

College of Information and Communications
School of Journalism and Mass Communications

Bulletin Year: 2025-2026

This course plan is a recommended sequence for this major. Courses designated as critical (!) may have a deadline for completion and/or affect time to graduation. Please see the Program Notes section for details regarding "critical courses" for this particular Program of Study

ritical		Credit Hours	Min. Grade ¹	Major GPA ²	Code	Prerequisites	Notes
mest	er One (15 Credit Hours)						
	ENGL 101 Critical Reading and Composition	3	С		CC-CMW		
	STAT 110 Intro. to Statistical Reasoning	3			CC-ARP	See Bulletin Listing	
	or STAT 112 Statistics and the Media						
	or STAT 201 Elementary Statistics						
	or STAT 205 Elem. Statistics for the Bio. & Life Sci.						
	or STAT 206 Elem. Statistics for Business						
	JOUR 101 Media & Society	3	С		MR		
!	JOUR 204 Principles of Journalism	3	С		MR		
	UNIV 101 The Student in the University	3			PR/CC		
	or Carolina Core Requirement ³						
mest	er Two (15-16 Credit Hours)						
	ENGL 102 Rhetoric and Composition	3	С		CC-CMW	C or better in ENGL 101	
	'				CC-INF		
	Carolina Core ARP	3			CC-ARP		
	JOUR 303 Law & Ethics of Mass Communications	3	С		MR		
	or JOUR 304 Internet and Social Media Law		•				
	JOUR 291 Writing for Mass Communications	3	С		MR		
	Foreign language ⁴ or other Carolina Core Req. ³	3-4			CC-GFL		
nast	er Three (15-16 Credit Hours)	0 1			00 01 2		
IICSL	JOUR 361 & 361L Introductory Reporting & Writing	3	С		MR	JOUR 291	
	JOUR Major Elective ⁵	3	C		MR		
			<u> </u>			See Bulletin listing.	
	Carolina Core Requirement ³	3			CC		
	Carolina Core Requirement ³	3-4			CC		
	Foreign language ⁴ or Carolina Core Requirement ³	3			CC-GFL		
nest	er Four (15-16 Credit Hours)	1		1			
	JOUR 471 Intermediate Reporting & Production	3	С		MR	JOUR 204, 303, & 361	
	JOUR Major Elective⁵	3	С		MR	See Bulletin listing.	
	Carolina Core GHS Requirement ⁴ (HIST 111, 112,	3			CC-GHS		
	201, 214, or SOST 202)						
	Carolina Core Requirement ³ or Elective ⁶	3			CC/PR		
	Foreign language ⁴ or Carolina Core Requirement ³	3-4			CR/CC		
mest	er Five (15 Credit Hours)						
	JOUR 580 Advanced Reporting Topics (Advanced	3	С		MR	Coreqs: JOUR 587, 589, & 590	
	Reporting Directed Elective)						
	JOUR 587 Capstone I – Advanced Reporting	3	С		MR/CC-	JOUR 471; Coreqs: JOUR 589	
	Multimedia Journalism				INT	& 590	
	JOUR 589 Capstone II – Advanced Multimedia	3	С		MR	JOUR 471; Coreqs: JOUR 587	
	Journalism Production					& 590	
	JOUR 590 Capstone III – Digital Journalism	3	С		MR	JOUR 471; Coreqs: JOUR 587	
						& 589	
	Carolina Core Requirement ³ or Elective ⁶	3			CC/PR		
mest	er Six (15 Credit Hours)	,		•			
	JOUR Major Elective ⁵ / Concentration Course ⁷	3	С		MR	See Bulletin listing.	
	Carolina Core Requirement ³	3			CC		
	Social Science ⁸	3			CR		
	Elective ⁶	3			PR		
	Elective Elective	3		1	PR		
nact	er Seven (15 Credit Hours)	J			ı IX		
nest	JOUR Major Elective ⁵ / Concentration Course ⁷	2	С		MD	Soo Pullotin listing	
		3	U	 	MR	See Bulletin listing.	
	Social or Behavioral Science9	3		1	CR		
	ECON 224 Introduction to Economics	3			CR		
	or MKTG 350 Principles of Marketing						
	or MGMT 371 Principles of Management			 			
	History ¹⁰	3		ļ	CR		
	Elective ⁶	3		<u></u>	PR		
nest	er Eight (14 Credit Hours)						
	JOUR Major Elective ⁵ / Concentration Course ⁷	3	С		MR	See Bulletin listing.	
	JOUR Major Elective ⁵ / Concentration Course ⁷	3	С		MR	See Bulletin listing.	
	Elective ⁶	3			PR		
	Elective ⁶	3			PR		

Graduation Requirements Summary

Minimum Total Hours	Minimum Major Requirements Hours	College & Program Requirements Hours	Carolina Core Hours	Minimum Institutional GPA
120	48	29-41	31-43	2.5

- 1. Regardless of individual course grades, students must maintain a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA.
- 2. Some colleges require a minimum GPA for major courses. Courses indicated in this column are included in the major GPA for this program of study.
- 3. The Carolina Core provides the common core of knowledge, skill and academic experience for all Carolina undergraduate students.
- 4. Students in the Journalism major are required to demonstrate proficiency in one foreign language equivalent to the 122 course through course credit or the corresponding foreign language placement score.
- 5. **Journalism Major Electives (18 hours)** include: 1) one Professional practice directed elective –editing, reporting or management (3 hours); 2) two conceptual directed electives (6 hours); and 3) three additional JOUR electives (9 hours).
 - a. Professional Practice Directed Elective—editing, reporting or management (3 hours): JOUR 245, 362, 371, 392, 443, 444, 461, 472, 475, 482, 483, 534, 550, 563, 566, 573, 574, 576, 579, 597.
 - b. Conceptual Directed Electives (6 hours): JOUR 201, 202, 203, 205, 219, 242, 243, 249, 285, 286, 303, 304, 306, 307, 308, 309, 311, 312, 331, 332, 333, 343, 344, 345, 348, 382, 385, 391, 394, 398, 400, 421, 428, 440, 445, 451, 480, 491, 501, 506, 507, 508, 509, 527, 530, 536, 539, 542, 595, 596.
- 6. Electives cannot include courses of a remedial or developmental nature.
- Sports Media Concentration Courses (12 hours): JOUR 391 (required) and 9 hours from: JOUR 242, 243, 244, 245, 307, 343, 344, 345, 394, 428, 443, 444, 461, 472, 472L.
- 8. Social Science (3 hours): any CC-GSS course or one of the following JOUR courses: JOUR 243, 285, 303, 304, 307, 308, 309, 311, 345, 391, 394, 398, 596.
- Social or Behavioral Sciences (3 hours): any course from AFAM (African American Studies); ANTH (Anthropology); COLA (College of Liberal Arts);
 CRJU (Criminal Justice); GEOG (Geography except GEOG 545 & 546); HIST (History); LASP (Latin American Studies); POLI (Political Science);
 PSYC (Psychology); SOCY (Sociology); SOST (Southern Studies); WGST (Women's & Gender Studies) or any one of the following JOUR courses:
 JOUR 243, 285, 303, 304, 307, 308, 309, 311, 345, 391, 394, 398, 596.
- 10. History Course (3 hours): HIST 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110; ARTH 107; FAMS 300; GERM 280.

Program Notes:

- Courses identified as "critical" may affect time to graduation due to prerequisite requirements for subsequent required courses.
- All undergraduate students must take a 3-credit course or its equivalent with a passing grade that covers the founding documents. This course may fulfill any requirement in the program of study. Courses that meet this requirement are listed in the academic bulletin.
- All majors within the school will be expected to pass all journalism and mass communications courses used toward the major with a minimum grade of C.
- The last 30 credit hours toward your degree must be earned in residence at the University of South Carolina.

University Requirements: Bachelor's degree-seeking students must meet Carolina Core (general education) requirements. For more information regarding these requirements, please visit the <u>Carolina Core</u> page on the University website.

Codes:			
CC	Carolina Core	CC-INF	Carolina Core – Information Literacy
CC-AIU	Carolina Core-Aesthetic and Interpretive Understanding	CC-INT	Carolina Core – Integrative Course
CC-ARP	Carolina Core-Analytical Reasoning and Problem-Solving	CC-SCI	Carolina Core – Scientific Literacy
CC-CMS	Carolina Core-Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Spoken Component	CC-VSR	Carolina Core – Values, Ethics, and Social Responsibility
CC-CMW	Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Written Component	CR	College Requirement
CC-GFL	Carolina Core-Global Citizenship and Multicultural Understanding: Foreign Language	MR	Major Requirement
CC-GHS	Carolina Core – Historical Thinking	PR	Program Requirement
CC-GSS	Carolina Core – Social Sciences		

Disclaimer: Major maps are only a suggested or recommended sequence of courses required in a program of study. Please contact your academic advisor for assistance in the application of specific coursework to a program of study and course selection and planning for upcoming semesters.