

# Make Plans Now to Complete Your Study in Journalism and Emerging Media (JOUR)

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**Journalism Students:** A sample program of study is below; taking summer classes could accelerate your progress. Your own program of study may vary, depending on course availability and your eligibility based on a number of factors (which includes prerequisites and grades). This is merely an example of a four-year plan. We recommend that you take 15 hours of course work (5 courses) a semester to put you on track to graduate in four years. As a Journalism and Emerging Media major, you must make a "C" or higher to successfully complete SOCM courses. Journalism and General Education checklists are available on the SOCM web site: <https://chss.kennesaw.edu/socm/advising.php>. A Certificate in Multiplatform News Reporting is also available through our program. Your classes in a minor or certificate program can go toward your Related Studies area; if you don't choose to take a minor, you still need to take 12 hours of Related Studies courses.

Semester 1 (15 credit hours)	Semester 2 (15 credit hours)
Gen ED: ENGL 1101 (Area A) – 3 hours Gen ED: ECON 1000 (Area B Contemporary Economic Issues) – 2 hours Gen ED: COM 1100 (Area B - see catalog for other options) – 3 hours Gen ED: SCI 1101 or GEOG 1112 or 1113 (Area D) – 4 hours Gen ED: MATH 1101 or 1111 (Area A) - 3 hours	<b>COM 2129 – Public Speaking (Area F) – 3 hours</b> Gen ED: ENGL 1102 (Area A) – 3 hours Gen ED: STAT 1401 (Area A) – 3 hours <b>COM 2230 – Intro to Mass Com (Area F) – 3 hours</b> ● Prereq: ENGL 1102 Gen ED: World History (Area E) <i>Select from the following</i> - 3 hours ● HIST 1100                      ● HIST 1111                      ● HIST 1112
Semester 3 (15 credit hours)	Semester 4 (15 credit hours)
<b>COM 2020 – COM Sources &amp; Investigations (Area F) – 3 hours</b> ● Prereq: ENGL 1102 <b>COM 2033 – Visual Communication (Area F) – 3 hours</b> ● Prereq: ENGL 1102 <b>COM 2135 – Writing for Public Communication (Area F) – 3 hours</b> ● Prereq: ENGL 1102 <b>COM 2240 – Communication Law, Ethics, &amp; Diversity (Area F) – 3 hours</b> ● Prereq: ENGL 1102 1 (of 4) Free elective – 3 hours <b>MILESTONE: Free electives are any course (1000-4000 level) in the university curriculum, making a "D" or better.</b> <b>MILESTONE: The following classes must be completed to be eligible to apply for your JOUR major: COM 2020, COM 2033, COM 2129, COM 2135, COM 2240. Take your writing test at the end of the semester.</b>	<b>MILESTONE: Apply to JOUR at the beginning of the semester.</b> <b>JOUR 3330 – New Reporting and Writing – 3 hours</b> ● Prereq: COM 2135 & COM 2230 <b>COM 3435 – Communication Research Methods – 3 hours</b> ● Prereq: COM 2135 & COM 2020 Gen ED: POLS 1101 (Area E) – 3 hours Gen ED: Arts & Culture of the World (Area C) <i>Select from the following</i> – 3 hours ● ART 1107    ● DANC 1107    ● MUSI 1107    ● TPS 1107 Gen ED: Literature of the World (Area C) <i>Select from the following</i> – 3 hours ● ENGL 2110    ● ENGL 2120    ● ENGL 2130    ● ENGL 2132 ● ENGL 2111    ● ENGL 2121    ● ENGL 2131    ● ENGL 2300 ● ENGL 2112    ● ENGL 2122
Semester 5 (15 credit hours)	Semester 6 (15 - 16 hours)
<b>COM 3340 – Digital Media Production – 3 hours</b> ● Prereq: COM 2230                      ● Declared SOCM Major <b>JOUR 4470 – Media Law – 3 hours</b> ● Prereq: COM 2230 & POLS 1101    ● Declared SOCM Major <b>JOUR 4420 – Advanced Media Writing – 3 hours</b> ● Prereq: JOUR 3330                      ● Declared SOCM Major 1 (of 4) Related Studies courses – 3 hours 2 (of 4) Related Studies courses – 3 hours <b>MILESTONE: Related studies must be 3000 – 4000 level courses outside of SOCM.</b>	<b>MENT 4424 - Uses &amp; Effects of Mass Media– 3 hours</b> ● Prereq: COM 3435 & 60+ credit hours                      ● Declared SOCM Major <b>Advanced JOUR Writing - <i>Select from the following</i> - 3 hours</b> <b>JOUR 4300 - Topics in Journalism</b> ● Prereq: JOUR 3330                      ● Declared SOCM Major <b>JOUR 4410 - Investigative Reporting</b> ● Prereq: JOUR 3330                      ● Declared SOCM Major <b>JOUR 4412 - Sports Reporting</b> ● Prereq: JOUR 3330 & COM 3340                      ● Declared SOCM Major Gen ED: HIST 2111 or 2112 (Area E) – 3 hours Gen Ed: SCI 1102 or GEOG 1112 or 1113 (Area D) – 3 or 4 hours 2 (of 4) Free Electives – 3 hours
Semester 7 (15 credit hours)	Semester 8 (15 credit hours)
<b>Advanced Digital Journalism – <i>Select from the following</i> – 3 hours</b> <b>JOUR 3360 – Photojournalism</b> ● Prereq: COM 3340                      ● Declared SOCM Major <b>JOUR 4445 – Advanced Digital Audio Production</b> ● Prereq: JOUR 3330, COM 3340, & 90+ credit                      ● Declared SOCM Major <b>JOUR 4450 – Video News Production</b> ● Prereq: JOUR 3330 & COM 3340                      ● Declared SOCM Major <b>Advanced JOUR Professional Practice – <i>Select from the following</i> – 3 hours</b> <b>COM 3350 – Editing for Today's Media</b> ● Prereq: COM 2135                      ● Declared SOCM Major <b>COM 3398 – Internship (3 hours)</b> ● Approval of department internship coordinator <b>JOUR 3395 – Journalism Study Tour</b> ● Prereq: COM 2230 & 30+ hours                      ● Declared SOCM Major <b>PR 4605 – Magazine Media</b> ● Prereq: PR 3375, 4405, or JOUR 3330                      ● Permission of Instructor 1 (of 2) SOCM Upper Division Electives – 3 hours 3 (of 4) Related Studies Courses – 3 hours 3 (of 4) Free Electives – 3 hours	<b>JOUR 4488 – Multi-Media Visions of Communication – 3 hours</b> ● Prereq: COM 3435 and one of the following: JOUR 3360, 4412, 4445, or 4450 ● Declared SOCM Major <b>2 (of 2) SOCM Upper Division Electives – 3 hours</b> 4 (of 4) Related Studies Courses – 3 hours 4 (of 4) Free Electives – 3 hours Gen ED: Social Sciences (Area E) <i>Select from the following</i> – 3 hours: ● ANTH 1102    ● PSYC 1101    ● ECON 2100 ● CRJU 1101    ● SOCI 1101 ● GEOG 1101    ● STS 1101
<b>Certificate in Multiplatform News Reporting (Optional)</b> See the declaration form here: <a href="http://chss.kennesaw.edu/socm/docs/multiplatform_news_certificate.pdf">http://chss.kennesaw.edu/socm/docs/multiplatform_news_certificate.pdf</a>	
<b>Required Courses:</b> ● JOUR 3330 – News Reporting and Writing ● COM 3340 – Digital Media Production ● JOUR 4445 (Advanced Digital Audio Production) or JOUR 4450 (Video News Production) ● JOUR 4488 – Multi-Media Visions of Community	<b>Elective Courses:</b> (Choose 2 of the following not already taken as part of required certificate coursework) ● JOUR 3310 – Concepts in New Media ● JOUR 3360 – Photojournalism ● PR 4405 – Digital Publication Design ● COM 3398 – Internship ● JOUR 4445 – Advanced Digital Audio Production ● JOUR 4450 – Video News Production