



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 Div.	Min. Grade	Major GPA	Important Notes
Semester One: [16 Credit Hours]					
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-	■	
JMC 20006 Multimedia Techniques	3		C-	■	
US 10097 Destination Kent State: First Year Experience	1				Not required of transfer students with 25 credits
Kent Core Requirement	3				See Kent Core Summary on page 2
Kent Core Requirement	3				
Semester Two: [16 Credit Hours]					
Requirement: minimum 2.750 GPA					
JMC 26000 Grammar for Journalists	1		C-	■	
JMC 26001 Newswriting	3		C-	■	
HIST 12071 History of the United States: The Modern Period	3				Fulfills Kent Core Humanities and domestic diversity course requirement
POL 10004 Comparative Politics or PSYC 11762 General Psychology or SOC 12050 Introduction to Sociology	3				Fulfills Kent Core Social Sciences
VCD 14001 Visual Design Literacy	3				
Kent Core Requirement	3				See Kent Core Summary on page 2
Semester Three: [15 Credit Hours]					
COMM 15000 Introduction to Human Communication	3				Fulfills Kent Core Additional
JMC 26005 Multimedia Storytelling	3		C-	■	
POL 10100 American Politics	3				Fulfills Kent Core Additional
Kent Core Requirement	3				See Kent Core Summary on page 2
Kent Core Requirement	3				
Semester Four: [16 Credit Hours]					
ENTR 27056 Introduction to Entrepreneurship	3				
JMC 26007 Print Beat Reporting	4		C-	■	
JMC 36005 Copyediting	3	■	C-	■	
VCD 37000 Visual Design for Media: Advanced	3	■			
Kent Core Requirement	3				See Kent Core Summary on page 2
Semester Five: [15 Credit Hours]					
Requirement: minimum 2.750 major and cumulative GPA					
ECON 22060 Principles of Microeconomics	3				Fulfills Kent Core Social Sciences
JMC 46016 Magazine Publishing	3	■	C-	■	
JMC 46018 Feature Writing	3	■	C-	■	
LIS 30010 Information Fluency in the Workplace and Beyond	3	■			
Liberal Studies Requirement Elective	3				See note 4 on page 3
Semester Six: [14-16 Credit Hours]					
POL 20001 Political Methods or PSYC 21621 Quantitative Methods in Psychology I or SOC 32220 Data Analysis <i>and</i> SOC 32221 Data Analysis Laboratory	3-4				
JMC Elective	3-4		C-	■	See note 1 on page 2
Liberal Studies Requirement Elective	6				See note 4 on page 3
Non-JMC General Elective (1 credit hour must be upper division)	2				



Critical requirements are boldface in shaded areas.

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Summer III: [1 Credit Hours]					
JMC 40092 Internship	1	■	S	■	Fulfills experiential learning requirement
Semester Seven: [16 Credit Hours]					
JMC 40006 Law of Mass Communication	3	■	C-	■	
JMC 46009 Reporting Public Affairs	4	■	C-	■	
Magazine Concentration Requirement <i>or</i> Liberal Studies Elective	3				See note 2 below; the requirement course fulfills upper-division credit, is counted in the GPA and a C- must be earned
Liberal Studies Elective	3				See note 3 on page 3
Non-JMC General Elective (upper division)	3	■			
Semester Eight: [15 Credit Hours]					
JMC 40010 Ethics and Issues in Mass Communication	3	■	C	■	Fulfills writing-intensive course requirement; see note 2 below
Magazine Concentration Requirement <i>or</i> Liberal Studies Elective	3				See note 2 below; the requirement course fulfills upper-division credit, is counted in the GPA and a C- must be earned
ENG Upper-division Elective	3	■			
Liberal Studies Elective	3				See note 4 on page 3
Non-JMC General Elective (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	Global / Domestic Diversity Course	Writing-Intensive	Experiential Learning	Minimum Major GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
124	39	36	Kent Core or Elective / HIST 12070	JMC 40010	JMC 40092	2.750	2.750

Kent Core Summary

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

Note 1: JMC elective (3-4 credit hours), choose from the following:

JMC 26008 Broadcast Beat Reporting	4	JMC 46001 Information Graphics	3
JMC 32001 Photojournalism I	3	JMC 46006 Editorial Writing	3
JMC 40004 Computer-Assisted Reporting	3	JMC 46007 Reporting in Depth	3
JMC 40012 Online Journalism	3	JMC 46020 Magazine Design	3
JMC 40015 Media Management	3	JMC 46021 Magazine Writing and Editing	3
JMC 40091 Business Media Seminar	3	JMC 46054 Broadcast Documentary	3
JMC 46000 Newspaper Design	3	JMC 46056 Cybermedia Production	3

Note 2: Magazine Concentration requirement (3 credit hours), choose from the following:

JMC 46020 Magazine Design (offered in fall only)	3	JMC 46021 Magazine Writing and Editing (offered in spring only)	3
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The semester in which the course is not chosen, student must take a Liberal Studies Elective



Note 3: Students declaring the combined degree program with the master's in journalism and mass communication will satisfy the writing-intensive requirement with JMC 60003 Ethics in Mass Communication.

Note 3: Liberal Studies Electives (18 credit hours) choose from the following: the specific courses that are list below and *all courses with these designations count toward the Liberal Studies Requirement: AMST; ANTH; ARAB; ARTH; AS; ASL; BSCI; BTEC; CACM; CHEM; CHIN; CLAS; CLS; ECON; ENG; EXPR; FR; GEOG; GEOL; GER; GRE; HEBR; HIST; HONR; HRTG; IAKM; ITAL; JAPN; LAT; LIS; MATH; MCLS; PAS; PHIL; PHY; POL; PORT; PSYC; RUSS; SOC; SPAN; WMST.*

Architecture (ARCH)

10001 Understanding Architecture	3
10011 Survey of Architectural History I	3
10012 Survey of Architectural History II	3
10111 History of Architecture I	3
20201 Beyond Western Architecture	3
45210 Renaissance Architecture	3
45211 Baroque Architecture	3
45220 American Architecture: Colonial to 1900	3
46263 Modern Architecture	3

Communication Studies (COMM)

15000 Introduction to Human Communication	3
21000 Communication Grammar Review	1
25902 Communication Theory	3
26000 Criticism of Public Discourse	3
26001 Public Communication in Society	3
30000 Communication Research Methods	3
35852 Intercultural Communication	3
35912 Gender and Communication	3
45006 Media Use and Effects	3
45007 Freedom of Speech	3
45091 Seminar in Communication Studies	1-4

Computer Science (CS)

10001 Computer Literacy	3
33006 Social and Ethical Issues in Computing	3

Cultural Foundations (CULT)

29535 Education in a Democratic Society	3
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Dance (DAN) no technique courses

27076 Dance as an Art Form	3
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Entrepreneurship (ENTR)

27056 Introduction to Entrepreneurship	3
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Fashion Design and Merchandising (FDM)

20013 History of Costume	3
30013 Fashion and Pop Culture	3

Gerontology (GERO)

14029 Introduction to Gerontology	3
30656 Psychology of Aging	3

Human Development and Family Studies (HDFS)

24011 Interpersonal Relationships and Families	3
24013 Early Adolescence	3

Health Education (HED)

32544 Human Sexuality	3
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Justice Studies (JUS)

12000 Introduction to Justice Studies	3
26704 Issues in Law and Society	3
33300 Development of Justice in America	3
33400 Crime and Justice in Popular Culture	3

Management and Information Systems (MIS)

24053 Introduction to Computer Applications	3
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Music (MUS) no technique courses

22111 The Understanding of Music	3
22121 Music as a World Phenomenon	3
22131 Survey of Rock Music History	3
42101 Roots of Rock	3
42111 African Music and Cultures	3
42131 America's Music	3
43141 Folk and Traditional Music of Western Continents	3
42151 Asian Musics	3
42161 History of Jazz	3

Nutrition and Dietetics (NUTR)

23511 Science of Human Nutrition	3
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Physical Education-Professional (PEP)

25059 Sport in Society	3
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Public Health (PH)

10001 Introduction to Public Health	3
10002 Introduction to Global Health	3
20001 Essentials of Epidemiology	3
30002 Introductory Biostatistics	3
30005 Social and Behavioral Science Theories in Public Health	3
30006 Environmental Health Sciences	3
44000 Health Disparities	3

Recreation, Park and Tourism Management (RPTM)

16000 Foundations of Recreation and Leisure	3
26001 Introduction to Community Inclusion of Individuals with Disabilities	3
26010 Community Development and Recreation	3
36085 Leisure and Culture	3

Sport Administration (SPAD)

25059 Sport in Society	3
35021 Governance in Sport	3
45024 Sport in Global Perspective	3
45026 Sport and the Media	3

Special Education (SPED)

23000 Introduction to Exceptionalities	3
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Theatre (THEA) no technique courses

11000 The Art of the Theatre	3
31112 History of Theatre and Drama I	3
31113 History of Theatre and Drama II	3

Visual Communication Design (VCD)

14001 Visual Design Literacy	3
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Notes for Journalism 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.

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 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 for course list.

Writing-Intensive Course Requirement

Students must complete a one-course writing-intensive requirement in their major and earn minimum C (2.000) grade. Visit www.kent.edu/catalog/wic for course list.

Experiential Learning Requirement (ELR)

To provide students with direct engagement in learning experiences that promote academic relevance, meaning and an understanding of real-world issues, students must complete this requirement at Kent State, either as a for-credit course or as a non-credit, non-course experience approved by the appropriate faculty member. Visit www.kent.edu/catalog/elr 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.