

JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATIONS / LAW, M.M.C. / J.D.

The School of Journalism and Mass Communications in cooperation with the University of South Carolina School of Law offers a combined degree program that permits a student to obtain the J.D. and Master of Mass Communications (M.M.C.) degrees in approximately four years. Through the combined program, the total course load may be reduced from that required if the two degrees were earned separately since 9 hours of electives towards the J.D. may be earned in the Mass Communication program. Students in the M.M.C. program may use up to 9 hours of law course credit as electives. Prior to obtaining permission to the combined degree program, a student must be admitted to both the School of Law and the School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

Degree Requirements M.M.C. (36 Hours) / J.D. (90 Hours)

Masters of Mass Communications Integrated Communications Area of Emphasis

First Year		Credit Hours
Fall		
LAWS 524	Criminal Law	3
LAWS 505	Contracts I	3
LAWS 510	Property I	3
LAWS 530	Torts I	3
LAWS 537	Legal Research	1
LAWS 535	Legal Writing I	2
Credit Hours		15
Spring		
LAWS 525	Constitutional Law I	3
LAWS 545	Civil Procedure I	3
LAWS 506	Contracts II	3
LAWS 511	Property II	3
LAWS 531	Torts II	3
LAWS 536	Legal Writing II	1
Credit Hours		16
Summer		
Clerkship		
Option to enroll in graduate-level courses in the School of Journalism and Mass Communications		
Credit Hours		0
Second Year		
Fall		
JOUR 706	Media Law	3
Four additional courses selected from the Law School		12
Credit Hours		15
Spring		
Five courses selected from the Law School		15
Credit Hours		15

Summer

Option to enroll in graduate-level courses in the School of Journalism and Mass Communications and/or Camp Carolina and/or clerkship

Third Year		Credit Hours
Fall		
JOUR 701	Research Methods in Mass Communication	3
MKTG 701	Marketing Management	3
JOUR 705	Strategic Communications Principles	3
JOUR 762	Issues in Mass Communication Management	3
Credit Hours		12
Spring		
JOUR 715	Strategic Communications Strategies	3
JOUR 771	Media Economics	3
JOUR 531	Public Relations Campaigns	3
or JOUR 517	or Integrated Campaigns	
JOUR 533	Public Relations Management	3
or JOUR 530	or Creative Leadership	
Credit Hours		12
Summer		
JOUR 777	Practicum in Mass Communications Management	3
Credit Hours		3
Fourth Year		
Fall		
Four courses selected from the Law School		15
Credit Hours		15
Spring		
Four courses selected from the Law School		15
Credit Hours		15
Total Credit Hours		118

Masters of Mass Communications General Area of Emphasis

First Year		Credit Hours
Fall		
LAWS 524	Criminal Law	3
LAWS 505	Contracts I	3
LAWS 510	Property I	3
LAWS 530	Torts I	3
LAWS 537	Legal Research	1
LAWS 535	Legal Writing I	2
Credit Hours		15
Spring		
LAWS 525	Constitutional Law I	3
LAWS 545	Civil Procedure I	3
LAWS 506	Contracts II	3
LAWS 511	Property II	3
LAWS 531	Torts II	3
LAWS 536	Legal Writing II	1
Credit Hours		16

Summer

Clerkship

Option to enroll in graduate-level courses in the School of Journalism and Mass Communications	
Credit Hours	0

Second Year**Fall**

JOUR 706	Media Law	3
Four additional courses selected from the Law School		12
Credit Hours		15

Spring

Five courses selected from the Law School		15
Credit Hours		15

Summer

Option to enroll in graduate-level courses in the School of Journalism and Mass Communications and/or Camp Carolina and/or clerkship

Credit Hours		0
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Third Year**Fall**

JOUR 701	Research Methods in Mass Communication	3
JOUR 762	Issues in Mass Communication Management	3
JOUR 705	Strategic Communications Principles	3
MGMT 770 or MKTG 701	Competing Through People or Marketing Management	3
Credit Hours		12

Spring

Senior Semester

Select one of the following:

MGMT 718	Management of Human Resources	3
JOUR elective (can be satisfied through law school)		
Credit Hours		3

Summer

JOUR 777	Practicum in Mass Communications Management	3
Credit Hours		3

Fourth Year**Fall**

Four courses selected from the Law School		12
MGMT 770 or MKTG 701	Competing Through People or Marketing Management	3
Credit Hours		15

Spring

Four courses selected from the Law School		12
Select one of the following:		
MGMT 718	Management of Human Resources	3
JOUR elective (can be satisfied through law school)		
Credit Hours		15

Total Credit Hours		109
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for the School of Journalism and Mass Communications showing a total of 36 credit hours.

Note: Three courses (9 hours) may count for dual credit. Therefore, a student enrolled in the dual program will have a Program of Study for the School of Law showing a total of 91 credit hours, and a Program of Study