



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
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-	
US 10097 Destination Kent State: FYE	1			Not required of transfer students with 25 credits
Kent Core Requirements	9			See Kent Core Summary on page 2
Semester Two: [15 Credit Hours]				
Requirements: minimum 2.75 GPA; successfully complete Grammar, Usage and Punctuation Test with minimum 70 percent score				
JMC 20004 Media Writing	3		B-	See note 1 on page 2
JMC 20006 Multimedia Techniques	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 <i>or</i> PSYC 11762 General Psychology <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
Semester Three: [15 Credit Hours]				
JMC 26001 Newswriting	3		C-	
POL 10100 American Politics	3			Fulfills Kent Core Additional
Kent Core Requirements	6			See Kent Core Summary on page 2
Liberal Studies Requirement Elective	3			See JMC advisor
Semester Four: [16 Credit Hours]				
JMC 26007 Print Beat Reporting	4		C-	
VCD 37000 Visual Design for Media: Advanced	3	■		
Kent Core Requirement	3			See Kent Core Summary on page 2
Liberal Studies Requirement Electives	6			See JMC advisor
Semester Five: [15 Credit Hours]				
JMC 36005 Copyediting	3	■	C-	
JMC 40005 Feature Writing	3	■	C-	
JMC 46016 Magazine Publishing	3	■	C-	
Liberal Studies Requirement Elective	3			See JMC advisor
Non-JMC General Elective	3			
Semester Six: [15-17 Credit Hours]				
ECON 22060 Microeconomics	3			Fulfills Kent Core Social Sciences
POL 30001 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	3-4		C-	See note 2 on page 2
Liberal Studies Requirement Elective	3			See JMC advisor
Non-JMC Upper-division General Elective	3	■		
Summer III: [1 Credit Hours]				
JMC 40092 Internship	1	■	C-	



Critical requirements are boldface in shaded areas

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Semester Seven: [16 Credit Hours]				
JMC 40006 Law of Mass Communication	3	■	C-	
JMC 46009 Reporting Public Affairs	4	■	C-	
JMC 46020 Magazine Design <i>or</i> JMC 46021 Magazine Writing and Editing	3	■	C-	JMC 46020 offered in fall semesters only
Liberal Studies Elective (lower or upper division)	3			See JMC advisor
Non-JMC Upper-division General Elective	3	■		
Semester Eight: [15 Credit Hours]				
JMC 40010 Ethics and Issues in Mass Communication	3	■	C	Fulfills writing-intensive course requirement
ENG Upper-division Elective	3	■		
Liberal Studies Electives (3 credits upper division)	6	■		See JMC advisor
Non-JMC Upper-division General Elective	3	■		

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	Kent Core or Elective / HIST 12070	JMC 40010	2.75	2.75

Kent Core Summary

Kent Core Categories	Important Notes	Remaining Credit Hours
Additional (6 credit hours) <i>Must be selected from two Kent Core categories</i>	3 credit hours are fulfilled in this major with POL 10100	3
Basic Sciences (6-7 credit hours) <i>Must include one laboratory</i>		6-7
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
Humanities and Fine Arts (9 credit hours) <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
Mathematics and Critical Reasoning (3-5 credit hours)	Enrollment based on placement test	3-5
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

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: 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 40095 Special Topics: Cybermedia Design	3	JMC 46054 Broadcast Documentary	3
JMC 46000 Newspaper Design	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.

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 (2.00) grade.

Visit 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.

