

JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATIONS, PH.D.

Degree Requirements (57 Post-Master's Degree Hours)

To earn the Ph.D. in mass communications, the student must successfully complete the following:

Qualifying Examination

A qualifying examination, administered at the beginning of the student's program. This examination, largely diagnostic in nature, will help the faculty in planning the student's program of study.

Course Requirements (57 Hours)

Basic Doctoral Core (15 Hours)

Course	Title	Credits
JOUR 801	Communication Research Design	3
JOUR 803	Seminar in Mass Communication Theory and Theory Construction	3
JOUR 805	Seminar in Teaching Mass Communication	3
JOUR 807	Advanced Communication Research	3
JOUR 808	Communication Research: Critical, Cultural, and Naturalistic Approaches	3
Total Credit Hours		15

Mass Communication Electives (21Hours) ¹

At least 21 hours in approved mass communication electives from JOUR courses at 700/800 levels.

Courses in Another Field of Study (9 Hours) ¹

At least 9 hours in another field of study, such as economics, business, political science, history, education, library science, or English; normally the three courses would be in the same academic discipline. However, for example, a student interested in modern Africa might take one course in history, one in political science, and a third in sociology with approval from the faculty.

¹ At least 6 hours from Mass Communications Electives and Courses in Another Field of Study must be in research methods beyond core course requirements of the Ph.D. and Master's degree programs (may include JOUR courses).

Dissertation Preparation (12 Hours minimum)

Course	Title	Credits
JOUR 899	Dissertation Preparation	12
Total Credit Hours		12

Comprehensive Examination

A comprehensive examination is based on doctoral coursework; this examination is administered in 2 parts: a 12-hour written examination (4 three-hour sets of questions taken over 5 consecutive business days) and an oral defense before the student's comprehensive examination committee. The comprehensive exam and oral defense will cover theory, research, a third area of emphasis in mass communication and an outside area.

Residency Requirement

The University's residency requirements apply, which means the student must be enrolled for at least 6 semester hours during 3 consecutive semesters.

Dissertation Defense

The doctoral dissertation must be successfully defended before the student's dissertation committee.