



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.

Critical	Course Subject and Title	Credit Hours	Min. Grade ¹	Major GPA ²	Code	Prerequisites	Notes
Semester One (15 Credit Hours)							
	ENGL 101 Critical Reading and Composition	3	C		CC-CMW		
	STAT 110 Intro. to Statistical Reasoning 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	3			CC-ARP	See Bulletin Listing	
	JOUR 101 Media & Society	3	C		MR		
!	JOUR 205 History & Philosophy of the Mass Media	3	C		MR		
	UNIV 101 The Student in the University or Carolina Core Requirement ³	3			PR/CC		
Semester Two (15-16 Credit Hours)							
	ENGL 102 Rhetoric and Composition	3	C		CC-CMW CC-INF	C or better in ENGL 101	
	Carolina Core ARP	3			CC-ARP		
	JOUR 306 Theories of Mass Communications	3	C		MR	JOUR 306 Theories of Mass Communications	
	JOUR 291 Writing for Mass Communications	3	C		MR		
	Foreign language ⁴ or other Carolina Core Req. ³	3-4			CC-GFL		
Semester Three (15-16 Credit Hours)							
	JOUR 303 Law & Ethics of Mass Communications or JOUR 304 Internet and Social Media Law	3	C		MR		
	JOUR 311 Minorities, Women, & the Mass Media (cross-listed: WGST 311)	3	C		MR		
	Carolina Core GHS Requirement ³ (HIST 111, 112, 201, 214, or SOST 202)	3			CC-GHS		
	Carolina Core Requirement ³	3-4			CC		
	Foreign language ⁴ or Carolina Core Requirement ³	3			CC-GFL		
Semester Four (15-16 Credit Hours)							
	Culturally Competent Elective Course ⁵	3	C		MR		
	Advanced Major Course ⁶	3	C		MR	See Bulletin listing.	
	Social Science ⁷	3			CR		
	Carolina Core Requirement ³	3-4			CC		
	Foreign language ⁴ or other Carolina Core Req. ³	3			CR/CC		
Semester Five (15 Credit Hours)							
	JOUR Major Elective ⁸	3	C		MR	See Bulletin listing.	
	Advanced Major Course ⁶	3	C		MR	See Bulletin listing.	
	ECON 224 Introduction to Economics or MKTG 350 Principles of Marketing or MGMT 371 Principles of Management	3			CR		
	Social or Behavioral Science ⁹	3			CR		
	Carolina Core Requirement ³	3			CC		
Semester Six (15 Credit Hours)							
	JOUR Major Elective ⁸ / Concentration Course ¹⁰	3	C		MR	See Bulletin listing.	
	Advanced Major Course ⁶	3	C		MR	See Bulletin listing.	
	History ¹¹	3			CR		
	Carolina Core Requirement ³ or Elective ¹²	3			CC/PR		
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Semester Seven (15 Credit Hours)							
	JOUR Major Elective ⁸ / Concentration Course ¹⁰	3	C		MR	See Bulletin listing.	
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	Elective ¹²	3			PR		
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Semester Eight (14 Credit Hours)							
	JOUR 415 Mass Communications Capstone Portfolio	3	C		MR CC-INT		
	JOUR Major Elective ⁸ / Concentration Course ¹⁰	3	C		MR	See Bulletin listing.	
	Elective ¹²	3			PR		
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	Elective ¹²	2			PR		

Graduation Requirements Summary

Minimum Total Hours	Minimum Major Requirements Hours	College & Program Requirements Hours	Carolina Core Hours	Minimum Institutional GPA
120	48	30-42	31-43	2.5

- Regardless of individual course grades, students must maintain a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA.
- 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.
- The [Carolina Core](#) provides the common core of knowledge, skill and academic experience for all Carolina undergraduate students.
- Students in the Mass Communications 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.
- Culturally-Competent Elective Course (3 hours):** JOUR 307, 309, 312, 345, 398.
- Advanced Major Courses (9 hours):** JOUR 501, 506, 507, 509, 542, 597.
- 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.
- Journalism Major Electives (15 hours)** include: at least 3 hours and no more than 6 hours must be from the following Skills courses: JOUR 245, 316, 317, 346, 347, 361 & 361L, 362, 371, 392, 393, 416, 437, 438, 443, 444, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 452, 461, 472, 472L, 482, 483, 516, 518, 521, 534, 538, 550, 553, 566, 573, 576, 579.
- 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.
- Sports Media Concentration Courses (12 hours):** JOUR 391 (required) and 9 hours from: JOUR 242, 243, 244, 245, 343, 344, 345, 428, 443, 444, 461, 472, 472L.
- History Course (3 hours):** HIST 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110; **ARTH** 107; **FAMS** 300; **GERM** 280. Electives cannot include courses of a remedial or developmental nature.
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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 [Carolina Core](#) 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.