2020–21 Journalism–Sports Media Academic Map

School of Journalism and Strategic Media 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

FRESHMA		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 (Soc/Beh Sci)	3		Elective	3		
Elective	3		Nat Sci (Rubric 1)	4		
COMM 2200 (Comm)	3		Hum/FA (Rubric 1)	3		
SUBTOTAL	15		SUBTOTAL	16		
SOPHOMORE FALL			SOPHOMORE SPRING			
ENGL 2020, ENGL 2030, or HUM 2610 (Hum/FA)	3		JOUR 3090	3		
JOUR 2710	3	Prereq: C or higher in ENGL 1010 and 1020	JOUR 2720	3		
SPM 2100	3	See advisor	Minor course	3		
Nat Sci (Rubric 2)	4		Soc/Beh Sci	3		
Minor	3	See advisor	Hum/FA (Rubric 2)	3		
SUBTOTAL	16		SUBTOTAL	15		
JUNIOR		JUNIOR SPRING				
SPM 3100	3		JOUR 4440	3		
Minor course	3		School conceptual requirement	3	See advisor	
HIST 2010, HIST 2020, or HIST 2030	3		Elective	3		
School conceptual requirement	3	See advisor	Minor course	3		
School conceptual requirement	3	See advisor	SPM 3200	3		
SUBTOTAL	15		SUBTOTAL	15		
SENIOR FALL			SENIOR SPRING			
School professional topic	3	See advisor	School professional topic	3	See advisor	
Minor course	3		JOUR 3580 or JOUR 4000	1		
JOUR 4250	3		Elective	3		
JOUR 4880	1		School professional topic	3	See advisor	
Elective	2		Minor or elective course	3		
Elective	3	See advisor				
SUBTOTAL	15		SUBTOTAL	13		

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Journalism-Sports Media 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			
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ENGL 1010 (Comm)	3	Must earn C or higher for JOUR 2710*	ENGL 1020 (Comm)	3	Must earn C or higher for JOUR 2710*	
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JOUR/EMC/RIM 1020 (Soc/Beh Sci)	3		Elective	3		
COMM 2200 (Comm)	3		Nat Sci (Rubric 1)	4		
SUBTOTAL	12		SUBTOTAL	13		
		FRESHMAN	N SUMMER			
Elective	3		Hum/FA (Rubric 1)	3		
SUBTOTAL	3		SUBTOTAL	3		
SOPHOMORE FALL			SOPHOMORE SPRING			
ENGL 2020, ENGL 2030, or HUM 2610 (Hum/FA)	3		JOUR 3090	3		
JOUR 2710	3	Prereq: C or higher in ENGL 1010 and 1020	JOUR 2720	3		
SPM 2100	3		Soc/Beh Sci (Rubric 2)	3		
Nat Sci (Rubric 2)	4		Minor	3	See advisor	
SUBTOTAL	13		SUBTOTAL	12		
		SOPHOMOR	RE SUMMER			
Hum/FA (Rubric 2)	3		Minor course	3		
SUBTOTAL	3		SUBTOTAL	3		
JUNIOR FALL			JUNIOR SI	PRING		
SPM 3100	3		JOUR 4440	3		
HIST 2010, HIST 2020, or HIST 2030	3		School conceptual requirement	3	See advisor	
School conceptual requirement	3	See advisor	Elective	3		
School conceptual requirement	3	See advisor	SPM 3200	3		
SUBTOTAL	12		SUBTOTAL	12		
		JUNIOR	SUMMER			
Minor course	3		Minor course	3		
SUBTOTAL	3		SUBTOTAL	3		
SENIOR FALL			SENIOR SPRING			
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TOTAL HOURS IN PROGRAM: 120