

2026–27 Journalism–Media Studies 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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True Blue Core (TBC).

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	Elective	3	
JOUR/EMC/RIM 1020	3	TBC; Major	Creativity and Cultural Expression	3	TBC; one must come from Discovery
Non-Written Communication	3	TBC	Scientific Literacy	4	TBC; one must come from Discovery
Creativity and Cultural Expression	3	TBC; one must come from Discovery	History and Civic Learning	3	TBC; one must come from Discovery
SUBTOTAL	15		SUBTOTAL	16	
SOPHOMORE FALL			SOPHOMORE SPRING		
Writing/Research/Design/Professional	3	See advisor	Writing/Research/Design/Professional	3	See advisor
Creativity and Cultural Expression Literature	3	TBC	Conceptual Requirement	3	See advisor
JOUR 2710	3		Minor course	3	See advisor
Human Society and Social Relationships	3	TBC; one must come from Discovery	Minor course	3	
Scientific Literacy	4	TBC; one must come from Discovery	JOUR 2720	3	TBC; Major
SUBTOTAL	16		SUBTOTAL	15	
JUNIOR FALL			JUNIOR SPRING		
Writing/Research/Design/Professional	3		Writing/Research/Design/Professional	3	See advisor
Conceptual Requirement	3	See advisor	Conceptual Requirement	3	See advisor
Conceptual Requirement	3	See advisor	Conceptual Requirement	3	See advisor
History and Civic Learning	3	TBC; one must come from Discovery	Minor course	3	
Elective	3		Elective	3	See advisor
SUBTOTAL	15		SUBTOTAL	15	
SENIOR FALL			SENIOR SPRING		
Conceptual Requirement	3	See advisor	Writing/Research/Design/Professional	3	See advisor
Writing/Research/Design/Professional	3	See advisor	JOUR 3580 or JOUR 4000	1-3	1 cr. hr. required
Minor course	3		Minor course	3	
JOUR 4250	3		Minor or elective course	3	
Elective	2	See advisor	Elective	3	See advisor
JOUR 4880	1				
SUBTOTAL	15		SUBTOTAL	13-15	
NOTE: Students in the School of Journalism and Strategic Media (SOJSM) must select at least 9 hours of liberal arts/social sciences (beyond True Blue Core); at least six hours of liberal arts/social science electives must come from courses at the 3000-level or higher.					
TOTAL HOURS IN PROGRAM: 120					

Journalism–Media Studies

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.

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	Creativity and Cultural Expression	3	TBC; one must come from Discovery
JOUR/EMC/RIM 1020	3	TBC; Major	Scientific Literacy	4	TBC; one must come from Discovery
Non-Written Communication	3	TBC	History and Civic Learning	3	TBC; one must come from Discovery
SUBTOTAL	12		SUBTOTAL	13	
FRESHMAN SUMMER					
Creativity and Cultural Expression	3	TBC; one must come from Discovery	Elective	3	
SUBTOTAL	3		SUBTOTAL	3	
SOPHOMORE FALL			SOPHOMORE SPRING		
Writing/Research/Design/Professional	3	See advisor	Writing/Research/Design/Professional	3	See advisor
Creativity and Cultural Expression Literature	3	TBC	Conceptual Requirement	3	See advisor
JOUR 2710	3		Minor course	3	See advisor
Scientific Literacy	4	TBC; one must come from Discovery	JOUR 2720	3	TBC; Major
SUBTOTAL	13		SUBTOTAL	12	
SOPHOMORE SUMMER					
Human Society and Social Relationships	3	TBC; one must come from Discovery	Minor course	3	
SUBTOTAL	3		SUBTOTAL	3	
JUNIOR FALL			JUNIOR SPRING		
Writing/Research/Design/Professional	3		Writing/Research/Design/Professional	3	See advisor
Conceptual Requirement	3	See advisor	Conceptual Requirement	3	See advisor
Conceptual Requirement	3	See advisor	Conceptual Requirement	3	See advisor
Elective	3		Elective	3	See advisor
SUBTOTAL	12		SUBTOTAL	12	
JUNIOR SUMMER					
History and Civic Learning	3	TBC; one must come from Discovery	Minor course	3	
SUBTOTAL	3		SUBTOTAL	3	
SENIOR FALL			SENIOR SPRING		
Conceptual Requirement	3	See advisor	Writing/Research/Design/Professional	3	See advisor
Writing/Research/Design/Professional	3	See advisor	JOUR 3580 or JOUR 4000	1-3	1 cr. hr. required
Minor course	3		Minor course	3	
JOUR 4250	3		Minor or elective course	3	
Elective	2	See advisor	Elective	3	See advisor
JOUR 4880	1				
SUBTOTAL	15		SUBTOTAL	13-15	
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TOTAL HOURS IN PROGRAM: 120					