

Journalism & Media Studies, B.A., Spec in Journalism
 College of Arts and Sciences (CAS)
 Department of Communication, Journalism, and Public Relations
 Catalog Year: 2024-2025

This is a sample schedule of all general education, CAS Exploratory, and major requirements for this degree in a 4-year plan. Courses in bold are designated as critical and may be prerequisites to subsequent major courses or may affect timeline for graduation due to specific semester offerings. Please see the notes column for further clarification.
 The below plan is based on SAT Writing 410-610 or AP/IB/CLEP equivalents.

Semester One (16 credit hours) - Course Subject and Title	Credits	Minimum Grade	Course Type	Prerequisites	Notes
General Education Category	4	Passing	General Education	Prerequisite varies with choice.	http://catalog.oakland.edu/
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WRT 1050 - Composition I	4	C	Elective	WRT 1020 with a grade of C or higher; placement.	Prerequisite to subsequent Writing Foundations General Education course.
Semester Two (16 credit hours) - Course Subject and Title	Credits	Minimum Grade	Course Type	Prerequisites	Notes
General Education Category	4	Passing	General Education	Prerequisite varies with choice.	http://catalog.oakland.edu/
General Education Category (COM 1000, needed for JMS 3003)	4	Passing	General Education	Prerequisite varies with choice.	The department recommends COM 1000 in Semester One or Two.
JMS 1650 - Introduction to Media Communication	4	C	Major	None	None
WRT 1060 - Composition II	4	C	General Education	WRT 1050 with grade of C or higher; placement.	Prerequisite to subsequent Writing Intensive courses.
Semester Three (16 credit hours) - Course Subject and Title	Credits	Minimum Grade	Course Type	Prerequisites	Notes
JMS 2000 - Introduction to Journalism	4	Passing	Major	WRT 1060 with a grade of C or higher; placement.	Prerequisite to subsequent major courses.
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Elective	4	Passing	Elective	Prerequisite varies with choice.	Elective may need to include university requirements of G.E. Integration or credits at the 3000-4000 level.
Semester Four (16 credit hours) - Course Subject and Title	Credits	Minimum Grade	Course Type	Prerequisites	Notes
JMS Specialization Foundation Course	4	Passing	Major	JMS 2000	Choose from JMS 3000 or JMS 3120
JMS Specialization Practice and Innovation Course 1 of 3	4	Passing	Major	Prerequisite varies with choice.	See catalog for options.
General Education Category	4	Passing	General Education	Prerequisite varies with choice.	http://catalog.oakland.edu/
Elective	4	Passing	Elective	Prerequisite varies with choice.	Elective may need to include university requirements of G.E. Integration or credits at the 3000-4000 level
Semester Five (16 credit hours) - Course Subject and Title	Credits	Minimum Grade	Course Type	Prerequisites	Notes
JMS 3003 - Media and Mass Communication Theory	4	Passing	Major	COM 1000 with a grade of C or higher	None
JMS Specialization Practice and Innovation Course 2 of 3	4	Passing	Major	Prerequisite varies with choice.	See catalog for options.
CAS Exploratory or Elective	4	Passing	Exploratory	Prerequisite varies with choice.	See CAS Exploratory Requirement below.
General Education Category	4	Passing	General Education	Prerequisite varies with choice.	http://catalog.oakland.edu/
Semester Six (16 credit hours) - Course Subject and Title	Credits	Minimum Grade	Course Type	Prerequisites	Notes
JMS 4020 - Ethical Issues in the Media or JMS 4030 - Media Law	4	Passing	Major	JMS 2000	Offered Fall and Winter.
JMS Specialization Concept and Analysis Course	4	Passing	Major	Prerequisite varies with choice.	See catalog for options.
CAS Exploratory or Elective	4	Passing	Exploratory	Prerequisite varies with choice.	See CAS Exploratory Requirement below.
Elective	4	Passing	Elective	Prerequisite varies with choice.	"Elective" may need to include university requirements of G.E. Integration or credits at the 3000-4000 level
Semester Seven (16 credit hours) - Course Subject and Title	Credits	Minimum Grade	Course Type	Prerequisites	Notes
JMS Specialization Practice and Innovation Course 3 of 3	4	Passing	Major	Prerequisite varies with choice.	See catalog for options.
CAS Exploratory or Elective	4	Passing	Exploratory	Prerequisite varies with choice.	See CAS Exploratory Requirement below.
Elective	4	Passing	Elective	Prerequisite varies with choice.	"Elective" may need to include university requirements of G.E. Integration or credits at the 3000-4000 level
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Semester Eight (12 credit hours) - Course Subject and Title	Credits	Minimum Grade	Course Type	Prerequisites	Notes
JMS Capstone	4	Passing	Multiple	Prerequisite varies with choice; Instructor Permission.	COM 4970, JMS 4120, or JMS 4950
Elective	4	Passing	Elective	Prerequisite varies with choice.	"Elective" may need to include university requirements of G.E. Integration or credits at the 3000-4000 level
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Sample Schedule Notes:					
The department strongly encourages students to develop a portfolio as part of their academic career. See catalog and JRN website for specific details and suggestions.					
Complete the requirements for a major offered by the College of Arts and Sciences with a cumulative grade-point average of at least 2.00.					
CAS Exploratory Requirement					
In addition to satisfying the university-wide general education requirements, all students with majors in the College of Arts and Sciences are required to complete at least three courses outside of their major rubric for a minimum of 12 credits. A student may select these courses from either of the following: a single rubric of their choosing (e.g. HST) within the College of Arts and Sciences or predefined thematic set of courses identified on the College of Arts and Sciences website.					
Degree Requirements					
General Education	40				
Diversity	Included		Multiple General Education and/or major courses also fulfill this area		
WIM/WIGE/Capstone	Included		Multiple General Education and/or major courses also fulfill this area		
CAS Exploratory Requirement	12				
Major	40				
Electives	32				
Total Credits:	124				