## Program Modification Form

### I. Summary of Proposed Changes

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<th>Department/program</th>
<th>School of Journalism</th>
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<td>Summary</td>
<td>Changes to the catalogue to reflect Common Course Numbering, to implement a new requirement that students take at least one “capstone” course that produces professional-level journalistic work for publication or broadcast and to align with new accrediting standards.</td>
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### II. Endorsements and Approvals

Please obtain the Program Chair/Director’s approval and Dean’s approval.

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<th>Requestor:</th>
<th>Lee Banville</th>
<th>Signature</th>
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<td>Phone:</td>
<td>243.2577</td>
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<td>8/19/12</td>
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<td>Program Chair/Director:</td>
<td>Dennis Swibold</td>
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<td>Department Dean</td>
<td>Denise Dowling</td>
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Other affected Programs: (Use additional sheet if needed)

Are other departments/programs affected by this modification because of:
(a) required courses incl. prerequisites or corequisites,
(b) perceived overlap in content areas
(c) cross-listing of coursework

Please obtain signature(s) from the Chair/Director of any such department/program (above) before submission.

### III. Type of Program Modification

(e.g. adding a writing course required of all majors.) Please X check the appropriate box.

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### IV. Catalog Language

If you are proposing a change to an existing program or major, please cut and paste the requirements as they appear in the **current catalog below**.  www.umt.edu/catalog  

Please provide the **proposed copy** as you wish it to appear in the catalog.  ↓

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**Professional Program**

Students in the professional program must earn a C- or better grade in all journalism or R-TV required courses or they must repeat the course.

After admission to the professional program, all students must take the following courses before graduation:

- JOUR 367 Law of Mass Communication
- JOUR 481 Ethics and Trends in News Media
- JOUR 490 or R-TV 490 Supervised Internship

In addition, all students must choose five courses from the following JOUR and R-TV courses:
- R-TV 350, 351, 360, 361, 410, 420, 440, 450, 460, 480, 481, 485.
All students must take, and pass, the University Writing Proficiency Examination before enrolling in JOUR 481. In addition, all students in the professional program must successfully complete an upper division writing course, either from courses in the School of Journalism or in a department outside of the School.

All students also must complete electives in JOUR and RTVF that will bring the total number of credits before graduation to at least 35.

Students must complete 80 total credits outside Journalism.

In addition, all students must choose five courses from the following JRNL courses:


Capstone courses will be designated for each fall and spring semester. These 400-level classes will work on projects for professional publication or broadcast, will include multiple story-telling formats and will collaborate with professional editors and producers.

All students must take, and pass, the University Writing Proficiency Assessment before enrolling in JRNL 400. In addition, all students in the professional program must successfully complete an upper division writing course, either from courses in the School of Journalism or in a department outside of the School.

All students also must complete electives in JRNL that will bring the total number of credits before graduation to at least 37.

Students must complete 72 total credits outside Journalism.

Please explain/justify the new proposal or change.

Every student should have the experience of participating in a journalism class that challenges them at the end of their college career. A course that pushes them to demonstrate their accumulated skills, that produces award-winning journalism and that provides them the work samples that help them break into our highly competitive field. This is the goal of the capstone course.

Each semester the school of journalism faculty will designate at least two courses that qualify as a capstone. These courses will challenge senior- and graduate-level students to perform at a professional level, demonstrating the critical thinking, reporting and producing skills accumulated during their time at the School of Journalism. These classes will produce stories and reports for public consumption through professional outlets.

Each semester these 400-level classes will be designated a capstone based on their ability to meet professional-level rigor according to a newly formed capstone committee at the School.

To accommodate this new course requirement, we increased the minimum number of credits in Journalism from 35 to 37. Additionally, to align with new standards published this month by our accrediting agency -- the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication -- we lowered the minimum number of credits that a student must take outside of Journalism from 80 to 72.

Other changes simply reflect the new JRNL Common Course Numbering and do not reflect a change in the content of those courses or course lists.

**V Copies and Electronic Submission**
Once approved, the original, a paper copy and an electronic file are submitted to the Faculty Senate Office (11/22) (smoody@umich.edu)

**VI Department Summary** Required if several proposals are submitted in a separate document list program title and proposed change of all proposals.

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