

2023-2024 MEDIA STUDIES EMPHASIS CHECKLIST

B. A. Degree in Journalism, Emphasis in Media Studies

Preparation for the major requirements:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum 45 units earned | <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum 3.0 GPA and grades of C or better (C/NC not allowed) in following classes: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA | <input type="checkbox"/> JMS 200 Intro to Contemporary Media |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Passing scores on the online EGUMPP assessment program. | <input type="checkbox"/> JMS 210 Social Media in the Digital Age |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> JMS 220 Writing for the Mass Media |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> JMS 250 Introduction to Intersectional Representation in the Media |

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

**** 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 310W, JMS 315, JMS 408, 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 and Reporting
- JMS 315 Digital Media Principles and Design
- JMS 408 Principles of Media Studies
- JMS 489 Research Methods in Mediated Comm

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

- JMS 472 Media Technology and Society
(Completion of 310W, 408, 315, 489 required)
- JMS 418 Social Media/Community Leadership
- JMS 494 Media Law & Ethics

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

- JMS 492 Creative Uses of Emerging Media
(Completion of 472; 418 or 428; and JMS 494 with Cs or better required)

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 (Media Studies Internship) Prerequisite: Completion of JMS 472

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:
