

# Strategic Political Communication

Drake University School of Journalism and Mass Communication

Fall 2025

Drake Curriculum		
Requirement	Course	Completed
First Year Seminar		<input type="checkbox"/>
Equity and Inclusion	JMC 030	<input type="checkbox"/>

Area of Inquiry		
Artistic Experience	JMC 058	<input type="checkbox"/>
History Foundation		<input type="checkbox"/>
Information Literacy	JMC 030	<input type="checkbox"/>
Global & Cultural Understanding		<input type="checkbox"/>
Engaged Citizen	JMC 085	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quantitative Literacy		<input type="checkbox"/>
Written Communication	JMC 054	<input type="checkbox"/>
Science with Lab		<input type="checkbox"/>
Values and Ethics	JMC 104	<input type="checkbox"/>

**OR**

Honors Track		
<i>Note: Must register for the Honors track</i>		
Honors Class	Course	Completed
Paths to Knowledge	HONR 100	<input type="checkbox"/>
AOI - Science with lab		<input type="checkbox"/>
AOI - Quantitative		<input type="checkbox"/>
AOI - Artistic Experience	JMC 058	<input type="checkbox"/>
15 credits of Honors electives required		
Honors Elective		<input type="checkbox"/>
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SJMC Core Requirements	Pre-Req	Completed
030 Mass Media in a Global Society		<input type="checkbox"/>
031 Multimedia Lab (1 cr.)		<input type="checkbox"/>
040 Pre-Professional Workshop (1 cr.)		<input type="checkbox"/>
041 Financial Fundamentals for Com Prof (1 cr) (Sp)	So+	<input type="checkbox"/>
054 Reporting and Writing Principles		<input type="checkbox"/>
055 Digital Strategies		<input type="checkbox"/>
104 Media Law and Ethics (Spring)	Jr+	<input type="checkbox"/>

Major Requirements	Pre-Req	Completed
058 Foundations of Visual Comm (Spring)	031	<input type="checkbox"/>
085 PR Principles		<input type="checkbox"/>
088 Intro to SPC (Fall)		<input type="checkbox"/>
123 PR Writing	054, 085, co-req 031	<input type="checkbox"/>
131 Political Campaign Mgmt (Fall only)		<input type="checkbox"/>
138 Public Affairs Planning & Mgmt (Fall Only)		<input type="checkbox"/>
147 SPC Capstone (Spring Only)	088, 138	<input type="checkbox"/>
JMC Elective		<input type="checkbox"/>
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Non-SJMC Requirements		
PHIL 090 or PHIL 091		<input type="checkbox"/>
100-Level American POLS Course (Adv. Approval)		<input type="checkbox"/>
POLS 116 Media and Modern Politics		<input type="checkbox"/>
POLS 095, SOC 159, STAT 050 or STAT 071		<input type="checkbox"/>

Area of Concentration	21 Credits Total (Non-JMC)
Title:	<b>12 upper-level credits:</b>
<b>9 lower-level credits:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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## Required to Graduate

120 minimum credit hours  
40 credits in 100+ level classes  
44 minimum JMC credit hours

## Additional Notes

Must maintain a cumulative JMC GPA of 2.25 after attempting 30 credits

All prerequisites must be a grade of C- or higher

Must fulfill Drake Curriculum requirements



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Writing and Creation			Multimedia Skills			Explore		
Course	Pre-req	Cr.	Course	Pre-req	Cr.	Course	Pre-req	Cr.
054 Reporting & Writing Principles		3	031 Multimedia Lab		1	030 Mass Media in a Global Society		3
067 Digital Audio Wrtg/Prod (Spring)	054	3	057 Video Production	031	3	076 Advertising Principles (Fall)		3
070* Media Editing (Fall)	054	3	058 Foundations of Visual Comm (Spring)	031	3	079 Sports Media & Communication (Fall)		3
100 Electronic Field Production	054, 057	3	059 Visual Comm Methods	031	3	085 PR Principles		3
112 Sports Reporting (Spring)	054	3	067 Multimedia Sound Design (Spring)	031, 054	3	088 Intro to SPC (Fall)		3
120* Freelance Writing (Spring)	054	3	075 Digital Photography (Fall)	059	3	108 Media Criticism (Fall)		3
123 PR Writing	054	3	100 Electronic Field Production	054, 057	3	178* Sports, Publicity & Promotion (Fall)	Jr.+, 055	3
124 Advertising Copy and Content (Spring)	054	3	150 Editing & Motion Graphics (Spring)	100	3			
161* Adv. Magazine Staff Writing (Fall)	054	3	Strategy and Execution			Business Knowledge		
168* Advanced Reporting (Spring)	054	3	Course	Pre-req	Cr.	Course	Pre-req	Cr.
176* Travel Writing	054	3	055 Digital Strategies		3	040 Pre-Professional Workshop		1
177* Advanced Audio Storytelling	054	3	105 Web Content & Development	055	3	041 Financial Fundamentals for Comm. Prof. (Spring)	So+	1
Research and Analytics			114 Advanced Video Production (Fall)	057, 100	3	104 Media Law and Ethics (Spring)	Jr+	3
Course	Pre-req	Cr.	115 Sports Production (Spring)	057, 100	3	109 JMC Internship		1-3
055 Digital Strategies		3	116 Documentary Production (Fall)	057, 100	3	1108 JMC Practicum	Instr. Approval	3
065 Social Media Strategies		3	118 Dotdash Meredith Apprenticeship	Instr. Approval	3			
103 Statehouse Reporting (Spring)	054	3	119* Brand Media Planning (Fall)	054	3			
113 Consumer Culture (Spring)	076	3	128* Generative AI Theory & Practice		3			
117 Media Analytics and Insights (Fall)	113, MKTG 101	3	131 Political Campaign Mgmt (Fall)		3			
119* Brand Media Planning (Fall)	054	3	138 Public Affairs Planning & Mgmt (Fall)		3			
136 PR Research (Fall)	123	3	141 Advanced Strategic Messaging (Fall)	057, 059, 124, MKTG 101	3			
139 Advertising Research and Planning (Fall)	40, 113, 124, MKTG 101	3	143 PR Planning & Mgmt. (Fall)	059, 123	3			
144 Cases in Ethical PR Pract. (Spring)	054	3	145 Advertising Campaign Capstone (Spring)	057, 059, 139, & 117 or 141	3			
195 App Design	055	3	146 PR Campaign Strategy (Spring)	136, 143	3			
			147 SPC Capstone (Spring)	088, 138	3			
			172 Journalism Capstone (Fall)	Instr. Approval	3			
			173* Reporting for TV & Web (Spring)	100	3			
			194 Digital Media Production Capstone (Spring)	040, 055, 059, 105, 124, elective	3			

\*courses offered on a rotational basis - see schedule of classes for availability