



This roadmap is a recommended semester-by-semester plan of study for this major. However, courses and milestones designated as critical (in boldface and shaded areas) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation.

| Course Subject and Title   | Credit Hours | Upper Division | Min. Grade | Important Notes   |
|--|--------------|----------------|------------|---|
| <b>Semester One: [16 Credit Hours]</b>   |              |                |            |   |
| <b>JMC 20004 Media Writing</b>   | <b>3</b>     |                | <b>B-</b>  | <b>See note 1 on page 2</b>   |
| HIST 12070 History of the United States: The Formative Period  | 3            |                |            | Fulfills Kent Core Humanities and domestic diversity course requirement |
| JMC 20003 Introduction to Mass Communication   | 3            |                | C-         |   |
| US 10097 Destination Kent State: FYE   | 1            |                |            | Not required of transfer students with 25 credits                       |
| Kent Core Requirements   | 6            |                |            | See Kent Core Summary on page 2   |
| <b>Semester Two: [15 Credit Hours]</b>   |              |                |            |   |
| <b>Requirements: minimum 2.75 GPA; successfully complete Grammar, Usage and Punctuation Test with minimum 70 percent score.</b>  |              |                |            |   |
| HIST 12071 History of the United States: The Modern Period   | 3            |                |            | Fulfills Kent Core Humanities and domestic diversity course requirement |
| JMC 20006 Multimedia Techniques  | 3            |                | C-         |   |
| JMC 26001 Newswriting  | 3            |                |            |   |
| POL 10004 Comparative Politics<br><i>or</i> PSYC 11762 General Psychology<br><i>or</i> SOC 12050 Introduction to Sociology   | 3            |                |            | Fulfills Kent Core Social Sciences                                      |
| Kent Core Requirements   | 3            |                |            | See Kent Core Summary on page 2   |
| <b>Semester Three: [16 Credit Hours]</b>   |              |                |            |   |
| JMC 26008 Broadcast Beat Reporting   | 4            |                | C-         |   |
| POL 10100 American Politics  | 3            |                |            | Fulfills Kent Core Additional; not from the social sciences category.   |
| COMM Elective  | 3            |                |            | See note 2 on page 2  |
| Kent Core Requirement  | 3            |                |            | See Kent Core Summary on page 2   |
| General Elective (lower or upper division)   | 3            |                |            |   |
| <b>Semester Four: [18 Credit Hours]</b>  |              |                |            |   |
| ECON 22060 Microeconomics  | 3            |                |            | Fulfills Kent Core Social Sciences                                      |
| JMC Upper-division Elective  | 3            | ■              | C-         |   |
| Kent Core Requirements   | 9            |                |            | See Kent Core Summary on page 2   |
| Liberal Studies Requirement Elective   | 3            | ■              |            | See JMC advisor   |
| <b>Semester Five: [15 Credit Hours]</b>  |              |                |            |   |
| JMC 46003 Producing Television News  | 3            | ■              | C-         | Offered in fall only  |
| JMC 46052 Advanced Broadcast News<br><i>or</i> JMC 46054 Broadcast Documentary   | 3            | ■              | C-         | JMC 46052 offered in spring only;<br>JMC 46054 offered in fall only     |
| Liberal Studies Requirement Elective   | 9            |                |            | See JMC advisor   |
| <b>Semester Six: [15-16 Credit Hours]</b>  |              |                |            |   |
| JMC 40006 Law of Mass Communication  | 3            | ■              | C-         |   |
| POL 30001 Political Methods<br><i>or</i> PSYC 21621 Quantitative Methods in Psychology I<br><i>or</i> SOC 32220 Data Analysis <i>and</i><br>SOC 32221 Data Analysis Laboratory | 3-4          |                |            |   |
| Liberal Studies Requirement Elective   | 6            |                |            | See JMC advisor   |
| Non-JMC General Elective   | 3            |                |            |   |
| <b>Summer III: [1 Credit Hours]</b>  |              |                |            |   |
| JMC 40192 Internship in Radio/Television   | 1            | ■              | C-         |   |



**Critical requirements are boldface in shaded areas**

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|--|--------------|----------------|------------|--|
| <b>Semester Seven: [16 Credit Hours]</b>                                       |              |                |            |  |
| JMC 40004 Computer-Assisted Reporting<br><i>or</i> JMC 40012 Online Journalism | 3            | ■              | C-         |  |
| JMC 46009 Reporting Public Affairs   | 4            | ■              | C-         |  |
| Liberal Studies Electives (upper division)                                     | 3            | ■              |            | See JMC advisor  |
| Non-JMC Upper-division General Elective  | 6            | ■              |            |  |
| <b>Semester Eight: [12 Credit Hours]</b>                                       |              |                |            |  |
| JMC 40010 Ethics and Issues in Mass Communication                              | 3            | ■              | C          | Fulfills writing-intensive course requirement  |
| ENG Elective (upper division)  | 3            | ■              |            |  |
| Liberal Studies Requirement Elective   | 3            | ■              |            |  |
| General Electives (upper division)   | 3            | ■              |            | Number of credits required depends on meeting minimum 124 credit hours and 39 upper-division hours |

**Graduation Requirements Summary**

| Minimum Total Hours | Minimum Upper-Division Hours | Minimum Kent Core Hours | Diversity Course Global / Domestic         | Writing-Intensive | Minimum Major GPA | Minimum Overall GPA |
|---------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|--|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 124                 | 39                           | 36                      | HIST 12070/ Kent Core or General electives | JMC 40010         | 2.75              | 2.75                |

**Kent Core Summary**

| Kent Core Categories   | Important Notes   | Remaining Credit Hours |
|--|---|------------------------|
| <b>Additional (6 credit hours)</b><br><i>Must be selected from two Kent Core categories</i>  | 3 credit hours are fulfilled in this major with POL 10100; COMM 15000 or 26000 could fulfill remaining requirement if selected from the COMM Electives; see note 2. | 3                      |
| <b>Basic Sciences (6-7 credit hours)</b><br><i>Must include one laboratory</i>   |   | 6-7                    |
| <b>Composition (6-8 credit hours)</b><br><i>ENG 11002, 11011, 21011; HONR 10197, 10297</i>   | Enrollment based on placement test; grade of C required in both courses   | 6-8                    |
| <b>Humanities and Fine Arts (9 credit hours)</b><br><i>Minimum one course from humanities in Arts and Sciences category and minimum one course from fine arts category</i> | 6 credit hours are fulfilled in this major with HIST 12070 and 12071  | 3                      |
| <b>Mathematics and Critical Reasoning (3-5 credit hours)</b>   | Enrollment based on placement test  | 3-5                    |
| <b>Social Sciences (6 credit hours)</b><br><i>Must be selected from two curricular areas</i>   | Fulfilled in this major with POL 10004, PSYC 11762 or SOC 12050; and ECON 22060   | 0                      |

**Note 1:** News majors may place out of JMC 20004 and be placed directly into JMC 26001 under the following conditions: Students not yet enrolled in JMC 20004 but who score minimum 75 on the grammar-spelling-punctuation test on their first attempt may take a writing exam. If they pass the exam and have all other prerequisites for newswriting completed, they are eligible to enroll in JMC 26001.

Students who take this option must choose an additional upper-division writing course from the following:

|                                       |   |  |   |
|---------------------------------------|---|--|---|
| JMC 40004 Computer-Assisted Reporting | 3 | JMC 46009 Reporting Public Affairs           | 4 |
| JMC 40005 Feature Writing             | 3 | JMC 46021 Magazine Writing and Editing       | 3 |
| JMC 40012 Online Journalism           | 3 | JMC 46052 Advanced Broadcast News: Practices | 3 |
| JMC 46006 Editorial Writing           | 3 | JMC 46054 Broadcast Documentary              | 3 |
| JMC 46007 Reporting in Depth          | 3 |  |   |

**Note 2: COMM elective (3 credit hours), choose from the following:**

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|--|---|--|---|
| COMM 10000 Fundamentals of Speech              | 3 | COMM 25863 Business and Professional Communication | 3 |
| COMM 15000 Introduction to Human Communication | 3 | COMM 26000 Criticism of Public Discourse           | 3 |



**Notes for News Major:**

- Only general elective courses may be taken as pass/fail, of which maximum 12 credit hours may be taken as pass/fail.
- Minimum 80 credit hours must be taken outside the School of Journalism and Mass Communication, with 65 of those hours in liberal studies courses.
- Students must meet the requirements in the catalog to declare a journalism and mass communication major.

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**Kent Core**

Students must complete a minimum 36 credit hours of the Kent Core. Certain courses required in programs and in student's major field may also fulfill the Kent Core. Honors equivalents shall satisfy the Kent Core. None of the courses on the Kent Core list may be taken with a pass/fail grade. Visit [www.kent.edu/catalog/kent-core](http://www.kent.edu/catalog/kent-core) for course list.

**Diversity Course Requirement**

Students must complete a two-course diversity requirement, consisting of one with a domestic (U.S.) focus and one with a global focus. One course must come from the Kent Core. The second course may be taken as a second Kent Core, within a major or minor, or as a general elective; or, with dean's approval, by completing one semester of study in another country. Visit [www.kent.edu/catalog/diversity](http://www.kent.edu/catalog/diversity) for course list.

**Writing-Intensive Course Requirement**

Students must complete a one-course writing-intensive requirement in their major and earn minimum C (2.00) grade. Visit [www.kent.edu/catalog/wic](http://www.kent.edu/catalog/wic) for course list.

**Upper-Division Requirement**

Students must complete a minimum 39 upper-division (numbered 30000 to 49999) credit hours of coursework. Programs in the College of Arts and Sciences require a minimum of 42 hours of upper-division coursework.

