

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

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DEGREE PLAN OF: _____
Please print your name.

DATE _____

SPECIALTY: _____

MINOR (if any): _____

ADVISER: _____

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

Students seeking to earn a specialization in communications law within the MAMC in Journalism must, subject to the discretion of their faculty advisor and the Sr. Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Research: 1) take and complete MMC 5206 within Section B (Journalism Courses), regardless of whether they have successfully completed a prior media law class with a B- or higher; 2) take and complete MMC 6665 and MMC 6666 within Section C (Electives); and 3) complete a master’s thesis (not a project-in-lieu of a thesis) on a communications law topic. Students seeking to enter a joint degree program culminating in both a Juris Doctor degree, awarded by the College of Law, and a Master of Arts in Mass Communication degree, awarded by the College of Journalism and Communications, must satisfy the curriculum requirements for each degree. Certain courses may be used in partial satisfaction of the requirements of both degrees. The Graduate Division of the College of Journalism and Communications will allow up to eleven (11) credits of appropriate law courses to be credited toward the MAMC and JD degrees. The 11 credits selected from the law curriculum require the approval of the Sr. Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Research upon the recommendation of the student’s graduate supervisory committee.

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

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

*May substitute MMC 6936—Qualitative Research, with permission from your adviser.

B. JOURNALISM. 12 CREDITS REQUIRED. Must be letter-graded and NOT S/U.

Three of these credits **MUST** be MMC 5206 unless student has successfully completed a prior media law class with a grade of B- or higher.

		Credit	Term/Year	Grade
JOU 5007	History of Journalism	3	_____	_____
JOU 5705	Issues and the Press	3	_____	_____
JOU 6309	Seminar in Journalism as Literature	3	_____	_____
MMC 5015	Survey of Electronic Publishing	3	_____	_____
MMC 5206	Advanced Law of Mass Communication	3	_____	_____
MMC 6612	New Media and a Democratic Society	3	_____	_____
MMC 6936	Sports Media and Society	3	_____	_____
MMC 6936	Magazine and Feature Writing	3	_____	_____
MMC 6905	Individual Work: advanced skills	3	_____	_____
MMC 6936	Special Topics in Mass Communication—various topics	_____	_____	_____

C. ELECTIVES. 6 CREDITS REQUIRED. Chosen from graduate courses within or outside the college, which may be applied toward a minor or supporting field. Must be letter-graded and NOT S/U.

		Credit	Term/Year	Grade
MMC 5306	International Communication	3	_____	_____
MMC 6409	Science/Health Communication	3	_____	_____
MMC 6417	Seminar in Mass Media and Health	3	_____	_____
MMC 6423	Content Analysis Methods	3	_____	_____
MMC 6615	Race, Class, Gender & Media	3	_____	_____
MMC 6618	Survey of Political Communication	3	_____	_____
MMC 6665	Seminar in First Amendment Theory.*	4	_____	_____

MMC 6666 Seminar in Research in Mass Communication Law 4 _____

MMC 6930	Seminar in Mass Communication Teaching	3	_____	_____
MMC 6936	Documentary and Social Change	3	_____	_____
MMC 6936	Social Influence of New Media	3	_____	_____
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D. SOCIAL SCIENCES/HUMANITIES REQUIREMENT (credits do not apply toward minimum degree requirements). Grade of C or higher required.

REQUIREMENT FULFILLED THROUGH:	Credit	Term/Year	Grade
Statistics	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

E. ARTICULATION & OTHER COURSES, if any (credits do not apply toward minimum degree requirements).

	Credit	Term/Year	Grade
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

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

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

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

Signatures below indicate approval of this degree plan.

_____	<i>Signature of Student</i>	_____	<i>Date Signed</i>
_____	<i>Signature of Academic Advisor</i>	_____	<i>Date Signed</i>
_____	<i>Signature of Graduate Coordinator</i>	_____	<i>Date Signed</i>
_____	<i>Signature of Senior Associate Dean, Division of Graduate Studies and Research</i>	_____	<i>Date Signed</i>

*See Graduate Catalog for prerequisites.