

# Advising Basics for Mass Media Students

## General Education Requirements:

- Must pass MA 112 or MA116 with C or better.
- EN300 can only be taken once you have 54 credits and is required for MM400.
- Need foreign language (can be taken pass/fail; only one class per semester can be put on pass/fail).
- KN198 will be offered this spring and that's it. If students prefer to skip it, we can update their catalog year but this could affect other requirements.
- You can use classes from your minor to satisfy general education requirements as long as those courses are part of the accepted class list.
- No more than six hours from any one department can count within the general education categories (humanities, social science and natural sciences).
- You must take courses in two departments (excluding math) to satisfy one natural sciences requirement, but you need 12 total hours of math and science plus the MA112 or MA116.
- You need to make sure you are taking enough upper division courses as you need 45 hours to graduate.
- You also need 124 hours to graduate, which does allow for some electives. The exact number depends on your minor and if any of your minor classes also satisfy general education requirements.
- If you take more than 40 hours in mass media, you will end up exceeding 124 hours because you must also complete 84 hours outside of your major.
- Minors outside the department are required for mass media degree.

## Within the Major:

- All students choose one emphasis. The available options are: creative advertising, contemporary journalism, digital film and video, public relations.
- All students must take the CORE courses.
  - Students should start with MM100 and MM199.
  - Advanced Media Lab is a 1-hour class that is taken for two semesters.
  - To be eligible for internship, students must have successfully completed 30 hours within the major (and 9 within emphasis) and have 80 hours overall.
- All students must complete 6 hours of elective as part of their emphasis. The elective classes could be any class the mass media department offers at the 300-level or above.

**If you still have any questions about the requirements, talk to your advisor!**