

**School of Media and Journalism**  
**M.A. Worksheet: Theory and Research Track**  
**AY 2018-2019**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last
First
Middle

Date of entry into the program: \_\_\_\_\_  
Semester
Year

<b>Course</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Semester Taken</b>
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***I. Core MEJO Courses (9 credits)***

MEJO 701: Mass Communication Research Methods

**(Fall 1)**

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MEJO 705: Theories of Mass Communication **(Fall 1)**

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MEJO 740: Mass Communication Law **(Fall 2)**

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Spelling & Grammar Test score:

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***II. Foundation Courses (9 credits)***

In the theory and research program of study, the foundation courses must be appropriate to the student's research emphasis.


***III. Path (18 credits) taken from A & B below***

These are courses that define the specific focus of the student's program and will vary according to the person's interests.

***A. MEJO Courses & Seminars (9 credits)***

These courses must be at the 400 through 900 level.

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*MEJO 703 or 704 or another appropriate methods course*


***B. Outside Seminars (6-9 credits)***

These are courses outside the School and must be at the 400- through 800- level. **SIX-CREDIT-HOUR MINIMUM FOR OUTSIDE COURSES.**


***Seminars:*** at least two 800-level MEJO seminars; outside seminars must be approved in advance by MA program director

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

MEJO 900 with advisor. In the theory and research program of study, students take an independent study course with their advisor (Fall 2) to begin work on their thesis proposal.

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**IV. Thesis (3 credits)**

MEJO 993 with advisor (Spring 2)

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**General Requirement:**

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.

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Adviser: \_\_\_\_\_

- Students take at least 12 hours in the fall semester of their first year. Nine hours will come from MEJO 701, MEJO 740 and MEJO 705. Many students enroll in MEJO 704 as their fourth course. Students take 12 hours in the spring semester of the first year and 12 hours in the fall semester of their second year.
- Students take thesis hours in the spring semester of the second year. (This includes taking path exams and defending their theses.) Only three hours of thesis credit may be counted in the total needed for graduation.
- 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. The three credit hours for the thesis (MEJO 993) count in this 39-hour total.
- Each theory and research student should enroll in an independent study with his or her thesis chair in the second fall semester to work on the literature review for the thesis proposal.
- Students must be enrolled to take path exams and to defend their theses. In addition, if a student does not defend the thesis in the fourth semester, the student must enroll for three hours of academic credit each semester he or she is actively working on the thesis. Actively working means that a student is using university resources, including using the library and working with a faculty member.