

Make Plans Now to Complete Your Study in Journalism and Emerging Media in Four Years

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. Note that you may need to include one 18-hour semester (6 classes) to complete your degree requirements if you attend only in Fall and Spring semesters, or take one class during a Summer semester (*see below). Many students choose a summer Internship (COM 3398) to satisfy this requirement. 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: <http://socm.hss.kennesaw.edu/resources/advising/>. [A Certificate in Multiplatform News Reporting is also available through our program.](#) Your classes in a minor or certificate program can fill 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) – 3 hours Gen Ed: SCI 1101 (Area D) – 4 hours 1 (of 4) Free Electives (KSU 1101) MILESTONE: Free electives are any course (1000-4000 level) in the university curriculum, making a "D" or better	COM 2129 – Public Speaking (Area F) – 3 hours Gen Ed: ENGL 1102 (Area A) – 3 hours Gen Ed: MATH 1101 or 1111 (Area A) – 3 hours Gen Ed: Arts and Culture of the World (Area C) Select from the following – 3 hours • ART 1107 • DANC 1107 • MUSI 1107 • TPS 1107 Gen Ed: World History (Area E) Select from the following – 3 hours • HIST 1110 • HIST 1111 • HIST 1112
Semester 3 (15 credit hours)	Semester 4 (15 credit hours)
COM 2020 – COM Sources & Investigations (Area F) – 3 hours • Prereq: ENGL 1102 COM 2033 – Visual Communication (Area F) – 3 hours • Prereq: ENGL 1102 COM 2135 – Writing for Public Communication (Area F) – 3 hours • Prereq: ENGL 1102 COM 2230 – Intro to Mass Communication (Area F) – 3 hours • Prereq: ENGL 1102 Gen Ed: MATH 1107 (Area D) – 3 hours MILESTONE: All Area F SOCM courses must be completed. Take the writing test at the end of the semester.	MILESTONE: Apply to the major at the beginning of the semester JOUR 3330 – News Reporting and Writing – 3 hours • Prereq: COM 2135 and COM 2230 or 2205 COM 3435 – Communication Research Methods – 3 hours • Prereq: COM 2135 and (COM 2205 or 2230) Gen Ed: POLS 1101 (Area E) – 3 hours ICT 2101 - Computers and Your World (Area F) – 3 hours Gen Ed: Literature of the World (Area C) Select from the following – 3 hours: • ENGL 2110 • ENGL 2121 • ENGL 2131 • ENGL 2111 • ENGL 2122 • ENGL 2132 • ENGL 2112 • ENGL 2130 • ENGL 2300 • ENGL 2120
Semester 5 (18 credit hours)	Semester 6 (15 credit hours)
JOUR 3340 – Digital Media Production – 3 hours • Prereq: COM 2230 or 2205 and ICT • Declared SOCM major 2101 JOUR 4470 – Media Law – 3 hours • Prereq: COM 2230 and POLS 1101 JOUR 4420 – Advanced Media Writing – 3 hours • Prereq: JOUR 3330 • Declared SOCM major 1 (of 4) Related Studies courses – 3 hours 2 (of 4) Related Studies courses – 3 hours WELL 1000 – Fitness for Living – 3 hours MILESTONE: Related studies must be 3000 – 4000 level courses outside of SOCM	COM 4480 – Communication Theory – 3 hours • Prereq: COM 3435 and 60+ credit • Declared SOCM major hours Advanced JOUR Writing – Select from one of the following - 3 hours • JOUR 4300 – Topics in Journalism • JOUR 4412 – Sports Reporting • JOUR 4410 - Investigative Reporting Prereqs. for all 3 courses: • JOUR 3330 • Declared SOCM major Gen Ed: HIST 2111 or 2112 (AREA E) – 3 hours Gen Ed: SCI 1102 (Area D) – 3 hours 2 (of 4) Free Electives – 3 hours
Semester 7 (15 credit hours)	Semester 8 (15 credit hours)
Advanced JOUR Professional Practice – Select from the following – 3 hours • COM 3398 – Internship • JOUR 3395 – Journalism Study Tour • Prereq: COM 2230 and 30+ hours • Declared SOCM major • PR 4605 – Magazine Media • Prereq: PR 3375 or 4405 or JOUR • Permission of Instructor 3330 • COM 3350 – Editing for Today's Media • Prereq: COM 2135 • Declared SOCM major Advanced Digital Journalism – Select from the following – 3 hours • JOUR 3360 – Photojournalism • Prereq: JOUR 3340 • Declared SOCM major • JOUR 4445 - Advanced Digital Audio Production • Prereq: JOUR 3330 & 3340 and • Declared SOCM major 90+ credit hours • JOUR 4450 – Video News Production • Prereq: JOUR 3330 & 3340 • Declared SOCM major 1 (of 2) SOCM Upper Division Electives – 3 hours 3 (of 4) Related Studies Courses – 3 hours 3 (of 4) Free Electives – 3 hours	JOUR 4488 – Multi-Media Visions of Community – 3 hours • Prereq: COM 3435 and one of • Declared SOCM major the following: JOUR 3360, 4445 or 4450 2 (of 2) SOCM Upper Division Electives – 3 hours 4 (of 4) Related Studies Courses – 3 hours 4 (of 4) Free Electives – 3 hours Gen Ed: Social Sciences (Area E) Select from the following – 3 hours: • ANTH 1102 • SOCI 1101 • CRJU 1101 • STS 1101 • GEOG 1101 • ECON 2100 • PSYC 1101