

2023–24 Journalism–Visual Communication Academic Map

School of Journalism and Strategic Media
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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, 2020, 2030, 2040, or 2050	3	
JOUR/EMC/RIM 1020 (Soc/Beh Sci)	3		Hum/FA (Rubric 2)	3	
COMM 2200 (Comm)	3		ART 1610	3	
Hum/FA (Rubric 1)	3		Elective	3	
SUBTOTAL	15		SUBTOTAL	15	
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	VCOM 2950	3	
JOUR 2720	3		JOUR 3090 or JOUR 3530	3	
Nat Sci (Rubric 1)	4		ART 1620	3	
CSCI 1150	3		HIST 2010, 2020, 2030, 2040, or 2050	3	
SUBTOTAL	16		SUBTOTAL	15	
JUNIOR FALL			JUNIOR SPRING		
VCOM 3930	3		VCOM 3950	3	
Soc/Beh Sci (Rubric 2)	3		Minor course	3	
VCOM 3920	3		Minor course	3	
JOUR 3450	3		Minor course	3	
Nat Sci (Rubric 2)	4		Elective	3	
SUBTOTAL	16		SUBTOTAL	15	
SENIOR FALL			SENIOR SPRING		
JOUR conceptual requirement	3	See advisor	VCOM 4180	3	
Minor course	3		JOUR 3580 or JOUR 4000	1–3	1 cr. hr. required
JOUR 4880	1		JOUR conceptual requirement	3	
VCOM 4010	3		Minor course	3	
JOUR 4250	3		Minor or elective course	3	
Elective	2				
SUBTOTAL	15		SUBTOTAL	13–15	
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TOTAL HOURS IN PROGRAM: 120					

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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.

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JOUR/EMC/RIM 1020 (Soc/Beh Sci)	3		Hum/FA (Rubric 2)	3	
COMM 2200 (Comm)	3		ART 1610	3	
SUBTOTAL	12		SUBTOTAL	12	
FRESHMAN SUMMER					
Hum/FA (Rubric 1)	3		Elective	3	
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	VCOM 2950	3	
JOUR 2720	3		JOUR 3090 or JOUR 3530	3	
CSCI 1150	3		ART 1620	3	
SUBTOTAL	12		SUBTOTAL	12	
SOPHOMORE SUMMER					
Nat Sci (Rubric 1)	4		HIST 2010, 2020, 2030, 2040, or 2050	3	
SUBTOTAL	4		SUBTOTAL	3	
JUNIOR FALL			JUNIOR SPRING		
VCOM 3930	3		VCOM 3950	3	
VCOM 3920	3		Minor course	3	
JOUR 3450	3		Minor course	3	
Nat Sci (Rubric 2)	4		Elective	3	
SUBTOTAL	13		SUBTOTAL	12	
JUNIOR SUMMER					
Soc/Beh Sci (Rubric 2)	3		Minor course	3	
SUBTOTAL	3		SUBTOTAL	3	
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