The School of Journalism and the School of Public and Environmental Affairs collaborate in a combined master’s degree program that addresses the demand for specialists who combine public management and public policy with public affairs reporting and writing or the study of media in society. The program prepares students for positions in the media, government, business, and nonprofit organizations. Candidates for the combined degree complete core requirements and elective courses from the School of Journalism. Candidates must be admitted to both schools. Candidates also complete the core requirements for the M.P.A.

**Total credit hour requirements for dual program: 57 credit hours**

### M.A. in Journalism Requirements (21 credits)

**9 hours of core requirements**
- JOUR-J 502, Quantitative Research Methods for Journalists (3 cr.)
- JOUR-J 510, Media and Society Seminar (3 cr.)
- JOUR-J 572, The Press and the Constitution (3 cr.)

**PLUS 9 hours of skills courses**
- JOUR-J _____, VISUAL Skills Course* (3 cr.)
- JOUR-J _____, Professional Skills Course** (3 cr.)
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**PLUS 3 hours**
- JOUR-J 505, Intensive Reporting, Writing and Editing (3 cr.)

*(J505 is required of all professional track students unless student has prior journalism experience and the requirement is waived by Associate Dean. Waiver must be in written approval.)

**OR 3 hours Journalism elective if J505 has been waived**

*Courses that satisfy the visual skills course requirement include:
- J520, Seminar in Visual Communication
- J560, Topics Colloquium: Informational Graphics
- J560, Topics Colloquium: Workshop in Integrated Media
- J563, Computerized Publication Design I
- J565, Computerized Publication Design II

(Any of these visual professional skills courses can also be used to fulfill the professional skills course requirements.)

**Courses that satisfy the professional skills course requirement include:**
- J501, Public Affairs Reporting
- J528, Public Relations Management
- J529, Public Relations Campaigns
- J531, Public Relations for Nonprofits
- J551, Seminar: Reporting the Law
- J552, Seminar: Reporting the Arts
- J553, Education and the Media
- J554, Science Writing
- J556, Seminar: Urban Affairs Reporting
- J560, Topics Colloquium: Literary Journalism
- J560, Topics Colloquium: International Reporting

(Other J560, Topics Colloquium courses MAY count as skills courses, with the approval of the Associate Dean for Graduate Studies. SOME J525, Colloquium in Scholastic Journalism courses MAY also count with the approval of the Associate Dean.)

### M.P.A. Requirements (36 credits)

**18 hours core requirements**
- SPEA V502, Public Management (3 cr.) (Offered in the fall semester only.)
- SPEA V506, Statistical Analysis for Effective Decision Making (3 cr.) (Offered in the fall semester only.)
- SPEA V517, Public Management Economics (3 cr.) (Offered in the fall semester only.)
- SPEA V540, Law and Public Affairs (3 cr.) (Offered in the fall and spring semesters.)
- SPEA V560, Public Finance and Budgeting (3 cr.) (Offered in the fall and spring semesters.)
- SPEA V600, Capstone in Public and Environmental Affairs (3 cr.) (Offered in the spring semester only.)

**18 credits specialization courses**
Each student is required to develop a specialized concentration comprised of courses approved by a SPEA faculty advisor. Concentration must be in SPEA.