

Four-Year Degree Plan for Major in Journalism

Note that this is a sample four-year plan. There are other course sequences that will allow a student to graduate within four years as long as prerequisite courses are taken in the proper sequence. This sample plan does not guarantee course availability, and adjustments to students' plans may be necessary if they are unable to take specific courses during specific semesters. Students who are placed into lower level AWR, MAT or other prerequisite courses will need to adjust their four-year plans accordingly. Similarly, students who bring in Advanced Placement, dual enrollment or transfer credit for courses will need to adjust their four-year plans. A minimum of a 2.0 GPA both overall and in the major is required for graduation. In addition to major requirements, all components of the Baccalaureate Experience must be completed in order to successfully graduate. A student must earn a minimum of 124 credit hours to qualify for the Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism.

Degree Requirements

First (Freshman) Year - Fall Semester

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| | Humanities/Fine Arts or Social Science (Bacc. Exp.) | 4 |
| | Social Science (Bacc. Exp.) | 3-4 |
| JOU 101 | Introduction to Journalism | 4 |
| AWR 101 | Writing and Inquiry | 4 |
| BAC 101 | First-Year Seminar I | 1 |
| | or | |
| HON 101 | Pathways to Honors 1 | 1 |

Subtotal: 15-17

First (Freshman) Year - Spring Semester

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| JOU 221 | Multimedia Journalism I: The Digital Tool Kit | 4 |
| MAT 155 | Finite Mathematics for Liberal Arts | 4 |
| | or | |
| MAT 160 | College Algebra | 4 |
| | General Elective | 4 |
| BAC 102 | First-Year Seminar II | 1 |
| | or | |
| HON 102 | Pathways to Honors 2 | 1 |

Subtotal: 16-17

Second (Sophomore) Year - Fall Semester

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| JOU 271 | News Reporting and Writing | 4 |
| AWR 201 | Writing and Research | 4 |
| | Natural Science (Bacc. Exp.) | 3 |
| | Humanities/Fine Arts or Social Science (Bacc. Exp.) | 3-4 |

Subtotal: 14-15

Second (Sophomore) Year - Spring Semester

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| | General Elective | 4 |
| JOU 273 | Practicum in Student Publications | 2 |
| JOU | Elective for Journalism Major | 4 |
| | Natural Science (Bacc. Exp.) | 3 |
| | Non-western and International/Global Awareness (Bacc. Exp.) | 3-4 |

Subtotal: 16-18

Third (Junior) Year - Fall Semester

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| JOU 304 | Multimedia Journalism II: The Converged Newsroom | 4 |
| JOU 273 | Practicum in Student Publications | 2 |
| JOU | Elective for Journalism Major | 4 |
| | General Elective | 3-4 |
| | Humanities/Fine Arts (back. Exp.) | 3 |
| | Art Aesthetic (Bacc. Exp.) | |

Subtotal: 16-17

Third (Junior) Year - Spring Semester

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| JOU 371 | Feature Writing | 4 |
| JOU 490 | Journalism Studies: Career Internship for Journalism Majors | 1-8 |
| JOU | Elective for Journalism Major | 4 |
| | General Elective | 4 |
| | Social Science (Bacc. Exp.) | 3-4 |

Subtotal: 13-16

Fourth (Senior) Year - Fall Semester

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| COM 327 | Communication and Law | 4 |
| JOU | Elective for Journalism Major | 4 |
| | Non-western and International/Global Awareness (Bacc. Exp.) | 3 |
| | General Elective | 4 |

Subtotal: 15

Fourth (Senior) Year - Spring Semester

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| JOU 490 | Journalism Studies: Career Internship for Journalism Majors | 2-4 |
| JOU 499 | Journalism Colloquium/Portfolio | 2 |
| JOU | Elective for Journalism Major | 4 |
| | Non-western and International/Global Awareness (Bacc. Exp.) | 3 |
| | Social Science (Bacc. Exp.) | 3-4 |
| | General Elective | 4 |

Subtotal: 14-17

Colloquium/Portfolio

In the final semester of study, graduating journalism majors are required to take the two-credit senior colloquium/portfolio course. Working professionals give workshops on best practices and the latest developments in the journalism and media industries. Students also compile and submit a portfolio of their best work (in all media) from each year of study. A preface should include a discussion of the student's growth as a reporter, writer, and multimedia journalist. Program faculty members evaluate portfolios and select the most distinguished for awards.