

School of Media and Journalism
M.A. Worksheet: M.A./J.D. Dual Degree Students
Fall 2016

Student's Name: _____
Last
First
Middle

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

	Course	Grade	Semester Taken
<u>I. Foundation Courses</u> (9 credits) Foundation courses must be appropriate to the student's research emphasis in the dual degree program and must include at least one LAW course.	<u>LAW</u> (3)*	_____	_____
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<u>II. Required MEJO Courses</u> (9 credits)			
MEJO 701 Mass Communication Research Methods	<u>MEJO 701(3)*</u>	_____	<u>Fall</u> _____
MEJO 705 Theories of Mass Communication	<u>MEJO 705(3)*</u>	_____	<u>Fall</u> _____
MEJO 740 Mass Communication Law	<u>MEJO 740(3)*</u>	_____	<u>Fall</u> _____
Usage & Grammar Test score:	_____	_____	_____
<u>III. MEJO Courses & Seminars</u> (9 credits)			
400- through 900-level MEJO course:	<u>MEJO</u> (3)	_____	_____
<i>Seminars (MEJO 840 and one other 800-level MEJO seminar; outside seminars must be approved in advance by master's program director). MEJO 840 is an appropriate methods course that substitutes for MEJO 703 or 704 for dual degree students writing traditional legal theses.</i>	<u>MEJO 840(3)*</u>	_____	_____
	<u>MEJO</u> (3)	_____	_____
<u>IV. Courses outside MEJO</u> (9 credits) Three 200-level and higher LAW courses that are appropriate to the student's research emphasis.	<u>LAW</u> (3)*	_____	_____
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V. Thesis (3 credits)

Dual degree students must complete a traditional legal research thesis (not a professional quality series of articles or project).

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.

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Important Notices

- 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.
- Students take at least 12 hours in the fall semester of the second year of the dual degree program. Nine hours will come from MEJO 701, MEJO 705 and MEJO 740. Students take 12 hours in the spring semester of the second year of the dual degree program and 12 hours in the fall semester of the third year of the dual degree program. Some of these hours include LAW courses.
- Students take thesis hours in the spring semester of the third year of the dual degree program (this includes taking path exams and defending their theses). Only three hours of thesis credit may be counted in the total needed for the master's degree. Dual degree students take additional LAW course hours during this semester and then during the fall and spring semesters of the fourth year of the dual degree program to complete the necessary required number of course credits for the J.D. degree as required by the School of Law. Depending on their individual degree plans and interests, dual degree students may find it necessary to consider summer coursework, if available, to complete the dual degree program in approximately four academic years.
- The minimum number of hours needed to graduate with an M.A. from the School of Journalism and Communication in the Mass Communication Track 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.
- Dual degree students must be enrolled and registered for MEJO 993 (3 credits) to take path exams and to defend their theses during the spring semester of the third year of the

dual degree program. In addition, if a student does not defend the thesis in the spring semester of the third year of the dual degree program, the student 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 the library, and working with a faculty member. With the approval of their advisers, dual degree students may opt to take their path exams and defend their theses during the spring semester of the fourth year of the dual degree program.



All coursework for dual degree students, except for required MEJO and LAW courses, must be approved in advance by their adviser in the School of Law and adviser in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication.



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 Journalism and Mass Communication 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 Journalism and Mass Communication in the Mass Communication Track. 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.