

School of Media & Public Affairs

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Journalism & Mass Communication Curriculum Worksheet (Students Enrolled Fall 2015 and Later)

Student: _____ GWID: _____

Email: _____ Expected Graduation: _____

CCAS Requirements

Students must meet the CCAS requirements including the general education requirements for the college. Requirements Listed on G-PAC Worksheet, found at: <http://advising.columbian.gwu.edu/g-pac>

CCAS Co-Requisite Courses (2 courses) These also fulfill G-PAC requirements

1. _____ PSC 1002 or PSC 1002W (Introduction to American Politics and Government)
2. _____ STAT 1053 (Intro to Statistics for the Social Sciences)

Required JMC Introductory Core Courses (6 courses)

1. _____ SMPA 2101 Journalism: Theory & Practice
2. _____ SMPA 2110W Introduction to News Writing and Reporting (*Requires minimum grade of B to apply for or remain in the major*)
3. _____ SMPA 2112 Digital Media I: Introduction to Video Production
4. _____ SMPA 2113 Digital Media II: Introduction to Web Production and Social Media
5. _____ SMPA 2151 Research Methods
6. _____ SMPA 2152 Data Analysis for Journalism and Political Communication

Required JMC Major Courses (4 courses)

1. _____ SMPA 2111W Advanced News Reporting
2. _____ SMPA 2173 Media Law
3. _____ SMPA 3150 Journalism Ethics
4. _____ *One required advanced writing/reporting course chosen from the following:*
SMPA 3230 Reporting in the Digital Age OR SMPA 3235W Broadcast News Writing OR SMPA 3242 Investigative Reporting (*Note: courses not taken as advanced writing/reporting requirement can be taken toward required JMC Elective Courses*)

Required JMC Elective Courses (5 courses)

Five courses chosen from the advanced writing/reporting courses listed above not used to meet the advanced writing core requirement or from the following:

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____

SMPA 2120 Public Opinion	SMPA 2177 Media History	SMPA 3193 Selected Topics in Journalism and Mass Communication Skills
SMPA 3195 Selected Topics in Journalism and Mass Communication	SMPA 3196 Independent Study	SMPA 3197 Internship (<i>Only one, three-credit internship can count toward the major</i>)
SMPA 3233 Photojournalism	SMPA 3234 Editing and Design	SMPA 3236W Broadcast News Reporting
SMPA 3240W Washington Reporting	SMPA 3241W Campaign Reporting	SMPA 3243W Feature Writing
SMPA 3244W Narrative Journalism	SMPA 3245W Editorial & Persuasive Writing	SMPA 3246 Specialized Reporting
SMPA 3247 Documentary Production	SMPA 3428 Media, Politics & Government	SMPA 3450 Social Media
SMPA 3460 Race, Media & Politics	SMPA 3463 Media Bias	SMPA 3469 International Communication
SMPA 3470 Comparative Media Systems	SMPA 3471 Media in the Developing World	SMPA 3472 Media and Foreign Policy
SMPA 3475 Media Management	SMPA 3476 Media, Technology, and Culture	SMPA 3477 Information Technology and Politics
SMPA 3479 Documentary	SMPA 3480 The Future of Journalism	

Required Senior Capstone Course (1 course)

One course chosen from the following:

1. _____ One course chosen from the following:

SMPA 4180 Online Journalism Workshop OR SMPA 4181 Television News Workshop OR SMPA 4182 Specialized Journalism Workshop

Remember to check prerequisites for upper level courses.

Scholarship Performance in the Major

A minimum grade of C- must be attained in all upper-level courses numbered in the 2000s through 4000s that are required for the major. A grade of B or better is required in SMPA 2110 in order to apply to or remain in the major.

Special Honors in Journalism and Mass Communication

Students with a 3.7 GPA in all courses completed at GW and in all courses required for the major may apply for Special Honors in journalism and mass communication. Students intending to apply must consult with their advisor at the start of the senior year. Application must be made by the mid-point of the student's final semester (October 15 or March 15) and must include a letter of application and a portfolio of published or broadcast work. The work will be evaluated by the journalism and mass communication faculty on the basis of professional standards as outlined by the department. Students interested in pursuing Special Honors through writing a research thesis should consult their advisor.