

2015–16 Mass Communication– Visual Communication Academic Map

School of Journalism

Middle Tennessee State University • Murfreesboro



An academic map is a suggested four-year schedule of courses based on degree requirements in the undergraduate catalog. This sample schedule serves as a general guideline to help build a full schedule each term. Milestones, courses, and special requirements necessary for timely progress to complete a major are designated to keep you on track to graduate in four years. **Missing milestones could delay your program.**

This map is not a substitute for academic advisement—contact your advisor if you have any questions about scheduling or about your degree requirements. Also see the current undergraduate catalog (catalog.mtsu.edu) for a complete list of requirements and electives. *Note: Requirements are continually under revision, and there is no guarantee they will not be changed or revoked; contact the department and/or program area for current information.*

You may choose to attend a summer term to reduce your load during fall or spring terms but still stay on track to graduate in four years (see back). NOTE: Learning Support courses will alter the sequences on this map.

Suggested Fall/Spring Four-Year Schedule

FRESHMAN FALL			FRESHMAN SPRING		
Course	Hours	Milestones/Notes	Course	Hours	Milestones/Notes
ENGL 1010 (Comm)	3	Must earn C or higher for JOUR 2710*	ENGL 1020 (Comm)	3	Must earn C or higher for JOUR 2710*
MATH (Math)	3		HIST 2010, HIST 2020, or HIST 2030	3	
JOUR/EMC/RIM 1020	3		Hum/FA (Rubric 2)	3	
Soc/Beh Sci (Rubric 1)	3		Nat Sci (Rubric 1)	4	
Hum/FA (Rubric 1)	3		COMM 2200 (Comm)	3	
SUBTOTAL	15		SUBTOTAL	16	
SOPHOMORE FALL			SOPHOMORE SPRING		
ENGL 2020, ENGL 2030, or HUM 2610 (Hum/FA)	3		VCOM 2010	3	
JOUR 2710	3	Prereq: C or higher in ENGL 1010 and 1020	Minor course	3	
HIST 2010, HIST 2020, or HIST 2030	3		Minor course	3	
Nat Sci (Rubric 2)	4		Elective	3	
CSCI 1150, INFS 2200, or INFS 3100	3		Soc/Beh Sci (Rubric 2)	3	
SUBTOTAL	16		SUBTOTAL	15	
*2.50 GPA required for admission to School of Journalism			*2.50 GPA required for admission to School of Journalism		
JUNIOR FALL			JUNIOR SPRING		
JOUR 3650	3		VCOM 3810	3	
Minor course	3		Minor course	3	
VCOM 2950	3		VCOM 3910	3	
JOUR 3450	3		Minor course	3	
VCOM 3980	3		Elective	3	
SUBTOTAL	15		SUBTOTAL	15	
SENIOR FALL			SENIOR SPRING		
JOUR conceptual requirement	3	See advisor	VCOM 4180	3	
Minor course	3		JOUR 3580, JOUR 4000, or JOUR elective (upper-division)	1–3	
Elective	3		Elective	3	
VCOM 4010	3		Minor or elective course	3	
JOUR 3090/3091, JOUR 3530, EMC 3020, or EMC 3060	3–4		Elective	3	
SUBTOTAL	15–16		SUBTOTAL	13–15	
TOTAL HOURS IN PROGRAM: 120					

Mass Communication–Visual Communication

Suggested Fall/Spring/Summer Four-Year Schedule

Refer to www.mtsu.edu/financial-aid/scholarships/ for information regarding use of the Lottery Scholarship for the summer term.

FRESHMAN FALL			FRESHMAN SPRING		
Course	Hours	Milestones/Notes	Course	Hours	Milestones/Notes
ENGL 1010 (Comm)	3	Must earn C or higher for JOUR 2710*	ENGL 1020 (Comm)	3	Must earn C or higher for JOUR 2710*
MATH (Math)	3		HIST 2010, HIST 2020, or HIST 2030	3	
JOUR/EMC/RIM 1020	3		Nat Sci (Rubric 1)	4	
Soc/Beh Sci (Rubric 1)	3		COMM 2200 (Comm)	3	
SUBTOTAL	12		SUBTOTAL	13	
FRESHMAN SUMMER					
Hum/FA (Rubric 1)	3		Hum/FA (Rubric 2)	3	Prereq: B or higher in ENGL 1010 and 1020
SUBTOTAL	3		SUBTOTAL	3	
SOPHOMORE FALL			SOPHOMORE SPRING		
ENGL 2020, ENGL 2030, or HUM 2610 (Hum/FA)	3		VCOM 2010	3	
JOUR 2710	3	Prereq: C or higher in ENGL 1010 and 1020	Minor course	3	
Nat Sci (Rubric 2)	4		HIST 2010, HIST 2020, or HIST 2030	3	
CSCI 1150, INFS 2200, or INFS 3100	3		Soc/Beh Sci (Rubric 2)	3	
SUBTOTAL	13		SUBTOTAL	12	
*2.50 GPA required for admission to School of Journalism			*2.50 GPA required for admission to School of Journalism		
SOPHOMORE SUMMER					
Minor course	3		Elective	3	
SUBTOTAL	3		SUBTOTAL	3	
JUNIOR FALL			JUNIOR SPRING		
JOUR 3650	3		VCOM 3810	3	
VCOM 2950	3		Minor course	3	
JOUR 3450	3		VCOM 3910	3	
VCOM 3980	3		Minor course	3	
SUBTOTAL	12		SUBTOTAL	12	
JUNIOR SUMMER					
Minor course	3		Elective	3	
SUBTOTAL	3		SUBTOTAL	3	
SENIOR FALL			SENIOR SPRING		
JOUR conceptual requirement	3	See advisor	VCOM 4180	3	
Minor course	3		JOUR 3580, JOUR 4000, or JOUR elective (upper-division)	1–3	
Elective	3		Elective	3	
VCOM 4010	3		Minor or elective course	3	
JOUR 3090/3091, JOUR 3530, EMC 3020, or EMC 3060	3–4		Elective	3	
SUBTOTAL	15–16		SUBTOTAL	13–15	
TOTAL HOURS IN PROGRAM: 120					