DOCTORAL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

General policies for all University of Oklahoma doctoral programs are available in the Graduate College Bulletin.

DOCTOR of PHILOSOPHY

MAJOR: Mass Communication

Program effective Summer 2005

Core Classes

- JMC 5093  Introduction to Research Methods in Mass Communication or
- Another OU graduate-level methods course or
  A graduate-level methods course transferred from another university................................. 3 hours
- JMC 5073* Conceptual Issues in Graduate Study in Journalism and Mass Communication............... 3 hours
- JMC 6133** Advanced Quantitative Research Methods.......................................................... 3 hours
- JMC 6113** Advanced Qualitative Research Methods............................................................. 3 hours
- JMC 6083** Advanced Mass Communication Theory.............................................................. 3 hours
- JMC 6183 Approaches to Teaching in Mass Communication...................................................... 3 hours
- JMC 6091 Ph.D. Seminar........................................................................................................... 4 hours
  1 credit hour per semester, minimum 4 hours
- Additional research methods course and/or graduate-level statistics....................................... 3 hours
  To be taken at 5000 or 6000 level in an OU department outside of JMC – for example, Anthropology, Psychology, Sociology, History

Total ........................................................................................................................................... 25 hours

*If JMC 5073 was taken at the M.A. level, this course may be replaced with 3 hours graduate electives.

**If JMC 5133, 5113, and/or 5083 were taken at the M.A. level, the corresponding 6000-level class may be replaced with 3 hours of 6000-level electives as approved by the student’s advisory committee.

Concentration and Emphasis

Students will choose one of the following areas and take Advanced Topics in that area at least three times for a total of 9 hours. With approval of their advisory committees, students may divide the 9 hours among more than one of the Advanced Topics Areas.

- JMC 6153 Advanced Topics in Media Arts and/or
- JMC 6163 Advanced Topics in News and Information and/or
- JMC 6173 Advanced Topics in Strategic Communication ......................................................... 9 hours

- Secondary area of emphasis outside JMC.................................................................................. 15 hours
  The student’s emphasis will be defined in the plan of study and will likely include courses from two or more departments. Numerous possibilities for interdisciplinary study exist in the university. Given the breadth of intellectual grounding in mass communication study, possible departments are many, including Anthropology, Communication, History, Political Science, Philosophy, Sociology, Human Relations, Marketing, and management.

Total ........................................................................................................................................... 24 hours

Dissertation Research

- JMC 6980 Research for Doctoral Dissertation........................................................................... 12 hours

12 hours minimum

- Additional Coursework .............................................................................................................. 29 hours

Remaining hours to bring degree total to 90 will come from a combination of additional electives taken during the student’s doctoral study at OU, transfer credit, or both.

TOTAL........................................................................................................................................ 90 hours