

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

Course	Title	Credit Hours
First Year		
Fall		
LAWS 505	Contracts I	3
LAWS 510	Property I	3
LAWS 524	Criminal Law	3
LAWS 530	Torts I	3
LAWS 535	Legal Writing I	2
LAWS 537	Legal Research	1
Credit Hours		15
Spring		
LAWS 506	Contracts II	3
LAWS 511	Property II	3
LAWS 525	Constitutional Law I	3
LAWS 531	Torts II	3
LAWS 536	Legal Writing II	1
LAWS 545	Civil Procedure I	3
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		
LAWS 706	Administrative Law Externship (Summer)	4
Four additional courses selected from the Law School		12
Credit Hours		16

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
Third Year		
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 or JOUR 517	Public Relations Campaigns or Integrated Campaigns	3
JOUR 533 or JOUR 530	Public Relations Management or Creative Leadership	3
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		119

Masters of Mass Communications General Area of Emphasis

Course	Title	Credit Hours
First Year		
Fall		
LAWS 505	Contracts I	3
LAWS 510	Property I	3
LAWS 524	Criminal Law	3
LAWS 530	Torts I	3
LAWS 535	Legal Writing I	2
LAWS 537	Legal Research	1
Credit Hours		15
Spring		
LAWS 506	Contracts II	3
LAWS 511	Property II	3
LAWS 525	Constitutional Law I	3

LAWS 531	Torts II	3
LAWS 536	Legal Writing II	1
LAWS 545	Civil Procedure I	3
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
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		
MGMT 718	Management of Human Resources ¹	3
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
MGMT 718	Management of Human Resources ¹	3
Credit Hours		15
Total Credit Hours		109

School of Law showing a total of 91 credit hours, and a Program of Study for the School of Journalism and Mass Communications showing a total of 36 credit hours.

¹ Or JOUR elective (can be satisfied through Law School).

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