

# REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MASTER OF ARTS

## GAYLORD COLLEGE OF JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

For Students Entering the  
Oklahoma State System  
for Higher Education:  
**Summer 2018 through  
Spring 2019**

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS	
Minimum Total Hours (Thesis) . . . . .	32
Minimum Total Hours (Non-Thesis) . . . . .	33
Minimum Total Hours (Professional Project) . . . . .	33

Journalism and Mass  
Communication  
M610-Q393  
*Master of Arts*

REQUIRED COURSES		
<b>Thesis Option (32 hours):</b>		<p>The master's degree requires the equivalent of <i>at least</i> two semesters of satisfactory graduate work and additional work as may be prescribed for the degree.</p> <p>All coursework applied to the master's degree must carry graduate credit.</p> <p>Master's degree programs which require a thesis consist of <i>at least</i> 30 credit hours. All non-thesis master's degree programs require <i>at least</i> 32 credit hours.</p> <p>A maximum of eight credit hours of graduate work may be transferred from other universities if such work meets the college's requirements. No transfer credit will be accepted toward meeting core requirements.</p> <p>A maximum of 12 credit hours of G4000-level courses will count toward the master's degree. No more than nine of these hours may be in journalism and mass communication.</p> <p>Courses completed through correspondence study may <i>not</i> be applied to the master's degree.</p> <p>To qualify for a graduate degree, students must achieve an overall grade point average of 3.0 or higher in the degree program coursework and in all resident graduate coursework attempted. A student must also have at least a 3.0 in all coursework (including undergraduate coursework if any).</p>
JMC 5073, Conceptual Issues in Graduate Study in JMC	3	
JMC 5083, Mass Communication Theory	3	
JMC 5093, Introduction to Research Methods in Mass Communication	3	
JMC 5091, Thesis/Project Seminar	1	
JMC 5113, Qualitative Research Methods <b>OR</b>	3	
JMC 5133, Quantitative Research Methods	3	
JMC 5980, Thesis	4	
Nine credit hours of graduate electives in journalism and mass communication	9	
Six credit hours of graduate work in areas other than journalism and mass communication	6	
<b>Non-Thesis Option (33 hours):</b>		
JMC 5063, Readings in Mass Communication	3	
JMC 5073, Conceptual Issues in Graduate Study in JMC	3	
JMC 5093, Introduction to Research Methods in Mass Communication	3	
JMC 5001, Professional Practices (three 1-hour courses, or 3 other hours approved by the graduate liaison and advisor)	3	
12 credit hours of graduate electives in journalism and mass communication	12	
Nine credit hours of graduate work in an area other than journalism and mass communication	9	
<b>Professional Project Option (33 hours):</b>		
JMC 5063, Readings in Mass Communication	3	
JMC 5073, Conceptual Issues in Graduate Study in JMC	3	
JMC 5093, Introduction to Research Methods in Mass Communication	3	
JMC 5001, Professional Practices (three 1-hour courses, or 3 other hours approved by the graduate liaison and advisor)	3	
JMC 5091, Thesis/Project Seminar	1	
JMC 5880, Graduate Project	4	
10 credit hours of graduate electives in journalism and mass communication	10	
Six credit hours of graduate work in an area other than journalism and mass communication	6	

A student who has done satisfactory graduate work and has earned a 3.0 grade point average may file for master's candidacy.