

2023-2024 JOURNALISM EMPHASIS CHECKLIST

B. A. Degree in Journalism

Preparation for the major requirements:

___ Minimum 45 units earned

___ Minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA

___ Passing scores on the online EGUMPP assessment program.

Students not meeting the minimum requirements may petition to enter the major, based on eligibility requirements. See "Petition" tab in JMS Homeroom in Canvas.

___ Minimum 3.0 GPA **and** grades of C or better (C/NC not allowed) in following classes:

___ JMS 200 Intro to Contemporary Media

___ JMS 210 Social Media in the Digital Age

___ JMS 220 Writing for the Mass Media

___ JMS 250 Introduction to Intersectional Representation in the Media

**** RECOMMENDED TO COMPLETE PREMAJOR REQUIREMENTS BY END OF SOPHOMORE YEAR, OR FIRST SEMESTER JUNIOR YEAR AT THE LATEST. IF YOU WANT TO GO ABROAD FOR A SEMESTER, THESE REQUIREMENTS NEED TO BE DONE BY THE END OF YOUR SOPHOMORE YEAR****

Upper Division Major Coursework (36 units):

"Required Sequence Courses"

These courses:

- ☐ Must be taken **at SDSU**
- ☐ Are offered **every** fall and spring semester
- ☐ **MUST be taken in this exact order**, regardless of class standing; you cannot move onto the next level until you complete the previous level courses
- ☐ Courses in different levels **cannot be taken concurrently (at the same time)**
- ☐ Students must earn a **C or better** in these courses
- ☐ Students are **guaranteed seats** in these courses if they complete the course prerequisites
- ☐ **** JMS 300, JMS 310W, JMS 315, JMS 489, and JMS 494 may be taken by premajors. All other sequence courses require admission into the major**

LEVEL 1: Fundamentals (*junior year, typically*)

___ JMS 310W Media Writing & Reporting

(Admission to major required)

___ JMS 300 Principles of Journalism

___ JMS 315 Digital Media Principles and Design

LEVEL 2: Skills (*fall semester senior year, typically*)

___ JMS 420 Public Affairs News Reporting

(Completion of 300, 315 and 310W w/ Cs or better required)

___ JMS 430 Digital Journalism

(Completion of 300, 315 and 310W w/ Cs or better)

___ JMS 494 Media Law & Ethics

LEVEL 3: Capstone (*spring semester senior year, typically*)

___ JMS 550 Multimedia News Laboratory

(Completion of 420, 430, and 494 w/ Cs or better required)

(Must earn a C or better in this class to graduate)

This course:

- May be taken by pre-majors
- Require completion of 60 units
- Must be taken before graduation
- Require a passing grade

Non-sequential required course:

___ JMS 489 Research Methods in Mediated Comm

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REQUIRED ELECTIVE COURSES

Students must complete 12 units of JMS or LDT courses numbered 300 and higher.

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Recommended but not required: JMS 490 (Journalism Internship) Prerequisite: Completion of Level 1 Courses

AUXILIARY DISCIPLINE. Students must complete at least 15 units, six units of which must be upper division, in ONE academic department outside of JMS (i.e. COMM, TFM, ART, SOC, RWS, POL S, etc.). You may choose any 15 units from that department, as long as at least six units are numbered 300 and higher.

Suggestion: Auxiliary Disciplines are not the same as minors. They do not show on transcripts. We suggest you complete a minor so that it will show on the transcript and can be easily communicated to others. For a minor, see the General Catalog for requirements and visit that department's academic adviser. You need an aux. discipline OR a minor – one or the other, not both.

AUXILIARY DISCIPLINE OR MINOR? _____

Competency is required in one foreign language.

See "Graduation Requirements" in the General Catalog.

No more than 48 units of JMS will count toward the 120 units required to graduate. Completion of this major is 45 units. Do not take more than three additional JMS units.

Advising Notes:
