

**FOR STUDENTS ENTERING PROGRAM IN FALL 2018 AND BEYOND**

**DEGREE PLAN FOR A PH.D. IN MASS COMMUNICATION**

GRADUATE DIVISION – COLLEGE OF JOURNALISM AND COMMUNICATIONS

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA  
GRADUATE FACULTY APPROVAL 04/2004

Your Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name Printed: \_\_\_\_\_ UF ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

Specialization: \_\_\_\_\_

Methodological Approach(es): \_\_\_\_\_

Supporting Studies: \_\_\_\_\_

Languages (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Qualifying Exam: *(anticipated term)* \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation: *(anticipated term)* \_\_\_\_\_

Required Attachments: Statement of Research Interests and Intent, Curriculum Vitae, Program of Study and Transcripts

**Supervisory Committee** *(Signatures with dates indicate approval of this degree plan.)* Please complete the pink Supervisory Committee form at this time and obtain signatures on both documents. Return the form to the Grad Division.

	SIGNATURE	DATE	DEPARTMENT
Chair:	_____ <i>First Professor</i>	_____	Mass Communication
Member:	_____ <i>Second Professor</i>	_____	Mass Communication
Member:	_____ <i>Third Professor</i>	_____	Mass Communication
Member:	_____ <i>Outside Professor</i>	_____	_____
Member:	_____ <i>Optional Professor</i>	_____	_____

**Approved**

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*Associate Dean, Division of Graduate Studies and Research*

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*Date*

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## STATEMENT OF RESEARCH INTERESTS AND INTENT

Present your research program and goals for employment after graduation. As part of the essay relate experiences that have led to your interests and goals.

Within the context of your research program, discuss projects you are working on at the time this essay is written, projects in planning stages, and projects you have or would like to undertake before you complete your course work. Make clear the intellectual relationships among the various projects. List convention papers and scholarly journal and trade press publications anticipated from each project. Include both co-authored and solo works.

Describe your goals for employment after completing your degree.

Length: At least two pages, typed, and double-spaced.

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## CURRICULUM VITAE

*Your Name*

Doctoral Student

College of Journalism and Communications

University of Florida

PO Box 118400 - 2000 Weimer Hall

Gainesville FL 32611-8400

Local Residence

EDUCATION

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

MASS COMMUNICATION WORK EXPERIENCE

RECENT HONORS

BOOKS

BOOK CHAPTERS

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

OTHER PUBLICATIONS (Conference papers and others)

CURRENT RESEARCH

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## PROGRAM OF STUDY

The requirements for your degree plan are outlined below. You must explain and justify any departures from distribution requirements. Your degree plan must be approved by your advisor prior to pre-registration for your second semester of coursework. By the end of your second semester, your committee members from inside the college also must sign your degree plan. In addition, at that time, if you have not previously identified an outside member for your committee, you must submit three names for a potential outside member. You are urged to secure an outside committee member by pre-registration for your third semester. Your degree plan will be approved by the senior associate dean at the end of the second semester.

List individual courses under appropriate headings. For an example of how to present courses, see courses listed under Core, and dissertation research listings below. Include grades for courses already completed. \*The degree plan represents the *minimum* number of hours to fulfill the degree requirements. Your advisor may require additional course work in many cases.

**Required Courses** With advisor and graduate school approval, up to 30 credits from your master’s degree program can be applied to doctoral program requirements. **Students must take a minimum of five advanced-level courses, at least three of which must be taken in the College. Advanced-level courses are defined as those that require the completion of an original scholarly paper (academic conference quality) that advances knowledge in the field.** These courses can fit under the Specialization, Methodological or Supporting categories listed below. No more than two of these courses may be taken as independent study. These hours may not include 7979/7980 course hours. A **minimum** of 9 credit hours of coursework must be taken outside the college. No substitute or transfer courses are allowed to substitute for advanced-level courses. **Please attach syllabi for all advanced-level courses.**

**All doctoral students must have at least one graduate level statistics class. A graduate level statistics course taken at the Master’s level will satisfy the requirement. In addition to basic statistics,** all doctoral students must take Research Methods in Mass Comm if they don’t test out of the class (see below), two more quantitative or two more qualitative courses, and an additional method specific course to have depth in two methods.

**All beginning doctoral students** will be required to take a research methods proficiency exam prior to the start of classes to determine if MMC 6421 will be required.

FALL #1	SPRING #1	FALL #2
**MMC 6402—Perspectives	MMC 6930 (if not taken in Fall #1)	**MMC 6936—Grant Writing
**MMC 6929—Colloquium	Please see list of methods courses on next page and consult with your advisor.	
**MMC 6930—MC Teaching (in Fall #1 or Spring #1)		
OR		
MMC 6421—Research Methods if needed		
OR		
MMC 6455—MC Statistics		
OR		
Elective selected with your advisor		

\*\*Required

## CORE COURSES, 12 HOURS REQUIRED

COURSE	TERM & YEAR	CREDITS	GRADE	ADVANCED
MMC 6402 – Mass Communication Perspectives	1 <sup>st</sup> Fall	4		Y
MMC 6929 – Communication Colloquium	1 <sup>st</sup> Fall	2		N
MMC 6930 – Seminar in Mass Comm Teaching <i>Take in 1<sup>st</sup> spring if taking MMC 6421 in 1<sup>st</sup> fall</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> Fall <b>or</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Spring	3		N
MMC 6936 – Grant Writing	2 <sup>nd</sup> Fall	3		Y

Total Credits \_\_\_\_\_

## SPECIALIZATION COURSES, 12-20 CREDITS REQUIRED *(List courses individually.)* Essential courses in area of interest, primarily from this college.

COURSE	TERM & YEAR	CREDITS	GRADE	ADVANCED
				Y/N
				Y/N
				Y/N
				Y/N
				Y/N
				Y/N
				Y/N

Total Credits \_\_\_\_\_

## METHODOLOGICAL COURSES, 15-20 CREDITS REQUIRED *(List additional courses individually.)*

QUANTITATIVE	QUALITATIVE
MMC 6421 - Research Methods in MC	MMC 6421 - Research Methods in MC
MMC 6455 - MC Statistics	MMC 6455 - MC Statistics
MMC 6936 - Advanced MC Statistics	MMC 6426 - Qualitative Research Methods
<b>OR</b> Advanced Statistics outside College	Advanced Qualitative Research Methods
Method-specific course	Method-specific course

COURSE	TERM & YEAR	CREDITS	GRADE	ADVANCED
				Y/N
				Y/N
				Y/N
				Y/N
				Y/N
				Y/N
				Y/N

Total Credits \_\_\_\_\_

**SUPPORTING COURSES, 23 CREDITS REQUIRED** *(List additional courses individually.)*

(Note: Courses in this area may be used to strengthen areas of teaching, area specialization, and foundational expertise. **A minimum of 9 credit hours of coursework must be taken outside the college.** Please see the Doctoral Handbook for more details.)

COURSE	TERM & YEAR	CREDITS	GRADE	ADVANCED
				Y/N
				Y/N
				Y/N
				Y/N
				Y/N
				Y/N
				Y/N
				Y/N
				Y/N
				Y/N
				Y/N
				Y/N

Total Credits \_\_\_\_\_

**DISSERTATION RESEARCH, 18-24 CREDITS REQUIRED, MAY BE TAKEN IN ANY COMBINATION,** however, MMC 7980 may be taken only after you are approved for candidacy. See Doctoral Handbook for more information.

COURSE	TERM & YEAR	CREDITS	GRADE	ADVANCED
MMC 7979 - Advanced Research				N
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MMC 7980 - Research for Doctoral Dissertation				N
MMC 7980 - Research for Doctoral Dissertation				N

Total Credits \_\_\_\_\_

**GRAND TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>TOTAL REQUIRED</b>	<b>90 CREDITS</b>	<b>5</b> ADVANCED LEVEL COURSES
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