

# JOURNALISM, BACHELOR OF ARTS IN JOURNALISM

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 124

Major Hours: 46

Minimum Upper-Division Hours: 48

Upper-Division Hours Within Major: 30

Overall GPA - Combined and OU: 2.50

Major GPA - Combined and OU: 2.50

Last 60 Hours GPA: 2.50

Program Code: B610

## Requirements for Full Admission to the Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication

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Once admitted as a major in the Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication you may choose a major in one of the following: Advertising, Creative Media Production, Journalism, Professional Writing, or Public Relations.

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- A maximum of 50 hours of Journalism and Mass Communication may be counted in the 124 hours required for graduation. No student will be awarded a BA in Journalism degree without completing at least 80 semester credit hours outside the College. At least 65 of these hours must be in liberal arts and sciences courses.
- A grade of C or better is required in all Journalism and Mass Communication courses.

## Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>JMC Core</b>		
JMC 1013	Introduction to Media	3
JMC 2033	Media Writing & Storytelling	3
JMC 4813	Media Law	3
<b>Journalism Core</b>		
JMC 3003	Multimedia Journalism	3
JMC 3013	Multimedia News Gathering	3
JMC 4803	History of Media	3
JMC 4863	Journalism, Ethics and Democracy (Capstone)	3

Choose two of the following:	6
JMC 3043	Community Journalism
JMC 3063	Introduction to Broadcast Journalism <sup>1</sup>
JMC 3083	Business of Media
JMC 4123	
JMC 4833	Journalism Ethics
JMC 4853	Race, Gender and the Media
<b>JMC Skills Streams</b>	
Choose one stream (p. 1)	10
<b>Electives</b>	
Choose a minimum of 9 hours from JMC courses numbered 3000 or above	9
Total Credit Hours	46

<sup>1</sup> Required for students who choose the Broadcast Skills stream.

## Required Minor

All Gaylord College students pursuing a baccalaureate major are also required to complete an academic minor of their choice in accordance to JMC policies.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Choose a minor <sup>1</sup>		15-21
Total Credit Hours		15-21

<sup>1</sup> Required Completion of a Minor – 15-21 hours (hours vary due to minor chosen).

## JMC Skills Streams

### Broadcast

Code	Title	Credit Hours
JMC 3011	Practicum	1
JMC 3663	Electronic News Gathering Techniques	3
JMC 3773	Television News	3
JMC 4673	Advanced Broadcast News	3
Total Credit Hours		10

### Online

Code	Title	Credit Hours
JMC 3011	Practicum	1
JMC 3663	Electronic News Gathering Techniques	3
JMC 3683	Interactive Multimedia	3
JMC 4683	Multimedia Content Management	3
Total Credit Hours		10

### Print

Code	Title	Credit Hours
JMC 3011	Practicum	1
JMC 3023	Feature Writing	3
JMC 3103	News Editing	3

JMC 4013	Reporting Public Affairs	3
Total Credit Hours		10

## General Education and College Requirements

Courses graded S/U or P/NP will not apply.

Courses for fulfillment of General Education and College of Journalism requirements must be from the approved General Education course list.

### University-Wide General Education Requirements (minimum 40 hours)

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Core Area I: Symbolic and Oral Communication</b>		
<i>English Composition</i>		
ENGL 1113	Principles of English Composition	3
ENGL 1213	Principles of English Composition	3
or EXPO 1213	Expository Writing	
<i>Foreign Language</i>		
(0-10 hours, 2 courses in the same language) May be met by successful completion of 2 years of the same foreign language in high school (additional foreign language requirement – see below)		
Beginning Course		0-5
Beginning Course, continued		0-5
<i>Mathematics</i>		
Choose one course		3
<b>Core Area II: Natural Science</b>		
Choose two courses from different disciplines; one must include a laboratory		7
<b>Core Area III: Social Science</b>		
P SC 1113	American Federal Government	3
Choose one course		3
<b>Core Area IV: Humanities</b>		
<i>Understanding Artistic Forms</i>		
Choose one course		3
<i>Western Civilization and Culture</i>		
HIST 1483	United States, 1492 to 1865	3
or HIST 1493	United States, 1865 to the Present	
Choose one course <sup>1</sup>		3
<i>Non-Western Culture</i>		
Choose one course		3
<b>Core Area V: Senior Capstone Experience</b>		
The capstone is satisfied within the major requirements.		0
Total Credit Hours		34-44

<sup>1</sup> Excluding HIST 1483 and HIST 1493.

## Additional Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Foreign Language</b>		
Choose one course at the intermediate level or demonstrated competency at that level		0-3
<b>Western Civilization</b>		
Choose 2 upper-division courses outside the major and in addition to University General Education Core IV		6
Total Credit Hours		6-9

## Free Electives

Electives to bring total applicable hours to the minimum total required for the degree including 48 upper-division hours.

## Information Concerning General Rules, Regulations and Minimum Requirements

**Total Hours:** A Bachelor of Arts in Journalism degree requires 124 hours, 48 of which must be upper-division (3000-4000 level courses). Transfer work will be counted as lower-division or upper-division credit depending on the level at which it was offered at the institution where the work was taken. All two-year college work is considered to be lower-division.

**Hours by Exam, Correspondence Study and/or Extension:** A maximum of 31 semester hours (or 1/4 of the total hours required for a preprofessional program of study) may be completed by a combination of exam, correspondence study and/or extension credit.

**Attendance:** Students who do not attend a JMC class or lab on the first day of classes may be dropped from the class or lab.

**Transfer Work:** Students may transfer in a maximum of 12 credit hours of journalism and mass communication coursework prior to full admission to the Gaylord College. Once fully admitted to the college, students may petition the faculty to have an additional three (3) credit hours from an outside ACEJMC institution applied to their University of Oklahoma degree. A maximum of fifteen (15) credit hours of JMC transfer coursework may be applied to a degree.

**Individual Studies (e.g., courses titled "Independent Study"):** A maximum of 12 total semester hours may be counted toward graduation.

**Repeat of Failed Coursework:** A student earning a grade of "F" in an upper-division course at OU may not repeat the course for credit at another institution without the prior written permission of the department that offered the course at OU.

**Senior Institution Hours:** A minimum of 60 semester hours applied toward graduation must be earned at senior (4-year) institutions.

### Residency:

- A minimum of 30 semester hours acceptable toward graduation must be earned in residence at OU, including at least 15 of the last 30 hours applied toward the degree.
- At least 15 semester hours of upper-division major work must be completed in residence at OU.
- OU correspondence courses are not considered resident credit.
- Credits earned via examination are neither resident nor nonresident credit.

**Special Degrees:** Students may qualify for an Honors degree (cum Laude, Magna cum Laude, or Summa cum Laude) by completing specific requirements of the Honors College. A degree will be earned with

Distinction if the student completes at least 60 semester hours at OU with at least a 3.60 combined retention GPA and OU retention GPA. A degree will be earned with Special Distinction if the student completes at least 60 semester hours at OU with at least a 3.80 combined retention GPA and OU retention GPA.

**Application for Graduation:** Students must apply for graduation during the term in which they complete their degree requirements in order to graduate in that term. Application forms are available in the Student Services Center, 2533 Gaylord Hall. The deadline for completion of all coursework to graduate in a particular term is the last day of classes in that term.

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## Suggested Semester Plan of Study

Course	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Freshman</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
ENGL 1113	Principles of English Composition (Core I)	3
HIST 1483 or HIST 1493	United States, 1492 to 1865 (Core IV) or United States, 1865 to the Present	3
JMC 1013	Introduction to Media	3
Beginning Foreign Language (Core I)		5
Free Elective, lower-division		3
Credit Hours		17
<b>Second Semester</b>		
ENGL 1213 or EXPO 1213	Principles of English Composition (Core I) or Expository Writing	3
JMC 2033	Media Writing & Storytelling	3
MATH (Core I)		3
P SC 1113	American Federal Government (Core III)	3
Beginning Foreign Language continued (Core I)		5
Credit Hours		17
<b>Sophomore</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
JMC 3003	Multimedia Journalism	3
Intermediate Foreign Language		3

Natural Science with lab (Core II)	4
Western Civilization & Culture (Core IV)	3
Understanding Artistic Forms (Core IV)	3
Credit Hours	16

<b>Second Semester</b>		
JMC 3011	Practicum	1
JMC 3013	Multimedia News Gathering	3
Natural Science without lab (Core II)		3
Non-Western Culture (Core IV)		3
Free Elective, lower- or upper-division		2
Social Science (Core III)		3
Credit Hours		15

### Junior

<b>First Semester</b>		
JMC Skills Course	3	
Choose one of the following:		3
Western Civilization & Culture (Core IV)		
Upper-division outside major (Gen. Ed.)		
JMC Journalism Core Elective	3	
Free Elective, lower- or upper-division		3
Free Elective, lower- or upper-division		3
Free Elective, lower- or upper-division		1
Credit Hours		16

<b>Second Semester</b>		
JMC Skills Course	3	
JMC Journalism Core Elective	3	
JMC Elective	3	
JMC Major Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	
Choose one of the following:		3
Western Civilization & Culture (Core IV)		
Upper-division outside major (Gen. Ed.)		
Credit Hours		15

### Senior

<b>First Semester</b>		
JMC Skills Course	3	
JMC 4803	History of Media	3
JMC Major Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)		3
Free Elective, lower- or upper-division		2
Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)		3
Credit Hours		14

<b>Second Semester</b>		
JMC 4813	Media Law	3
JMC 4863	Journalism, Ethics and Democracy (Capstone)	3
Free Elective, lower- or upper-division		3
Free Elective, lower- or upper-division		2
Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000)		3
Credit Hours		14
Total Credit Hours		124

- **Bachelor's degrees require a minimum of 48 hours of upper-division (3000-4000) coursework.**
- This plan of study should not be used in lieu of academic advisement.