

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 MARCH 2012**

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.

| | SIGNATURE | DATE | DEPARTMENT |
|---------|------------------------------------|-------|--------------------|
| Chair: | _____ <i>First Professor</i> | _____ | Mass Communication |
| Member: | _____ <i>Second Professor</i> | _____ | Mass Communication |
| Member: | _____ <i>Third Professor</i> | _____ | Mass Communication |
| Member: | _____ <i>Outside Professor</i> | _____ | |
| Member: | _____ <i>Optional Professor</i> | _____ | |

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

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, 9 HOURS REQUIRED

| COURSE | TERM & YEAR | CREDITS | GRADE | ADVANCED |
|---|--|---------|-------|----------|
| MMC 6402 – Mass Communication Perspectives | 1 st Fall | 4 | | Y |
| MMC 6929 – Communication Colloquium | 1 st Fall | 2 | | N |
| <small>(prior to fall 2010, MMC 6929 was taught over two terms, 1 credit each term)</small> | | | | |
| MMC 6930 – Seminar in Mass Comm Teaching | 1 st Fall or 1 st Spring | 3 | | N |

Total Credits _____

SPECIALIZATION COURSES, 12-20 CREDITS REQUIRED (List courses individually.) Essential courses in area of interest, primarily from this college.

| COURSE | TERM & YEAR | CREDITS | GRADE | ADVANCED |
|--------|-------------|---------|-------|----------|
| | | | | Y/N |
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| | | | | Y/N |
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| | | | | Y/N |

Total Credits _____

METHODOLOGICAL COURSES, 12-20 CREDITS REQUIRED *(List additional courses individually.)*

| COURSE | TERM & YEAR | CREDITS | GRADE | ADVANCED |
|--------------------------|-------------|---------|-------|----------|
| Methods (inside college) | | 3 | | Y/N |
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Total Credits _____

SUPPORTING COURSES, 26 CREDITS REQUIRED *(List additional courses individually.)*

(Note: 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.)

| COURSE | TERM & YEAR | CREDITS | GRADE | ADVANCED |
|--------|-------------|---------|-------|----------|
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| | | | | Y/N |

Total Credits _____

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.

| COURSE | TERM & YEAR | CREDITS | GRADE | ADVANCED |
|---|-------------|---------|-------|----------|
| MMC 7979 - Advanced Research | | | | N |
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| MMC 7980 - Research for Doctoral Dissertation | | | | N |
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Total Credits _____

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| TOTAL REQUIRED | 90 CREDITS | 5 ADVANCED LEVEL COURSES |
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