

**PROGRESSIVE DEGREE PROGRAM
COURSE PLAN TEMPLATE**

USC SCHOOL	Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism
ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT	Journalism
GRADUATE PROGRAM	Journalism M.S.
POST CODE	1519
TERM EFFECTIVE DATE	Spring 2021

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

A brief description of the graduate program.

The complex and culturally rich city of Los Angeles provides endless sources for stories as you report, produce, code and publish your work in a deadline-driven environment while also pursuing in-depth, multimedia projects. Through our intense, 11-month program, you will build a foundation of excellence in writing and ethics that emphasizes the importance of journalistic rigor, investigative reporting, and furthering the role of diverse communities in storytelling. As our award-winning faculty guide you to create high-impact journalism, our media center’s cutting-edge capabilities will allow you to cover news across media and platforms — on the web and on the air, through podcasts and documentaries, and by embracing new and emerging technologies.

COMMON BACHELOR DEGREE PROGRAM PATHWAYS

A list of common bachelor’s degrees that undergraduate students pursue in advance of pursuing a progressive degree option with this graduate program. Some programs are restricted to certain majors while others are open to all students.

Journalism B.A.	
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PREPARATORY UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

A list of courses at the undergraduate level that prepare students for the graduate program. Required coursework is listed first, followed by recommended courses. If not applicable, this section will be blank.

Dept. Prefix - Course #	Course Title	Required or Recommended	Units
	NONE		

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES USED TO REDUCE GRADUATE LEVEL UNITS

A list of undergraduate level courses that may be used to reduce the number of graduate level units required for the graduate program. If there are none, that is specified instead.

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CORE GRADUATE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (# units required)

A list of all required graduate courses for the graduate program. None of these courses may be used toward satisfying undergraduate degree requirements.

If special exceptions for any of these courses are made by the academic department, the course # is marked with an asterisk () and the exception is explained in the "Department Notes" section at the end of this course plan template.*

Dept. Prefix - Course #	Course Title	Units
JOUR 505	The Practice: Journalism's Evolution as a Profession	1
JOUR 510	Special Assignment Reporting	2
JOUR 528	Summer Digital Journalism Immersion	3
JOUR 531	Fall Digital Journalism Immersion	3
JOUR 532	Fall Digital Journalism Immersion Practicum	1
JOUR 539	Introduction to Investigative Reporting	2
JOUR 546	News, Numbers, and Introduction to Data Journalism	2
JOUR 547	Navigating the Media Marketplace	1
JOUR 553	Coding and Programming for Storytelling	2
JOUR 560*	Seminar in Mass Communication Law	2
JOUR 598	Journalism Capstone Project	4

PRE-APPROVED ELECTIVE COURSEWORK

Elective coursework is approved at the discretion of the academic department. Note the following details about the total number and units required of elective coursework.

Varies	TOTAL ELECTIVE COURSES REQUIRED FOR THE TRADITIONAL GRADUATE DEGREE
13	TOTAL ELECTIVE UNITS REQUIRED FOR THE TRADITIONAL GRADUATE DEGREE

TOTAL UNIT COUNTS AND REQUIRED GRADUATE UNITS

36	TOTAL UNITS REQUIRED FOR THE TRADITIONAL GRADUATE DEGREE
7**	TOTAL GRADUATE UNITS THAT MAY BE WAIVED (IF ANY)
24	MINIMUM NUMBER OF GRADUATE UNITS THAT MUST BE AT THE 500 LEVEL OR ABOVE

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NOTES FROM THE DEPARTMENT

This section highlights any unique considerations, exceptions, or requirements for the graduate program. If a program has specific restrictions (courses, majors, etc.), they are detailed below.

*The JOUR 560 (2 units) requirement is waived if a USC undergraduate Journalism major completes JOUR 462: Law of Mass Communication (4 units). In this scenario, the student would complete 2 additional elective units in place of JOUR 560.

**The completion of 29 total units is typically required for the Journalism M.S. PDP degree.

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