



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 203 Principles of Visual Communications	3	C		MR		
	UNIV 101 The Student in the University or Carolina Core Requirement ³	3			PR/CC		
Semester Two (15 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 346 Graphics for Visual Communications or JOUR 347 Photography for Visual Communications	3	C	MR		C or better in JOUR 203 (JOUR 346)	
	JOUR 291 Writing for Mass Communications	3	C	MR			
	Foreign language ⁴ or other Carolina Core Requirement ³	3			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 346 Graphics for Visual Communications or JOUR 347 Photography for Visual Communications	3	C	MR		C or better in JOUR 203 (JOUR 346)	
	Carolina Core Requirement ³	3		CC			
	Carolina Core Requirement ³	3-4		CC			
	Foreign language ⁴ or Carolina Core Requirement ³	3		CR/CC			
Semester Four (15-17 Credit Hours)							
	JOUR Major Elective ⁵	3	C	MR		See Bulletin listing.	
	JOUR 442 Advanced Graphics for Visual Comm. or JOUR 447 Video for Visual Communications or JOUR 449 Design for Online Content	3	C	MR/CC-INT		See Bulletin listing.	
	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	3-4		CC-GFL			
Semester Five (15 Credit Hours)							
	JOUR 442 Advanced Graphics for Visual Comm. or JOUR 447 Video for Visual Communications or JOUR 449 Design for Online Content	3	C	MR/CC-INT		See Bulletin listing.	
	JOUR Major Elective ⁵	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			
	Carolina Core Requirement ³ or Elective ⁶	3		CC/PR			
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Semester Six (15 Credit Hours)							
	JOUR 442 Advanced Graphics for Visual Comm. or JOUR 447 Video for Visual Communications or JOUR 449 Design for Online Content	3	C	MR/CC-INT		See Bulletin listing.	
	JOUR Major Elective ⁵ / Concentration Course ⁷	3	C	MR		See Bulletin listing.	
	Social Science ⁸	3		CR			
	History ⁹	3		CR			
	Elective ⁶	3		PR			
Semester Seven (15 Credit Hours)							
	JOUR Major Elective ⁵ / Concentration Course ⁷	3	C	MR		See Bulletin listing.	
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	Social or Behavioral Science ¹⁰ (300-level or above)	3		CR			
	Elective ⁶	3		PR			
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Semester Eight (14 Credit Hours)					
JOUR 460 Capstone Portfolio Development	3	C		MR CC-INT	C or better in JOUR 442 & 447; C or better in JOUR 449
Elective ⁶	3			PR	
Elective ⁶	3			PR	
Elective ⁶	3			PR	
Elective ⁶	2			PR	

Graduation Requirements Summary

Minimum Total Hours	Minimum Major Requirements Hours	College & Program Requirements Hours	Carolina Core Hours	Minimum Institutional GPA
120	45	32-44	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 Visual 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.
5. **Journalism Major Electives (15 hours)** include: 1) a Visual Communications Special Topics course (3 hours); 2) a JOUR concept/lecture course (3 hours); and 3) three JOUR electives (9 hours) of the student's choice.
 - a. **Visual Communications Special Topics Course (3 hours):** JOUR 245, 249, 316, 317, 348, 393, 416, 444, 446, 448, 450, 451, 452, 455, 461, 471, 472, 475, 518, 534, 537, 538, 553, 595, 596, 597.
 - b. **JOUR Concept/Lecture Course (3 hours):** JOUR 201, 202, 204, 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, 563, 595, 596.
6. Electives cannot include courses of a remedial or developmental nature.
7. **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.
9. **History Course (3 hours):** HIST 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110; ARTH 107; FAMS 300; GERM 280.
10. **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.

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.