

JOURNALISM, BS

for the degree of Bachelor of Science in Journalism

JOURNALISM (JOUR), prepares the next generation of journalists to explore and report on the diversity of ideas, people and events in a democratic society. Students learn the reporting, writing, editing, producing, and multimedia skills and concepts required to produce accurate, fair, and thorough journalism and to navigate the ever-changing news media landscape. Journalism graduates combine strong professional training with a broad liberal arts education to pursue careers in online newsrooms, television and radio stations, newspapers and magazines and emerging media.

Programs in Journalism

Undergraduate Programs:

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major: Journalism, BS-MJ (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/media/journalism-bs-mj/>)

minors: Journalism (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/media/minors/journalism/>) | Media (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/media/minors/media/>) | Public Relations (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/media/minors/public-relations/>)

Graduate Programs:

degree: Journalism, BS-MJ (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/media/journalism-bs-mj/>)

degree: Journalism, MS (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/media/journalism-ms/>)

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Code	Title	Hours
Required Major Courses <small>All required courses must be taken for a letter grade.</small>		44-47
JOUR 200	Introduction to Journalism	3
JOUR 205	History of American Journalism	3
or JOUR 452	Great Books of Journalism	
JOUR 210	Newsgathering Across Platforms	4
JOUR 215	Multimedia Reporting	4
JOUR 220	News Editing	4
JOUR 250	Journalism Ethics & Diversity	3
JOUR 311	Media Law	3
Select two of the following:		8
JOUR 315	Adv Public Affairs Reporting	
JOUR 340	Video Reporting & Storytelling	
JOUR 425	Multimedia Editing and Design	
Select three of the following:		9-12
JOUR 335	Audio Journalism	
JOUR 430	Augmented and Virtual Reality	
JOUR 445	Video Storytelling 2-Producing	
JOUR 471	Science Journalism	
JOUR 472	Business Reporting	
JOUR 480	Advanced Reporting Topics	
JOUR 482	Immersion Journalism	
JOUR 483	Investigative Journalism	
Select one of the following:		3
JOUR 450	Media and Public Opinion	
JOUR 451	Research Methods in Journalism (or equivalent)	
JOUR 454	Propaganda & the News Media	
JOUR 460	Special Topics (department approval required)	
Journalism Electives		9

Any Journalism course at the 200-level or above. Courses from the list above not used to complete requirements may be taken as electives.		
Minor or Specialization		18
A campus-approved minor, or one 18-hour specialization, or two 9-hour specializations (with at least 6 hours at the 300-level or above), approved by advisor.		
Statistical Methods Course (Choose 1)		3-4
STAT 107	Data Science Discovery (recommended)	4
STAT 100	Statistics	3
SOC 280	Intro to Social Statistics	4
PSYC 235	Intro to Statistics	3
ECON 202	Economic Statistics I	3
EPSY 280	Elements of Statistics	4
UP 116	Urban Informatics I	3
or other approved statistical methods course		
General Education Requirements		29-41
The department maintains a list of recommended courses to fulfill General Education requirements. Some courses may fulfill multiple General Education categories. Courses may also fulfill both major requirements and General Education categories.		
Composition I		4
Advanced Composition (JOUR 200 can fulfill)		3
Quantitative Reasoning I (statistical methods courses listed above can fulfill)		3-4
Quantitative Reasoning II (JOUR 451 can fulfill)		3
Humanities and the Arts (JOUR 205, JOUR 452 can fulfill)		3
Cultural Studies: Western Comparative		3
Cultural Studies: US Minority Cultures		3
Cultural Studies: Non-Western Cultures		3
Natural Science and Technology		6
Social and Behavioral Sciences		6
Minimum Total Hours required for graduation		124

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Sample Sequence

This sample sequence is intended to be used only as a guide for degree completion. All students should work individually with their academic advisors to decide the actual course selection and sequence that works best for them based on their academic preparation and goals. Enrichment programming such as study abroad, minors, internships, and so on may impact the structure of this four-year plan. Course availability is not guaranteed during the semester indicated in the sample sequence.

Electives are additional courses to help students achieve 124 hours required for the degree. These can often be any level, but students should check with their advisor for specific guidance.

Students must fulfill their Language Other Than English requirement by successfully completing a third level of a language other than English. This may require up to three semesters of language depending on high school coursework or placement. See the corresponding section on the Degree and General Education Requirements page (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/general-information/degree-general-education-requirements/>).

First Year

First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours
JOUR 200		3 JOUR 210	4
MDIA 100		1 Statistical Methods course	3
Composition I or General Education course		4-3 General Education course or Composition I	3-4
General Education course		3 General Education course	3
General Education course		3 Elective or Language Other Than English (3rd level)	3-4
		14	17

Second Year

First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours
JOUR 205 or 452		3 JOUR 220	4
JOUR 215		4 JOUR 250	3
General Education course		3 General Education course	3
General Education course		3 General Education course	3
Minor/specialization course		3 Elective	3
		16	16

Third Year

First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours
JOUR 311		3 Intermediate Skills course	4
Intermediate Skills course		4 Advanced Skills course	3-4
General Education course		3 Minor/specialization course	3
Minor/specialization course		3 Minor/specialization course	3
Minor/specialization course		3 JOUR elective	3
		16	17

Fourth Year

First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours
Advanced Skills course		3-4 Advanced Skills course	4-3
Context course		3 JOUR elective	3
Minor/specialization course		3 Elective	3
JOUR elective		3 Elective	3
Elective		3	
		15	13

Total Hours 124

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Student Learning Outcomes are adapted from requirements of the accrediting body for the Department of Journalism (ACEJMC)

1. Understand and apply principles and laws related to media and freedom of information
2. Write correctly and clearly in appropriate forms and styles
3. Apply basic numerical and statistical concepts
4. Apply current tools and technologies appropriate for the communications profession and to understand the digital world.
5. Demonstrate understanding of the history of journalism development and the role of professionals and institutions in shaping communications
6. Demonstrate an understanding of journalism ethical principles
7. Demonstrate understanding of diversity, both domestic and global
8. Understand concepts and apply theories in the use and presentation of images
9. Conduct research and evaluate information by methods appropriate to the profession
10. Demonstrate an ability to think critically and evaluate their own work and that of others
11. Document professional practice through internships, student media and other publication of student work.

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