TIME-SAVING (AND MISTAKE-SAVING) TIPS FOR PLANNING YOUR COURSE OF STUDY

**CCAS Co-Requisite Courses** are classes that will help you in the major. These should be taken in the freshman year if possible. For those applying as sophomores ideally you should try to complete the co-requisite classes prior to making an application to SMPA.

**SMPA 2110W** requires a B or better to apply or remain in the Journalism Major. This class should be taken once you have taken the freshman writing course UW1020.

**Required Introductory Core Courses** provide the basic theoretical approaches, analytical and practical skills needed for the SMPA majors. Students should try to finish these courses early in their time in the major, ideally by middle of the junior year.

**Internships** – only one, three credit, internship may be taken for credit toward the requirements for the SMPA major. This course may be repeated once, but additional credits will not count toward the major requirements, only toward the 120 credits needed for graduation. This course is pass/fail.

**Senior Capstone Courses must be taken in the Senior Year**

**Journalism Majors:**

- **Introduction to News Writing & Reporting (2110W)** is a prerequisite for SMPA 2111W and all other upper level journalism writing courses.
- **Advanced Reporting (2111W)** should be taken within two semesters of completing SMPA 2110W. Because SMPA 2111W is one of the prerequisite courses for the senior capstone, make sure to take this course before senior year.
- **Journalism Ethics (3150)** requires junior standing.
- **Journalism Capstone Options. JMC majors** must ensure that they have taken the necessary prerequisite courses for the capstone option they are planning to take. These capstone options are culminating courses designed to give students advanced news production experience and build their portfolio of work. Students must complete the required major and introductory core courses, as well as any elective prerequisites prior to enrollment.

**Political Communication majors:**

- **When choosing upper level political science courses** it is recommended that you choose your courses to complement your interests in political communication. For example, if you are interested in domestic politics choose courses focused on American politics and government (Group B). Students should not take PSC 2229 Media and Politics given that much of that has been covered in other required courses in the major. It is recommended that students not take PSC 2228 as one of the upper level political science classes. That class is cross listed with SMPA 3428 (students interested in this class should take the SMPA version toward their SMPA major electives).

You should make your scheduling decisions in consultation with your SMPA adviser.