JOINT MASTER OF ARTS PROGRAM IN AFRICANA STUDIES AND JOURNALISM

The goal of this program is to develop skills that intersect journalism with social and cultural commentaries that inform, advocate and focus on Africa, African and African Diasporic communities and spaces. Students will sharpen their ability to research, report and write with depth, understanding and perception about African and African Diasporic politics, societies and cultures.

CURRICULUM

The curriculum comprises 42 credits of required classes from both Journalism and Africana Studies, as well as elective courses from other disciplines (Politics, the Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, History, and others). The final requirement will be a Masters Project in the form of a well-researched and reported journalistic work of 6,000 to 10,000 words in explanatory, investigative or narrative style.

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<td><strong>Core Requirements</strong></td>
<td>Writing Research &amp; Reporting I, Writing Research &amp; Reporting II, Journalism Seminar</td>
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<td><strong>Additional Courses</strong></td>
<td>2 specialized Reporting electives, 1-credit internship, 1-credit Directed Readings for MA Project</td>
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<td>Credits: 42 TOTAL</td>
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TYPICAL PROGRAM SCHEDULE

First Semester (Fall I)
- Writing, Research and Reporting I
- Journalism seminar (e.g. Ethics/Law)
- Pro-Seminar I in Africana Studies

Formulation of master's project idea

Second Semester (Spring I)
- Writing, Research and Reporting II
- Pro-Seminar II in Africana Studies
- Specialized Reporting Elective

Select the two project advisers, one from Journalism and one from Africana Studies
Confirm topic choice with advisers
Thesis Project proposal submitted with research and reporting plan

Summer (I)
- Research, Reporting: Fieldwork or internships

Third Semester (Fall II)
- Africana Studies Elective
- Africana Studies Elective
- Specialized Reporting Elective

Present the preliminary project story outline with annotated reading and source list

Fourth Semester (Spring II)
- Africana Studies Elective
- Directed Readings for MA Project

COMPLETION OF THESIS

- First Project Draft Due no later than two months into intended term of graduation (ex. Nov. for January graduates; March for May graduates)
- Final Draft (approved by both readers) due no later than two weeks prior to graduate deadline