

2023–24 Journalism 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	Required in major; may be counted in General Education	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	
Minor course	3	See advisor	Minor course	3	
Nat Sci (Rubric 2)	4		Soc/Beh Sci (Rubric 2)	3	
Hum/FA (Rubric 2)	3		JOUR 3430	3	
SUBTOTAL	16		SUBTOTAL	15	
JUNIOR FALL			JUNIOR SPRING		
Elective	3		JOUR conceptual requirement	3	See advisor
Minor course	3		JOUR conceptual requirement	3	See advisor
HIST 2010, 2020, 2030, 2040, or 2050	3		JOUR 4850	3	
JOUR 4440	3		Minor course	3	
JOUR conceptual requirement	3	See advisor	JOUR professional topic	3	See advisor
SUBTOTAL	15		SUBTOTAL	15	
SENIOR FALL			SENIOR SPRING		
JOUR professional topic	3	See advisor	JOUR professional topic	3	See advisor
Minor course	3		JOUR 3580 or JOUR 4000	1	
JOUR 4250	3		Elective	3	
JOUR 4880	1		JOUR professional topic	3	
Elective	2		Minor or elective course	3	
Elective	3	See advisor			
SUBTOTAL	15		SUBTOTAL	13	
Note: Students in the School of Journalism and Strategic Media (SOJSM) must complete 50 hours in liberal arts and sciences including General Education requirements and one minor from outside SOJSM.					
TOTAL HOURS IN PROGRAM: 120					

Journalism 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, 2020, 2030, 2040, or 2050	3	
JOUR/EMC/RIM 1020 (Soc/Beh Sci)	3	Required in major; may be counted in General Education	Elective	3	See advisor
COMM 2200 (Comm)	3		Nat Sci (Rubric 1)	4	
SUBTOTAL	12		SUBTOTAL	13	
FRESHMAN 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 3430	3	
JOUR 2720	3		Minor course	3	
Nat Sci (Rubric 2)	4		Soc/Beh Sci (Rubric 2)	3	
SUBTOTAL	13		SUBTOTAL	12	
SOPHOMORE SUMMER					
Hum/FA (Rubric 2)	3		Minor course	3	
SUBTOTAL	3		SUBTOTAL	3	
JUNIOR FALL			JUNIOR SPRING		
Elective	3		JOUR conceptual requirement	3	See advisor
JOUR conceptual requirement	3	See advisor	JOUR conceptual requirement	3	See advisor
HIST 2010, 2020, 2030, 2040, or 2050	3		JOUR 4850	3	
JOUR 4440	3		JOUR professional topic	3	See advisor
SUBTOTAL	12		SUBTOTAL	12	
JUNIOR SUMMER					
Minor course	3		Minor course	3	
SUBTOTAL	3		SUBTOTAL	3	
SENIOR FALL			SENIOR SPRING		
JOUR professional topic	3	See advisor	JOUR professional topic	3	See advisor
Minor course	3		JOUR 3580 or JOUR 4000	1	
JOUR 4250	3		Elective	3	
JOUR 4880	1		JOUR professional topic	3	
Elective	2		Minor or elective course	3	
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