

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE/MASTER OF ARTS
GAYLORD COLLEGE OF JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION
THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

Academic Year
For Students Entering the Oklahoma State System for Higher Education Summer 2026 through Spring 2027

General Requirements	
Minimum Total Credit Hours	143-144
Minimum Upper-Division Hours	48
Major Hours	43
Upper-Division Hours within Major	30
Minimum Retention/Graduation Grade Point Averages:	
Overall - Combined and OU	3.00
Major - Combined and OU	3.00
Last 60 hours	3.00

Program
Creative Media Production/ Journalism and Mass Communication
A256/F610 Q159
Bachelor of Science/Master of Arts

OU encourages students to complete at least 29 hours of applicable coursework each year to have the opportunity to graduate in 5 years.

GENERAL EDUCATION AND COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS

Courses for fulfillment of General Education and College of Journalism requirements must be from the approved General Education course list. **Courses graded S/U or P/NP will not apply.**

MINIMUM OF 40 HOURS REQUIRED FOR UNIVERSITY-WIDE GENERAL EDUCATION

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Core Area I: Symbolic and Oral Communication		
<i>English Composition</i>		
ENGL 1113	Principles of English Composition	3
ENGL 1213	Principles of English Composition	3
or EXPO 1213	Expository Writing	
<i>Language</i>		
(0-10 hours, 2 courses in the same language) May be met by successful completion of 2 years of the same language in high school (additional language requirement – see below)		
Beginning Course		0-5
Beginning Course, continued		0-5
<i>Mathematics</i>		
Choose one course		3
Core Area II: Natural Science		
Choose two courses from different disciplines; one must include a laboratory		
7		
Core Area III: Social Science		
P SC 1113	American Federal Government	3
Choose one course		3
Core Area IV: Arts and Humanities		
<i>Artistic Forms</i>		
Choose one course		3
<i>Western Culture</i>		
HIST 1483	United States to 1865	3
or HIST 1493	United States, 1865 to the Present	
Choose one course (excluding HIST 1483 and HIST 1493)		3
<i>World Culture</i>		
Choose one course		3
Core Area V: First-Year Experience		
Choose one course		3
Total Credit Hours		37-47

ADDITIONAL GAYLORD COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Western Culture		
Choose one upper-division course outside the major and in addition to University General Education Core IV		
3		
Language or Humanities		
Choose one from:		
0-3		
a language course at the intermediate level or demonstrated competency at that level		
Upper-division (3000-4000) level Humanities course must be from Artistic Forms, Western Civilization & Culture, or World Culture.		
Total Credit Hours		3-6

FREE ELECTIVES

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

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

A maximum of 50 hours of Journalism and Mass Communication may be counted in the 120 hours required for graduation. No student will be awarded a BS in Journalism degree without completing at least 80 semester credit hours outside the College.

A grade of C or better is required in all Journalism and Mass Communication courses.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
JMC Core		
JMC 1013	Introduction to Media	3
JMC 2033	Media Writing & Storytelling ¹	3
JMC 4813	Media Law	3
Creative Media Production Core		
JMC 1021	Introduction to Creative Media Prod	1
JMC 2643	Sound, Light, and Motion	3
JMC 2683	Survey of Electronic Media	3
JMC 3011	Practicum (2 semesters)	2
JMC 3613	Single Camera Production	3
JMC 3623	Electronic Media Writing	3
JMC 4651	Portfolio -CMP	1
JMC 4653	Issues And Ethics In Electronic Media	3
3000-4000 Level JMC Electives		
Choose nine hours in consultation with an academic advisor and area faculty		
9		
JMC Electives		
Choose 6 hours of 3000-4000- level JMC Electives		
6		
Total Credit Hours		43

¹ Satisfies Computer Literacy Requirement.

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		
15-21		
Total Credit Hours		15-21

GRADUATE REQUIREMENTS ¹

THESIS OPTION

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Core		
JMC 5073	Conceptual Issues in Graduate Study in Journalism and Mass Comm	3
JMC 5093	Introduction to Research Methods in Mass Communication	3
JMC 5083	Mass Communication Theory	3
JMC 5113	Qualitative Research Methods	3
or JMC 5133	Quantitative Research Methods	
JMC 5091	Thesis/Project Seminar	1
Electives		
Choose 9 hours of JMC Electives (6 hours shared) ¹		
9		
Choose 6 hours of Non-JMC Electives (3 hours shared) ¹		
6		
Thesis		
JMC 5980	Research for Master's Thesis	4
Total Credit Hours		32

¹ 9 hours shared credit.

PROJECT OPTION

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Courses		
JMC 5073	Conceptual Issues in Graduate Study in Journalism and Mass Comm	3
JMC 5093	Introduction to Research Methods in Mass Communication	3
JMC 5063	Readings in Mass Communication	3
Choose 3 credits in the following:		
JMC 5001	Professional Practices	3
JMC 5091	Thesis/Project Seminar	1
Electives		
Choose 10 hours of JMC Electives (6 hours shared) ¹		10
Choose 6 hours of Non-JMC Electives (3 hours shared) ¹		6
Project		
JMC 5880	Graduate Project	4
Total Credit Hours		33

¹ 9 hours shared credit.

More information in the catalog: (<http://ou-public.courseleaf.com/gaylord-journalism-mass-communication/creative-media-production-bachelor-science-journalism-mass-communication-master-arts/>).

INFORMATION CONCERNING GENERAL RULES, REGULATIONS AND MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Information regarding Total Hours; Hours by Examination, Correspondence Study and/or Extension; Repeat of Failed Coursework; and Requirements for Full Admission to the Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication can be found in the catalog under Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication: Undergraduate Study.

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.

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.

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.

SUGGESTED SEMESTER PLAN OF STUDY

- **Apply for Admission to the Accelerated BS/MA program.** Student must be a current undergraduate student at Gaylord College, have a minimum GPA of 3.5 overall, and must have completed 60 credits to be eligible to apply. Student may only apply for the area of the program in which they currently major. For more information, please visit www.ou.edu/gaylord.
- **Student must have completed 97 credit hours to be admitted to the program.**
- **Students are eligible for graduate status upon graduation with the BS in Journalism.**
- This plan of study should not be used in lieu of academic advisement.

Year	FIRST SEMESTER	Hours	SECOND SEMESTER	Hours
FRESHMAN	ENGL 1113 Principles of English Composition (Core I)	3	ENGL 1213 or EXPO 1213 Principles of English Composition (Core I) or Expository Writing	3
	HIST 1483 or HIST 1493 United States to 1865 (Core IV) or United States, 1865 to the Present	3	JMC 2033 Media Writing & Storytelling	3
	Beginning Language (Core I)	5	P SC 1113 American Federal Government ((Core III))	3
	JMC 1013 Introduction to Media	3	MATH (Core I)	3
	First-Year Experience (Core V)	3	Beginning Language continued (Core I)	5
	CREDIT HOURS	17	CREDIT HOURS	17
SOPHOMORE	JMC 1021 Introduction to Creative Media Prod	1	JMC 3011 Practicum	1
	JMC 2643 Sound, Light, and Motion	3	JMC 2683 Survey of Electronic Media	3
	Artistic Forms (Core IV)	3	Natural Science without lab (Core II)	3
	Natural Science with lab (Core II)	4	World Culture (Core IV)	3
	Choose one of the following:	3	Social Science (Core III)	3
	Intermediate Language		Free elective, lower or upper division	1
	Upper-Division Humanities (Core IV) -Artistic Forms, Western Civilization & Culture, or World Culture			
	Free Elective, lower- or upper-division			
	CREDIT HOURS	14	CREDIT HOURS	14
JUNIOR	JMC 3011 Practicum	1	JMC 3613 Single Camera Production	3
	JMC 3623 Electronic Media Writing	3	JMC Elective, upper-division (3000-4000 level)	3
	JMC Elective, upper-division (3000-4000)	3	JMC Elective, upper-division (3000-4000 level)	3
	Western Culture (Core IV)	3	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3
	Free Elective, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	3	Upper-division Western Culture outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3
	Free Elective, lower- or upper-division	3		
	CREDIT HOURS	16	CREDIT HOURS	15
SENIOR	JMC 4813 Media Law	3	JMC 4651 Portfolio -CMP	1
	JMC 5073 Conceptual Issues in Graduate Study in Journalism and Mass Comm (MA degree credit)	3	JMC 4653 Issues And Ethics In Electronic Media (Capstone)	3
	Shared Graduate Credit +5000 (BA+MA degree credit)	3	JMC Elective, upper-division (3000-4000 level)	3
	Shared Graduate Credit +5000 (Non JMC Course) (BA+MA degree credit)	3	Shared Graduate Credit +5000 (BA+MA degree credit)	3
	Free elective, lower or upper-division	3	JMC 5063 or JMC 5083 Readings in Mass Communication (MA degree credit) or Mass Communication Theory	3
	Free Elective, lower or upper-division	2	JMC 5091 Thesis/Project Seminar (MA degree credit)	1
		Free Elective, lower or upper-division	3	
	CREDIT HOURS	17	CREDIT HOURS	17
FIFTH YEAR	Choose one of the following:	8-9	Choose one of the following:	7-9
	Thesis		Thesis	
	Project		Project	
	CREDIT HOURS	9-8	CREDIT HOURS	7-9
FIFTH YEAR	Thesis Option		Thesis Option	
	JMC 5093 Introduction to Research Methods in Mass Communication	3	JMC 5113 or JMC 5133 Qualitative Research Methods or Quantitative Research Methods	3
	JMC 5000 Elective (JMC) 5000 level elective (Non JMC)	3 3	JMC 5980 Research for Master's Thesis	4
	CREDIT HOURS	9	CREDIT HOURS	7
FIFTH YEAR	Project Option		Project Option	
	JMC 5093 Introduction to Research Methods in Mass Communication	3	JMC 5880 Graduate Project	4
	Choose one of the following:	3	Choose one of the following:	3
	JMC 5000 Elective (JMC) 5000 level elective (Non JMC)		JMC 5000 Elective (JMC) 5000 level elective (Non JMC)	
	JMC 5001 Professional Practices	1	JMC 5001 Professional Practices	1
JMC 5001 Professional Practices	1	JMC 5000 Elective (JMC)	1	
	CREDIT HOURS	8	CREDIT HOURS	9

THESIS OPTION

Fifth Year

First Semester

	Credit Hours
Thesis Option	
JMC 5093 Introduction to Research Methods in Mass Communication	3
JMC 5000 Elective (JMC)	3
5000 level elective (Non JMC)	3
Credit Hours	9

Second Semester

Thesis Option	
JMC 5113 or JMC 5133 Qualitative Research Methods or Quantitative Research Methods	3
JMC 5980 Research for Master's Thesis	4
Credit Hours	7
Total Credit Hours	16

PROJECT OPTION

Fifth Year		Credit Hours
First Semester		
Project Option		
JMC 5093	Introduction to Research Methods in Mass Communication	3
Choose one of the following:		3
JMC 5000 Elective (JMC)		
5000 level elective (Non JMC)		
JMC 5001	Professional Practices	1
JMC 5001	Professional Practices	1
	Credit Hours	8
Second Semester		
Project Option		
JMC 5880	Graduate Project	4
Choose one of the following:		3
JMC 5000 Elective (JMC)		
5000 level elective (Non JMC)		
JMC 5001	Professional Practices	1
JMC 5000 Elective (JMC)		1
	Credit Hours	9
	Total Credit Hours	17

3000-4000-LEVEL JMC ELECTIVES

Students should complete nine hours chosen in consultation with their academic advisor and area faculty.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
JMC 3633	Audio Production	3
JMC 3723	Introduction to Documentary	3
JMC 3763	Narrative Screenwriting	3
JMC 4193	Principles of Media Entrepreneurship	3
JMC 4353	Cinematography	3
JMC 4623	Multi-Camera Production	3
JMC 4633	Advanced Single Camera Production	3
JMC 4643	Advanced Audio Production	3
JMC 4733	Advanced Narrative Screenwriting	3
JMC 4753	Documentary Research and Writing	3
JMC 4763	Documentary Production	3
JMC 4773	After Effects	3
JMC 4793	Broadcast Advertising Production	3
JMC 4853	Media as a Mirror on Society	3
JMC 4903	Production for Clients	3
JMC 4913	Narrative Production	3