What’s interesting about Media Law, Ethics, and Regulation.

This cluster is designed for students interested in exploring, learning about, and getting involved in the fascinating world of freedom of thought, freedom of speech and freedom of expression on which democracy is based. Students who pursue studies in media law, ethics and regulation broaden their horizons and appreciate how the First Amendment protects speech and expression in the traditional media and on the Internet. This is the cluster of choice for students interested in attending law school after obtaining the Bachelor’s degree. The cluster ensures that students obtain the necessary skills, values, and bodies of knowledge that will provide the sound foundation necessary for success in law School. The cluster will enable students not only to learn about their rights, but also to be responsible persons who, in moments of moral uncertainty, will ask themselves whether it is right to exercise the rights granted under the First Amendment.

Here are the postgraduate education options, and some of the careers that people interested in Media Law, Ethics and Regulation might pursue after obtaining a bachelor’s degree.

Although this cluster serves mostly students interested in going to law school, not all students who pursue this cluster will go to law school. For students who do not follow the law school track, additional postgraduate coursework or training may be required for some careers. Your undergraduate work will give you a good groundwork on which to build.

**Journalism careers:** Media law and ethics graduates have pursued the following career paths
* Court/Public Affairs Reporter
* Investigative journalist
* Online reporter/editor
* Multi-media reporter/Broadcaster

**Strategic Communication careers:** Courses taken in the media law ethics and regulation cluster will enable students to develop competences and skill sets that can be applicable in the following careers.
* Public relations officer
* Media relations officer
* Advertising accounts executive
* Advertising media planner
* Photojournalist
* Corporate communications

**Other Media-Related careers:**
* Book publishing
* Columnist/commentator
* Advertising accounts executive
* News producer
* Law/court clerk

**Here are some SJMC courses** that are particularly useful to people planning to attend law school or pursue careers requiring in-depth knowledge of media law, ethics and regulation. These are only suggestions, and other courses also may be valuable. You and your advisor will construct a plan of coursework tailored to your interests.

**Writing courses:**
* 019:098: Journalistic Reporting and Writing
* 019:122: Magazine Reporting and Writing
* 019:128:001 Writing Across Cultures
* 019:136: Editing
* 019:171:002 Advanced Reporting and Writing
Workshop courses:
* 19:130 Media Workshop: Web Basics
* 19:131 Publication Design Workshop
* 19:132 Photojournalism Workshop
* 19:135 Public Relations Practice Workshop
* 19:138 Online Journalism

Conceptual courses:
* 19:140 Media, Law and Communication
* 19:156 Comparative Communication Systems
* 19:161 Law, Media and Current Issues
* 19:168 Journalism Ethics

SJMC students are encouraged to have a second major. A second major broadens and deepens your knowledge about another subject area, making you a stronger communicator. SJMC students interested in media law, ethics and regulation find many different second majors valuable, but here are three we recommend you consider:

* Political Science (030): Study of government, politics and policy.
* Philosophy (026): Study of the fundamental questions of life including existence, knowledge, reality, reason, values, truth, rights, and so on.

SJMC majors who do not have a second major must identify a secondary area of concentration. This means you will put together 24 s.h. of coursework related to a unified theme or focus area; at least 15 s.h. must be from upper-division courses. Here are a few recommendations for students interested in media law, ethics and regulation. The listed courses are only suggestions; the list obviously does not exhaust the possibilities.

Courses may not be offered every semester; use the drop-down semester menu on ISIS to identify frequency. Also, please note that some courses carry pre-requisites. You are responsible for consulting ISIS, the general catalog and/or the department website for those details and other relevant information, such as course accessibility to non-majors.

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