

School of Media and Journalism
M.A. Worksheet: M.A./J.D. Dual-Degree Students
AY 2018-2019

Student's Name: _____
Last First Middle

Date of entry into the M.A./J.D. dual-degree program: _____
Semester Year

Course	Grade	Semester Taken
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I. Core MEJO Courses (9 credits)

MEJO 701: Mass Communication Research Methods	<u>MEJO 701 (3)*</u>	_____ Fall _____
MEJO 705: Theories of Mass Communication	<u>MEJO 705 (3)*</u>	_____ Fall _____
MEJO 740: Media Law	<u>MEJO 740 (3)*</u>	_____ Fall _____
Usage & Grammar Test score:		_____

II. Foundation Courses (9 credits)

In the theory and research program, foundation courses must be appropriate to the M.A./J.D. student's research and must include at least one approved LAW course.	<u>LAW (3)*</u>	_____ _____
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III. Path (18 credits from A, B & C below)

For M.A./J.D. dual degree students in the theory and research program, these are the courses that define the specific focus of the student's program and will vary according to the specific person's interests.

A. MEJO Seminars (6 credits)

Seminars (MEJO 840 and one other 800-level MEJO seminar; outside seminars must be approved in advance by master's program director). MEJO 840 (offered every even spring semester) is an appropriate methods course that substitutes for MEJO 703 or 704 for M.A./J.D. dual-degree students writing traditional legal theses.	<u>MEJO 840 (3)*</u>	_____ _____
	<u>MEJO (3)</u>	_____ _____

B. Outside Courses (9 credits)

M.A./J.D. dual-degree students in the theory and research program take three 200-level and higher approved LAW courses that are appropriate to the student’s research emphasis.

LAW (3)* _____
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C. Independent Study (3 credits)

M.A./J.D. dual-degree students in the theory and research program of study take an independent study course with their advisor the semester before writing their thesis to begin work on their thesis proposal.

MEJO 900: Independent Study MEJO 900 (3) _____

IV. Thesis (3 credits)

Dual-degree students must complete a traditional legal research thesis (not a thesis substitute).

MEJO 993 Master’s Thesis MEJO 993 (3) _____

General Requirement:

These six are:

Six of the 10 courses in the student's program (not including foundation courses), including MEJO 993, must be at the 700- 800- or 900- level.

Important Notices

- M.A./J.D. dual-degree students spend the first year of the program completing the required first year law school curriculum. First year required LAW courses may not be used as shared credit courses.
- M.A./J.D. dual-degree students take at least 12 hours in the fall semester of the second year of program. Nine hours will come from MEJO 701, MEJO 705 and MEJO 740. Students take at least 12 hours in the spring semester of the second year of the program and at least 12 hours in the fall semester of the third year of the program. Some of these hours include LAW courses.
- The minimum number of hours needed to graduate with an M.A. from the School of Media and Journalism in the theory and research program of study is 39 hours, which all must be at the graduate level (200-level and above for LAW courses, and 400-level and above for other courses). The three credit hours for the thesis (MEJO 993) count in this 39-hour total.

- M.A./J.D. dual-degree students must be enrolled and registered for MEJO 993 (3 credits) (thesis credit) to take path exams and to defend their thesis during the spring semester of the third or fourth year of the program. Students should enroll in an independent study with their advisor in the third or fourth Fall semester to prepare their thesis proposal in the semester before the thesis semester. Students otherwise must enroll for three hours of academic credit each semester they are actively working on the thesis. Actively working means that a student is using university facilities, including using the library and working with a faculty member. Only three hours of thesis credit may be counted toward in the total needed for graduation.
- Depending on the individual degree plans and interests, M.A./J.D. dual-degree students may find it necessary to consider summer coursework, if available, to complete the all dual-degree requirements in approximately four academic years. **All degree requirements from both schools must be completed before the degrees are awarded, and dual-degree students must apply for concurrent graduation for both degrees the same semester. Students who do not maintain dual-degree status may need to take additional coursework if they pursue either degree separately after being admitted as dual degree students.**
- All coursework for dual-degree students, except for required MEJO and LAW courses, must be approved in advance by an adviser in the School of Law and adviser in the School of Media and Journalism.
- MEJO courses above that are indicated with an asterisk (*) are shared credit courses meaning that the earned credit hours for these courses have been approved by the School of Law to count toward the total number of credit hours required by the School of Law for the J.D. degree. Spaces for LAW courses above that are indicated with an asterisk (*) are intended for LAW courses on the list of suggested LAW courses for shared credit, or that have been otherwise approved by the School of Media and Journalism for shared credit on a case-by-case basis, meaning that the earned credit hours for these courses may be counted as foundation courses or outside courses to fulfill the course requirements for the M.A. degree in the School of Media and Journalism in the theory and research program of study. In no event may dual-degree students count more than 12 total hours of earned J.D. course credits toward the M.A. degree, and no more than 12 total hours of M.A. course credits toward the J.D. degree. The lists of approved LAW and MEJO shared credit courses for dual-degree students are subject to change (check for current versions). The total number of MEJO credits applied toward the J.D. degree is subject to approval by the School of Law.
- MEJO Adviser: _____ Date: _____
- LAW Adviser: _____ Date: _____
- Student: _____ Date: _____

Changes to this worksheet after being signed should be initialed and dated by each adviser and the student. Other policies may apply. Refer to current M.A. handbook and M.A./J.D. policies.