DOCTORAL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

General policies for all University of Oklahoma doctoral programs are available in the Graduate College Bulletin.

DOCTOR of PHILOSOPHY

MAJOR: Mass Communication

Program effective Summer 2023

COURSEWORK REQUIREMENTS

Core Classes

- JMC 5093 Introduction to Research Methods in Mass Communication or another OU graduate-level methods course or a graduate-level methods course transferred from another university ........................................3 hours
- JMC 5083 Mass Communication Theory (or 3 hours 5000- or 6000-level elective approved by advisory committee if JMC 5083 was taken at M.A. level) ........................................3 hours
- JMC 5113 Qualitative Research Methods (or 3 hours 5000- or 6000-level elective approved by advisory committee if JMC 5083 was taken at M.A. level) ........................................3 hours
- JMC 5133 Quantitative Research Methods (or 3 hours 5000- or 6000-level elective approved by advisory committee if JMC 5083 was taken at M.A. level) ........................................3 hours
- JMC 5391 Grant Writing ..................................................................................................................1 hour
- JMC 5463 Conceptualization .........................................................................................................3 hours
- JMC 5653 Prac: Research Proposal & Design .............................................................................3 hours
- JMC 6183 Approaches to Teaching in Mass Communication .....................................................3 hours
- JMC 6091 Ph.D. Seminar ................................................................................................................2 hours
  1 credit hour per semester, minimum 2 hours
- Additional research methods course and/or graduate-level statistics ........................................3 hours
  To be taken at 5000 or 6000 level in an OU department outside of JMC – for example, Anthropology, Psychology, Sociology, History

Total ..............................................................................................................................................27 hours

Concentration and Emphasis*

Students will choose 12 or 15 hours of JMC Advanced Topics courses among the following:

- JMC 6163 Advanced Topics in Journalism & Media Studies .................................................. 12 or 15 hours
- JMC 6173 Advanced Topics in Strategic Communication ....................................................... 12 or 15 hours

- Non-JMC Coursework ............................................................................................................. 12 or 15 hours

Total ..............................................................................................................................................27 hours

*Students can take either a) 15 hours JMC advanced topics and 12 non-JMC hours, or b) 12 hours JMC advanced topics and 15 non-JMC hours.

Dissertation Research

- JMC 6980 Research for Doctoral Dissertation ..................................................................... 12+ hours
  12 hours minimum

- Additional Coursework ........................................................................................................... up to 24 hours
  Remaining hours to bring degree total to 90 will come from a combination of additional electives taken during the student’s doctoral study at OU, transfer credit, or both.

- TOTAL ......................................................................................................................................90 hours