

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY**  
**GAYLORD COLLEGE OF JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION**  
**THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA**

Academic Year
For Students Entering the Oklahoma State System for Higher Education Summer 2024 through Spring 2025

General Requirements
Minimum Total Hours ..... 90

Program
Mass Communication D660 Doctor of Philosophy

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**Program Code:** D660

## Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Core Classes (27 hours)</b>		
JMC 5083	Mass Communication Theory (or 3 hours 5000- or 6000-level elective approved by advisory committee if JMC 5083 was taken at M.A. level)	3
JMC 5093	Introduction to Research Methods in Mass Communication (or another OU or transfer graduate-level methods course as approved by advisory committee)	3
JMC 5113	Qualitative Research Methods (or 3 hours 5000- or 6000-level elective approved by advisory committee if JMC 5113 was taken at the M.A. level)	3
JMC 5133	Quantitative Research Methods (or 3 hours of 5000-6000-level elective approved by advisory committee if JMC 5133 was taken at the M.A. level)	3
JMC 5391	Grant Writing	1
JMC 5463	Conceptualization	3
JMC 5653	Prac: Research Proposal & Design	3
JMC 6091	Ph.D. Seminar (1 credit hour per semester, minimum 2 hours)	2
JMC 6183	Approaches to Teaching in Mass Communication	3
	Additional 3-hour research methods course and/or graduate level statistics at the 5000 or 6000 level in an OU department outside or JMC (for example: Anthropology, Psychology, Sociology, History)	3
<b>Concentration &amp; Emphasis (27 hours)</b>		
	Choose a minimum of 12-15 hours of JMC Advanced Topics courses from:	12-15
JMC 6163	Advanced Topics in Journalism & Media Studies	
JMC 6173	Advanced Topics in Strategic Communication	
	Choose 12-15 hours of Non-JMC coursework with approval of advisory committee	12-15
<b>Dissertation Research (12 hours minimum)</b>		
JMC 6980	Research for Doctoral Dissertation	12
<b>Additional Coursework (up to 24 hours)</b>		
	Remaining hours to bring degree total to 90 will come from a combination of additional electives taken during the student's doctoral study at OU, transfer credit, or both	0-24
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>90</b>

## General Requirements for Doctoral Degrees

A student should expect to spend at least the equivalent of three full academic years beyond the bachelor's degree to obtain the doctoral degree. During this period the student will take appropriate graduate coursework, successfully complete the general examination, and successfully defend and submit the final dissertation.

All coursework applied to the doctoral degree must carry graduate credit.

The doctoral degree requires at least 90 post-baccalaureate hours, including both formal coursework and hours of research.

The minimum hour requirement for a specific doctoral degree program cannot be waived.

No more than one-half of the credit hours, both OU and overall, excluding Research for Doctoral Dissertation (6980), may be S/U-graded coursework.

The student must be in residence at OU for at least two consecutive 16-week semesters during the pursuit of the doctoral degree while enrolled and engaged in coursework or research activities as prescribed by the major academic unit.

For more detailed regulations and requirements for Doctoral degrees, please consult the Graduate College Bulletin: <http://www.ou.edu/gradcollege/forms/bulletin>

More information in the catalog: (<http://ou-public.courseleaf.com/gaylord-journalism-mass-communication/mass-communication-doctor-philosophy/>).