



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-         | ■         |   |
| JMC 20006 Multimedia Techniques   | 3            |            | C-         | ■         |   |
| US 10097 Destination Kent State: First Year Experience  | 1            |            |            |           | Not required of transfer students with 25 credits                       |
| VCD 14001 Visual Design Literacy  | 3            |            |            |           |   |
| Kent Core Requirement   | 3            |            |            |           | See Kent Core Summary on page 2   |
| <b>Semester Two: [16 Credit Hours]</b>  |              |            |            |           |   |
| <b>Requirement: minimum 2.750 GPA</b>   |              |            |            |           |   |
| 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<br>or PSYC 11762 General Psychology<br>or SOC 12050 Introduction to Sociology  | 3            |            |            |           | Fulfills Kent Core Social Sciences                                      |
| Kent Core Requirement   | 3            |            |            |           | See Kent Core Summary on page 2   |
| Kent Core Requirement   | 3            |            |            |           |   |
| <b>Semester Three: [18 Credit Hours]</b>  |              |            |            |           |   |
| JMC 26005 Multimedia Storytelling   | 3            |            | C-         | ■         |   |
| POL 10100 American Politics   | 3            |            |            |           | Fulfills Kent Core Additional; not from the social sciences category.   |
| COMM 15000 Introduction to Human Communication  | 3            |            |            |           | Fulfills Kent Core Additional   |
| Liberal Studies Requirement Elective  | 3            |            |            |           | See note 2 on page 3  |
| Kent Core Requirement   | 3            |            |            |           |   |
| Non-JMC General Elective (lower or upper division)  | 3            |            |            |           |   |
| <b>Semester Four: [16 Credit Hours]</b>   |              |            |            |           |   |
| ECON 22060 Principles of Microeconomics   | 3            |            |            |           | Fulfills Kent Core Social Sciences                                      |
| JMC 26008 Broadcast Beat Reporting  | 4            |            | C-         | ■         |   |
| JMC Upper-division Elective   | 3            | ■          | C-         | ■         |   |
| Kent Core Requirement   | 3            |            |            |           | See Kent Core Summary on page 2   |
| Kent Core Requirement   | 3            |            |            |           |   |
| <b>Semester Five: [14 Credit Hours]</b>   |              |            |            |           |   |
| <b>Requirement: minimum 2.750 major and cumulative GPA</b>  |              |            |            |           |   |
| JMC 46003 Producing Television News   | 3            | ■          | C-         | ■         | Offered in fall only  |
| Non-JMC General Elective  | 2            |            |            |           |   |
| Liberal Studies Requirement Elective  | 9            |            |            |           | See note 2 on page 3  |
| <b>Semester Six: [15-16 Credit Hours]</b>   |              |            |            |           |   |
| JMC 40004 Computer-Assisted Reporting<br>or JMC 40012 Online Journalism   | 3            | ■          | C-         | ■         |   |
| JMC 46052 Advanced Broadcast News<br>or JMC 46054 Broadcast Documentary   | 3            | ■          | C-         | ■         | JMC 46052 offered in spring only;<br>JMC 46054 offered in fall only     |
| POL 20001 Political Methods<br>or PSYC 21621 Quantitative Methods in Psychology I<br>or SOC 32220 Data Analysis and<br>SOC 32221 Data Analysis Laboratory | 3-4          |            |            |           |   |
| Liberal Studies Requirement Elective  | 6            |            |            |           | See note 2 on page 3  |



**Critical requirements are boldface in shaded areas.**

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|---|--------------|------------|------------|-----------|--|
| <b>Summer III: [1 Credit Hours]</b>                               |              |            |            |           |  |
| JMC 40192 Internship in Radio/Television                          | 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-         | ■         |  |
| LIS 30010 Information Fluency in the Workplace and Beyond         | 3            | ■          |            |           |  |
| Non-JMC General Elective (upper division)                         | 6            | ■          |            |           |  |
| <b>Semester Eight: [12 Credit Hours]</b>                          |              |            |            |           |  |
| JMC 40010 Ethics and Issues in Mass Communication                 | 3            | ■          | C          | ■         | Fulfills writing-intensive course requirement; see note 1 below  |
| ENG Elective (upper division)                                     | 3            | ■          |            |           |  |
| Non-JMC General Elective (upper division)                         | 3            | ■          |            |           |  |
| General Electives (upper division; 1 credit hour must be Non-JMC) | 3            | ■          |            |           | Number of credits required depends on meeting minimum 124 credit hours and 39 upper-division hours. Any JMC course taken is calculated in the major GPA. |

**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                      | HIST 12070/ Kent Core or General electives | JMC 40010         | JMC 40192             | 2.750             | 2.750               |

**Kent Core Summary**

| Kent Core Categories   | Important Notes   | Remaining Credit Hours |
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| <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>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><br><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><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                      |
| <b>Basic Sciences (6-7 credit hours)</b><br><i>Must include one laboratory</i>   |   | 6-7                    |
| <b>Additional (6 credit hours)</b><br><i>Must be selected from two Kent Core categories</i>  | 6 credit hours are fulfilled in this major with POL 10100 and COMM 15000        | 0                      |

**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.

**Note 1:** A minimum C (2.000) grade must be earned with 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.



**Note 2: 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)**

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

**Cultural Foundations (CULT)**

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

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| 27076 Dance as an Art Form | 3 |
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**Entrepreneurship (ENTR)**

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

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| 20013 History of Costume      | 3 |
| 30013 Fashion and Pop Culture | 3 |

**Gerontology (GERO)**

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| 14029 Introduction to Gerontology | 3 |
| 30656 Psychology of Aging         | 3 |

**Human Development and Family Studies (HDFS)**

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| 24011 Interpersonal Relationships and Families | 3 |
| 24013 Early Adolescence                        | 3 |

**Health Education (HED)**

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| 32544 Human Sexuality | 3 |
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**Justice Studies (JUS)**

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| 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**

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| 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)**

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

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| 25059 Sport in Society | 3 |
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**Public Health (PH)**

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| 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)**

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| 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)**

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| 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)**

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

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| 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)**

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| 14001 Visual Design Literacy | 3 |
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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.