

2025–26 Journalism, Investigative 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.

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Suggested Fall/Spring Four-Year Schedule

FRESHMAN FALL			FRESHMAN SPRING		
Course	Hours	Milestones/Notes	Course	Hours	Milestones/Notes
Written Communication	3	TBC; Must earn C or higher for JOUR 2710*	Information Literacy/Elective	3	TBC
Quantitative Literacy	3	TBC	History and Civic Learning	3	TBC; one must come from Discovery
JOUR/EMC/RIM 1020	3	TBC; Major	JOUR 2880	1	
Elective	3		Scientific Literacy	4	TBC; one must come from Discovery
Non-Written Communication	3	TBC	Creativity and Cultural Expression	3	TBC; one must come from Discovery
SUBTOTAL	15		SUBTOTAL	14	
SOPHOMORE FALL			SOPHOMORE SPRING		
Creativity and Cultural Expression Literature	3	TBC	JOUR 3090	3	
JOUR 2710	3	Prereq: C or higher in ENGL 1010	JOUR 2720	3	TBC; Major
Minor course	3	See advisor	Minor course	3	
Scientific Literacy	4	TBC; one must come from Discovery	Human Society and Social Relationships	3	TBC; one must come from Discovery
Creativity and Cultural Expression	3	TBC; one must come from Discovery	Elective	3	
SUBTOTAL	16		SUBTOTAL	15	
JUNIOR FALL			JUNIOR SPRING		
JOUR 3020	3		JOUR conceptual requirement	3	See advisor
Minor course	3		JOUR conceptual requirement	3	See advisor
History and Civic Learning	3	TBC; one must come from Discovery	Elective	3	
JOUR 4440	3		Minor course	3	
JOUR conceptual requirement	3	See advisor	JOUR 4510	3	
SUBTOTAL	15		SUBTOTAL	15	
SENIOR FALL			SENIOR SPRING		
JOUR 3332 and JOUR 3333	4		JOUR professional topic	3	See advisor
Minor course	3		JOUR 3580 or JOUR 4000	1	
JOUR 4250	3		Electives	5	
JOUR 4880	1		JOUR professional topic	3	
Elective	1		Minor or elective course	3	
JOUR 4820	3		SUBTOTAL	15	
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TOTAL HOURS IN PROGRAM: 120					

Journalism, Investigative Journalism

Suggested Fall/Spring/Summer Four-Year Schedule

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

NOTE: Learning Support courses will alter the sequences on this map.

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Non-Written Communication	3	TBC	Scientific Literacy	4	TBC; one must come from Discovery
SUBTOTAL	12		Elective	2	
FRESHMAN SUMMER			SUBTOTAL	13	
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SUBTOTAL	13		SUBTOTAL	12	
SOPHOMORE SUMMER					
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SUBTOTAL	3		SUBTOTAL	3	
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SUBTOTAL	3		SUBTOTAL	3	
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