

KSU School of Journalism and Mass Communication

Master's Program Course Requirements

Reporting/Editing: Newspaper Option

Professional Prerequisites*

JMC 50002 Reporting for Mass Media	3 hours
JMC 50003 Editing for Mass Media	3 hours

Required Core Courses (16-19)

JMC 60000 Intro to Graduate Studies	1 hour
JMC 60002 Legal Problems	3 hours
JMC 60003 Ethics	3 hours
JMC 60001 Theory	3 hours
JMC 60007 Research Methods	
Or other approved research course	3 hours
JMC 60396 Master's Professional Project	
Or	
JMC 60296 Advanced Readings	3 hours
Or	
JMC 60199/60299 Thesis I, II	6 hours

Required Professional Courses (14)

JMC 56009 Reporting Public Affairs	4 hours
JMC 50004 Computer Assisted Reporting	3 hours
JMC 50005 Feature Writing	3 hours
JMC 56021 Magazine Writing & Editing	3 hours
Or	
JMC 66010 Specialized Reporting (ex., Business, Science)	
JMC 66092 Internship	1 hour **

50 percent of coursework must be at the 60000 level.

50 percent of coursework must have JMC course numbers

Choose two from the following list***

JMC 50012 Online Journalism	3 hours
JMC 56016 Magazine Publishing	3 hours
JMC 56020 Magazine Design	3 hours
JMC 56021 Magazine Writing & Editing	3 hours
JMC 60195 ST: Design for Cybermedia	3 hours
JMC 66010 Specialized Reporting	3 hours
JMC 66015 Role of the Editor	3 hours
JMC 60009 Social Role of the Mass Media	3 hours
IAKM/COMM/SLIS/VCD 50000/60000 – one class as appropriate, approved by adviser	

Total hours

36

*Hours do not count toward graduation, but grades do. Students may be exempted from the classes only by a vote of the graduate studies committee upon the recommendation of the graduate studies coordinator, the news sequence coordinator and the student's individual adviser. If they are exempted from the prerequisites, they may substitute higher level classes. Students will be exempted only with significant professional experience as exhibited by a portfolio or other documentation as required by the coordinators.

**Recommendation from initial meeting with news faculty (may be waived).

***Students doing a six-hour Thesis will select only two.