

**PROGRESSIVE DEGREE PROGRAM  
COURSE PLAN TEMPLATE**

<b>USC SCHOOL</b>	Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism
<b>ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT</b>	Journalism
<b>GRADUATE PROGRAM</b>	Specialized Journalism (Arts and Culture) M.A.
<b>POST CODE</b>	1929
<b>TERM EFFECTIVE DATE</b>	Fall 2023

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

A brief description of the graduate program.

The Master of Arts in Specialized Journalism (Arts and Culture) comprises two separate and distinct journalism concentrations – one focusing on the arts and the other on food. The program is primarily geared toward the experienced journalist, and yet it also, with no less parity, welcomes the amateur. What must be demonstrated prior to acceptance is a strong record of interest and competence in a subject area. For the arts, this spans the critical environments of film, television, music, theatre, dance, literature, architecture and visual arts. For food MA students, a demonstrable knowledge about food, and a socio-political understanding and curiosity about the places where food intersects with culture is expected. For both concentrations, the emphasis is on culture: arts and *culture*; food and *culture*. This program is multidisciplinary and entrepreneurial.

**COMMON BACHELOR DEGREE PROGRAM PATHWAYS**

A list of common bachelor’s degrees that undergraduate students pursue in advance of pursuing a progressive degree option with this graduate program. Some programs are restricted to certain majors while others are open to all students.

Journalism B.A.	
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**PREPARATORY UNDERGRADUATE COURSES**

A list of courses at the undergraduate level that prepare students for the graduate program. Required coursework is listed first, followed by recommended courses. If not applicable, this section will be blank.

Dept. Prefix - Course #	Course Title	Required or Recommended	Units
	NONE		

**UNDERGRADUATE COURSES USED TO REDUCE GRADUATE LEVEL UNITS**

A list of undergraduate level courses that may be used to reduce the number of graduate level units required for the graduate program. If there are none, that is specified instead.

Dept. Prefix - Course #	Course Title	Units
JOUR 462	Law of Mass Communication	4

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**CORE GRADUATE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (# units required)**

A list of all required graduate courses for the graduate program. None of these courses may be used toward satisfying undergraduate degree requirements.

*If special exceptions for any of these courses are made by the academic department, the course # is marked with an asterisk (\*) and the exception is explained in the "Department Notes" section at the end of this course plan template.*

Dept. Prefix - Course #	Course Title	Units
JOUR 528*	Summer Digital Journalism Immersion	3
JOUR 560*	Seminar in Mass Communication Law	2
JOUR 511	Introduction to Narrative Non-Fiction	1
JOUR 515	Introduction to Audio Storytelling	1
JOUR 594a	Master's Thesis	2
JOUR 594b	Master's Thesis	2
<b>AND, FOR THE ARTS CONCENTRATION</b>		
JOUR 591	Arts Writing Practicum	3
JOUR 592	Arts Journalism: Storytelling and Production	3
JOUR 593	Arts Criticism and Commentary	3
<b>OR, FOR THE FOOD CONCENTRATION</b>		
JOUR 458	Media, Food and Culture Units	4
JOUR 568	The Art of (Micro) Food Journalism: Los Angeles and California	3
JOUR 569	The Art of (Macro) Food Journalism: A Global View	3
JOUR 597	Food Culture Journalism	4

**PRE-APPROVED ELECTIVE COURSEWORK**

Elective coursework is approved at the discretion of the academic department. Note the following details about the total number and units required of elective coursework.

Varies	<b>TOTAL ELECTIVE COURSES REQUIRED FOR THE TRADITIONAL GRADUATE DEGREE</b>
9-14	<b>TOTAL ELECTIVE UNITS REQUIRED FOR THE TRADITIONAL GRADUATE DEGREE</b>

**TOTAL UNIT COUNTS AND REQUIRED GRADUATE UNITS**

34	<b>TOTAL UNITS REQUIRED FOR THE TRADITIONAL GRADUATE DEGREE</b>
5**	<b>TOTAL GRADUATE UNITS THAT MAY BE WAIVED (IF ANY)</b>
24	<b>MINIMUM NUMBER OF GRADUATE UNITS THAT MUST BE AT THE 500 LEVEL OR ABOVE</b>

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**NOTES FROM THE DEPARTMENT**

This section highlights any unique considerations, exceptions, or requirements for the graduate program. If a program has specific restrictions (courses, majors, etc.), they are detailed below.

\*The JOUR 528 (3 units) and JOUR 560 (2 units) requirements are waived for USC undergraduate Journalism majors.

\*\*USC undergraduate Journalism majors must complete 29 total units for the Master of Arts in Specialized Journalism (Arts and Culture) PDP degree whereas all other students must complete the full 34 units.

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**Authorizing Dean's Name**

**Date Approved**

Assistant Dean of Student Affairs

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