



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 requirement
JMC 20003 Introduction to Mass Communication	3		C-	■	See notes 1 on page 2
JMC 20006 Multimedia Techniques	3		C-	■	
JMC 22001 Photography	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
Semester Two: [16 Credit Hours]					
Requirement: minimum 2.750 GPA					
COMM 21000 Communication Grammar Review	1		C		
JMC 26001 Multimedia Newswriting	3		C-	■	
COMM 15000 Introduction to Human Communication	3				Fulfills Kent Core Additional
HIST 12071 History of the United States: The Modern Period	3				Fulfills Kent Core Humanities and domestic diversity requirement
JMC 22004 Visual Storytelling	3		C-	■	
VCD 14001 Visual Design Literacy	3				
Semester Three: [15 Credit Hours]					
ARTH 22006 Art History I: Ancient and Medieval Art	3				Fulfills Kent Core Fine Arts
JMC 26005 Multimedia Storytelling	3		C-	■	
VCD 37000 Visual Design for Media: Advanced	3	■			See note 2 on page 2
Kent Core Requirement	3				
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Semester Four: [15 Credit Hours]					
ARTH 22007 Art History II: Renaissance to Modern Art	3				Fulfills Kent Core Additional
ECON 22060 Principles of Microeconomics	3				Fulfills Kent Core Social Sciences
JMC 32001 Photojournalism I	3	■	C-	■	
POL 10004 Comparative Politics or PSYC 11762 General Psychology or SOC 12050 Introduction to Sociology	3				Fulfills Kent Core Social Sciences
Kent Core Requirement	3				See Kent Core Summary on page 2
Semester Five: [15 Credit Hours]					
Requirement: minimum 2.750 major and cumulative GPA					
JMC 32005 Video for Still Photographers	3	■	C-	■	
JMC 42001 Sports Photography	3	■	C-	■	Offered in spring only
POL 10100 American Politics	3				Fulfills Kent Core Additional
ARTH Elective (upper division)	3	■			
Kent Core Requirement	3				See Kent Core Summary on page 2
Semester Six: [15 Credit Hours]					
ENTR 27056 Introduction to Entrepreneurship	3				
LIS 10010 Information Fluency or LIS 30010 Information Fluency in the Workplace and Beyond	3				
ENG Elective (upper division)	3	■			
Non-JMC General Electives	6				See note 2 on page 2
Summer III: [1 Credit Hours]					
JMC 40092 Internship	1	■	S	■	Fulfills experiential learning requirement



Critical requirements are boldface in shaded areas

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Semester Seven: [15Credit Hours]					
JMC 32002 Photojournalism II	3	■	C-	■	Offered in fall only
JMC 40006 Law of Mass Communication	3	■	C-	■	
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 42009 Fashion Photography <i>or</i> JMC 46055 Entrepreneurial Documentary Photography	3	■	C-	■	
General Elective (upper division)	3	■			See note 3 below
Semester Eight: [16 Credit Hours]					
JMC 42008 Advanced Photojournalism	3	■	C-	■	Offered in spring only
JMC 40010 Ethics and Issues in Mass Communication	3	■	C	■	Fulfills writing-intensive course requirement; see note 4 below
General Electives (8 hours Non-JMC; 2 hours upper division)	10	■			Number of credits required depends on meeting minimum 124 hours and minimum 39 upper-division credit hours; see note 3 below

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	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>	Fulfilled in this major with ARTH 22006, HIST 12070 and HIST 12071	0
Social Sciences (6 credit hours) <i>Must be selected from two curricular areas</i>	Fulfilled in this major with ECON 22060; and POL 10004 or PSYC 11762 or SOC 12050	0
Basic Sciences (6-7 credit hours) <i>Must include one laboratory</i>		6-7
Additional (6 credit hours)	Fulfilled in this major with ARTH 22007 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: Students who successfully complete VCD 13001 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 JMC.

Note 4: A minimum C (2.000) GPA 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 Communications.

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.



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

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.