

JCOM Department Policy on minimum grades

The Department of Journalism and Communication and Utah State University allow students to take a class a maximum of three times. Failure to achieve the JCOM Department's minimum grade of C+ in three attempts, in any of the three premajor core classes, or C in any other JCOM course required for the major, will result in the student being dropped from the JCOM major.

Students attempting to sign up for any JCOM class for the third time will be required to meet with the department head, who will remind the student of the three-and-out rule. Students will be asked to sign a form attesting to their understanding of this rule.

Students must complete the premajor core – Introduction to Mass Communication, Beginning Newswriting for the Mass Media, and Media Smarts – with a C+ or better before continuing in the JCOM major. Students lacking the minimum grades in the premajor core will be blocked from taking JCOM broadcast-, PR- or print-emphasis courses.

In addition, students must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 overall and in JCOM to graduate with a JCOM degree. A student whose GPA falls below 2.5 in either category will be placed on probation. The student's GPA must improve in the following semester or the student will be dropped from the major. They will have the option to switch to another major or create a General Studies major (effective Fall 2006).