

DOCTORAL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

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DOCTOR of PHILOSOPHY

D660

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
- 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