O.K.&quot; Armstrong, sets up Department of Journalism.</td>
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<td>1927</td>
<td>Faculty expands to two as Elmer J. Emig arrives.</td>
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<td>1928</td>
<td>First degrees in journalism conferred in June. WRUF-AM goes on air.</td>
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<td>1929</td>
<td>Elmer J. Emig named Department head, July 1, 1929.</td>
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<td>1947</td>
<td>In summer term, first master's degree conferred.</td>
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<td>1948</td>
<td>Faculty expands to three when John Paul Jones, Jr., arrives.</td>
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<td>1949</td>
<td>School of Journalism founded, July 1, 1949. Rae O. Weimer named Director of School. WRUF-FM goes on air.</td>
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<td>1950</td>
<td>School of Journalism accredited, July 1, 1950.</td>
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<td>1954</td>
<td>School expands to School of Journalism and Communications.</td>
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<td>1955</td>
<td>School accredited in Advertising. School moves to Stadium Building.</td>
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<td>1956</td>
<td>University's first teaching by television started in School.</td>
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<td>1958</td>
<td>Board of Control designates University of Florida to have only state School of Journalism and Communications in Florida. WUFT-TV goes on air. School accredited in Radio-Television.</td>
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<td>1959</td>
<td>James &quot;Mickey&quot; Ellenberg, Jr., becomes 500th journalism graduate at June Commencement.</td>
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<td>1967</td>
<td>Board of Regents votes for School to become College.</td>
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<td>1968</td>
<td>John Paul Jones, Jr., named Dean of College.</td>
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<td>1969</td>
<td>100th student graduated from master's program.</td>
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<td>1970</td>
<td>Communication Research Center becomes a full-time operation.</td>
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<td>1972</td>
<td>College departmentalized into Advertising, Broadcasting, Journalism, and Public Relations.</td>
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<td>1973</td>
<td>Independent Florida Alligator becomes independent and moves off-campus.</td>
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<td>1976</td>
<td>Ralph L. Lowenstein named Dean of College. School accredited in Public Relations.</td>
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<td>1980</td>
<td>College moves into Weimer Hall in spring quarter.</td>
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<td>College initiates &quot;Professional Summer&quot; program for faculty members.</td>
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<td>1981</td>
<td>WUFT-FM goes on air.</td>
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<td>1986</td>
<td>500th student graduated from master's program.</td>
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<td>1989</td>
<td>W10BR (now WRUF) goes on the air.</td>
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<td>1990</td>
<td>In May, first two doctoral degrees in mass communication conferred.</td>
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1994  Terry Hynes named Dean of College.
The Interactive Media Lab is established.
1996  Graduate programs received highest overall ratings in the nation in *U.S. News and World Report*.
Documentary Institute joins the College of Journalism and Communications.
1997  College offers a new degree plan in documentary production.
1998  Department of Advertising is certified as an Institute by the International Advertising Association. This is the first fully certified institute in the United States.
1999  College offers a new degree program in sports communication and a joint Juris Doctor/Ph.D. in mass communication.
College awards its 50th Ph.D. degree.
2000  “Celebration 2000” in recognition of the 75th anniversary of the beginning of a formal journalism curriculum at UF and the 50th anniversary of Rae O. Weimer’s arrival at UF.
Division of Graduate Studies offers a project option in addition to thesis and non thesis options for the Master’s degree.
The Graduate Division was officially renamed the Division of Graduate Studies.
2001  College offers a new degree program in Science/Health Communication.
2002  New addition to Weimer Hall which houses the Radio Reading Service was dedicated.
College awards its 75th Ph.D. degree
College awards its 1200th Master’s degree
Master of Advertising admits first class of students
2003  College admits first students to 4/1 joint master’s degree programs
2004  College awards its 100th Ph.D. degree
College awards first MADV degrees in spring 2004.
2006  John W. Wright, II named Interim Dean of the College
Linda Hon named Associate Dean of the College
ACEJMC re-accredits the undergraduate and graduate programs.
2007  John Wright named Dean of the College of Journalism and Communications
2008  ABC News opens bureau at Weimer Hall
College creates country’s first chair in Public Interest Communications
2010  Michael Weigold named Associate Dean for Undergraduate Affairs and Enrollment Management
Center for Media Innovation + Research opens in the College.
The College of Journalism and Communications and the University Athletic Association announced a partnership that moves Gatorvision, the multimedia operations unit of UAA, to Weimer Hall. The partnership will expand opportunities for professional education of students.
This is the 3rd year in a row that the College has the highest number of accepted papers at our largest conference—AEJMC.
2011  College offers first online Master’s program.
Ranked 6th of 91 programs nationwide in placement of doctoral students.