

Master of Sustainability Solutions (MSUS) & Master of Mass Communication (MMC)

Because sustainability is interdisciplinary, communication between disciplines and viewpoints is a key component of realizing a sustainable future. Sustainability is also a normative science, linking observable facts to action imperatives. Because of this, sustainability scientists and practitioners engage in discussion with non-experts more often than scientists in most other disciplines. Learning the key values and skills practiced by journalists will better prepare sustainability experts to deliver their messages to experts and non-experts.

ASU offers an opportunity to build expertise in both sustainability and Journalism through a concurrent degree program in which students earn both a Master of Sustainability Solutions and a Master of Mass Communication.

Concurrent Degree Requirements

The concurrent arrangement will comprise a minimum of 57 credit hours. In summary:

	Credit Hours
MSUS requires	33
MMC requires	+36
<i>MSUS/MMC concurrently in total requires</i>	69
Credit hours shared by concurrent arrangement (20%)	(12)
Total Credit Hours Required	57

Application Process

To be considered for admission, applicants will need to complete one application for the concurrent program. Applicants must meet the admissions criteria for both programs.

For Fall Admission:

December 15 (but it's recommended that students submit their application by November 15 to allow enough time for references). Please note that the application deadline for the MMC program is February 1, but it's important that you apply by the earlier deadline if you are applying to the concurrent MSUS/MMC program.

Sample Concurrent Plan of Study

Semester 1	Credit Hours
MCO 502: Journalism Skills	8
MCO 598: Journalism Skills Lab	1
MCO 525: 21st Century Media Organizations and Entrepreneurship	3
SOS 510: Perspectives on Sustainability (<i>shared course</i>)	3
Total Semester Credit Hours	15
Semester 2	Credit Hours
SOS 511: Transformational Sustainability Research	3
MCO 530: History, Philosophy and Ethics of Journalism	3
MMC Intermediate Skills Course (<i>shared elective course</i>)	3
MCO 510: Data Journalism (<i>shared methods course</i>)	3
MSUS Foundational Course	3
Total Semester Credit Hours	15
Semester 3	Credit Hours
MCO 503: Media Law	3
MMC Intermediate Skills Course (<i>shared elective course</i>)	3
MSUS Foundational Course	3
SOS 582: Project Management for Sustainability	3
MSUS Methods Course	2
SOS 531: Achieving Career Success in Sustainability	1
Total Semester Credit Hours	15
Semester 4	Credit Hours
MCO 570: MMC Capstone	6
SOS 584: Internship, SOS 593: Applied Project, or SOS 594: Workshop	3
MSUS Foundational Course	3
Total Semester Credit Hours	12
Total Semester Hours Required	57