

Program Change Request

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Viewing: **SC-CERG-DJNL : Data Journalism**

Graduate Certificate

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Changes proposed by: nburtch

Catalog Pages

Using this Program

[Data Journalism Graduate Certificate](#)

Are you completing this form on someone else's behalf?

No

Effective Catalog: 2022-2023

Program Level: Graduate

Program Type: Certificate

Degree Type: Graduate Certificate

Title:

Data Journalism Graduate Certificate

Banner Title:

Data Journalism Grad Cert

Registrar/OAPI Use

Approved

Only – SCHEV

Status

Registrar’s Office

Use Only –

Program Start Term

Registrar/OAPI Use

Only – SCHEV

Letter

Registrar/OAPI Use

Only – SACSCOC

Status

In Workflow

1. **GGS Chair**
2. **SC Curriculum Committee**
3. SC Associate Dean
4. SC CAT Editor
5. Assoc Provost-Graduate
6. Registrar-Programs

Approval Path

1. 11/04/21 12:13 pm
Nathan Burtch
(nburtch): Approved for GGS Chair

History

1. Nov 8, 2017 by clmig-jwehrheim
2. Feb 15, 2018 by rzachari
3. Feb 23, 2021 by Johanna Riemen (jriemen)

Concentration(s):

**Registrar/IRR Use
Only –
Concentration CIP
Code**

College/School: College of Science

**Department /
Academic Unit:** Geography & Geoinformation Science

**Jointly Owned
Program?** No

Justification

What: Removing language of admissions requirements that is redundant to University-wide policies

Why: This allows the program to remain in step with the University policies even if those are changed at some point. The redundant language is unnecessary, and this section should be reserved for additional application materials wanted by the department.

Catalog Published Information

**Total Credits
Required:** Total credits: 15

Registrar's Office Use Only - Program Code:
SC-CERG-DJNL

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Only – Program CIP
Code**

**Admission
Requirements:**

Admissions

University-wide admissions policies can be found in the [Graduate Admissions Policies](#) section of this [catalog](#). ~~catalog. TOEFL scores are required of all international applicants who do not hold at least a bachelor's degree from an institution of higher education accredited by a Mason-recognized U.S.~~

Applicants to this certificate program must submit a current résumé. GRE scores and letters of recommendation are not required but will strengthen an application, if available.

~~institutional accrediting agency or international equivalent.~~ To apply for this program, please complete the [George Mason University Admissions Application](#).

**Program-Specific
Policies:**

Policies

For policies governing all graduate programs, see [AP.6 Graduate Policies](#).

Degree Requirements:

This certificate may be pursued on a full-or part-time basis.

Students should refer to the [Admissions & Policies](#) tab for specific policies related to this program.

Core Courses

GG5 590	Selected Topics in Geography 1	3
GG5 692	Web-based Geographic Information Systems	3
COMM 642	Science and the Public	3
Total Credits		9
1	Only when the subject is GeoSocial Analysis.	

Electives

Select two courses from the following list or others in consultation with an advisor. 6

CDS 501	Scientific Information and Data Visualization
CSI 672	Statistical Inference
or STAT 652	Statistical Inference
COMM 637	Risk Communication
COMM 640	Controversies in Science Communication
COMM 641	Advanced Communication Skills for STEM
COMM 644	Analysis and Criticism of Science Journalism
COMM 660	Climate Change and Sustainability Communication Campaigns
COMM 735	Crisis Communication
STAT 554	Applied Statistics I

Total Credits 6

Retroactive Requirements

Updates:

Plan of Study:

Program Outcomes

Additional Program Information

This information is required by the Office of Accreditation and Program Integrity.

Courses offered via distance (if

applicable):

Indicate whether students are able to pursue on a: Both Full and Part-time basis

What is the primary delivery format for the program? Both Face-to-Face and Distance

Does any portion of this program occur off-campus?

No

Are you working with a vendor / other collaborators to offer your program?

No

Related Departments

Could this program prepare students for any type of professional licensure, in Virginia or elsewhere?

No

Are you adding or removing a licensure component?

No

Additional SCHEV & SACSCOC Information

Are you changing the total number of credits required for this program?

No

Are you changing the delivery format in any way (e.g adding an online option)?

No

Are you adding/removing a licensure option which was approved by SCHEV?

No

Will any portion of this program be offered at an off-campus location?

No

Will this program change affect any specialized accreditation?

No

Is the content of the new program closely related to that of an existing approved program?

No

Is this new program considered to be "advancing the degree level of a currently approved program" (i.e. existing content is at lower degree level, new content is at the higher degree level)?

No

Is this new program considered to be "lowering the degree level of a currently approved program" (i.e. existing content is at higher degree level, new content is at the lower degree level)?

No

Does this change represent a repackaging of content in an existing approved degree/certificate program?

No

Percentage of total credits containing new course content, excluding gen ed courses for undergraduate program: ("New content" means content that is not currently included in an existing approved degree/certificate program.) Please choose a percentage (i.e. 0%-100%)

less than 25%

Are the total credits for the program increasing or decreasing by more than 3 credits?

No

Will any additional equipment/facilities be needed?

No

Will any additional faculty be required?

No

Will any additional financial resources be needed?

No

Will any additional library/learning resources needed?

No

OAPI Use Only – Determination of SACSCOC Impact

Comments or Notes

Green Leaf Program Designation

Is this a Green Leaf program? No

Does this program cover material which crosses into another department?

No

Additional Attachments

Reviewer Comments

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Is this course required of all students in this degree program?

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Key: 206