



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
<b>Semester One: [16 Credit Hours]</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-	■	See note 1 on page 2
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				
<b>Semester Two: [16 Credit Hours]</b>					
<b>Requirement: minimum 2.750 GPA</b>					
<b>COMM 21000 Communication Grammar Review</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>C</b>		
<b>JMC 26001 Multimedia Newswriting</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>C-</b>	<b>■</b>	
HIST 12071 History of the United States: The Modern Period	3				Fulfills Kent Core Humanities and domestic diversity course requirement
POL 10004 Comparative Politics <i>or</i> PSYC 11762 General Psychology <i>or</i> SOC 12050 Introduction to Sociology	3				Fulfills Kent Core Social Sciences; POL 10004 fulfills global diversity; PSYC 11762 and SOC 12050 fulfill domestic diversity course requirement
VCD 14001 Visual Design Literacy	3				
Kent Core Requirement	3				See Kent Core Summary on page 2
<b>Semester Three: [15 Credit Hours]</b>					
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
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<b>Semester Four: [16 Credit Hours]</b>					
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	■			See note 2 on page 2
Kent Core Requirement	3				See Kent Core Summary on page 2
<b>Semester Five: [15 Credit Hours]</b>					
<b>Requirement: minimum 2.750 major and cumulative GPA</b>					
ECON 22060 Principles of Microeconomics	3				Fulfills Kent Core Social Sciences
JMC 46016 Magazine Publishing	3	■	C-	■	
JMC 46018 Feature Writing	3	■	C-	■	
LIS 10010 Information Fluency <i>or</i> LIS 30010 Information Fluency in the Workplace and Beyond	3				
Non-JMC General Elective	3				
<b>Semester Six: [14-16 Credit Hours]</b>					
POL 20001 Political Methods <i>or</i> PSYC 21621 Quantitative Methods in Psychology I <i>or</i> SOC 32220 Data Analysis <i>and</i> SOC 32221 Data Analysis Laboratory	3-4				
JMC Elective	3		C-	■	See note 4 on page 2
JMC 46021 Magazine Writing and Editing	3	■	C-	■	Offered in the spring only.
Non-JMC General Electives	5				See note 3 on page 2



**Critical requirements are boldface in shaded areas**

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<b>Summer III: [1 Credit Hours]</b>					
JMC 40092 Internship	1	■	S	■	Fulfills experiential learning requirement
<b>Semester Seven: [16 Credit Hours]</b>					
JMC 40006 Law of Mass Communication	3	■	C-	■	
JMC 46009 Reporting Public Affairs	4	■	C-	■	
JMC 46020 Magazine Design or JMC 46056 Cybermedia Production	3	■	C-	■	
General Electives (1 hour upper division; 4 hours Non-JMC)	6				See note 3 on page 2
<b>Semester Eight: [15 Credit Hours]</b>					
JMC 40010 Ethics and Issues in Mass Communication	3	■	C	■	Fulfills writing-intensive course requirement; see note 5 on page 3
ENG Upper-division Elective	3	■			
JMC Elective (upper division)	3	■	C-	■	See note 4 below
Non-JMC General Electives (3 hours upper division)	6				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
<b>Composition (6-8 credit hours)</b> <i>ENG 11002, 11011, 21011; HONR 10197, 10297</i>	Enrollment based on placement test; grade of C required in both courses	6-8
<b>Mathematics and Critical Reasoning (3-5 credit hours)</b>	Enrollment based on placement test	3-5
<b>Humanities and Fine Arts (9 credit hours)</b> <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
<b>Social Sciences (6 credit hours)</b> <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
<b>Basic Sciences (6-7 credit hours)</b> <i>Must include one laboratory</i>		6-7
<b>Additional (6 credit hours)</b>	Fulfilled in this major with COMM 15000 and POL 10100	0

**Note 1:** Students who successfully complete JMC 20001 prior to declaring a JMC major may use it as a substitute for JMC 20003.

**Note 2:** Student who successfully complete VCD 130001 may use it as a substitute for VCD 37000.

**Note 3:** Any JMC course taken is calculated in the major GPA. Minimum 72 credit hours must be taken outside of JMC.

**Note 4:** **JMC elective (6-7 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 46091 New York Media Seminar	3

**Note 5:** A minimum C (2.000) grade must be earned to fulfill the writing-intensive requirement. 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.



**Special Major Note:**

Students who pass 15 credits of non-remedial academic coursework each fall and spring semester and the 1-credit First Year Experience course will accumulate 121 credits in four years. This major requires 124 credits for graduation. Students can stay on track for graduation by:

- Declaring their major as freshmen and completing all courses in sequence (bear in mind that switching majors may cause a delay in graduation);
- Prioritizing required courses above electives;
- Meeting regularly with their academic advisors to stay on track;
- Passing each required course the first time attempted and maintaining the minimal GPA for the major;
- Successfully completing more than 15 credit hours of relevant coursework (field-based work, internship) during academic semesters; and/or
- Completing relevant coursework (field-based work, internship) during summer sessions.

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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 (2.000) grade. Visit [www.kent.edu/catalog/wic](http://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](http://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.