

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:

- majors: Journalism, BS (p. 1)
- 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:

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

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Minimum hours for graduation is 124, to include a minimum of 40 hours of upper-division coursework generally at the 300- and 400-level. These hours can be drawn from all elements of the degree.

Students must complete the Campus General Education (<https://courses.illinois.edu/gened/DEFAULT/DEFAULT/>) requirements including the campus general education language requirement.

All required courses must be taken for a letter grade.

Code	Title	Hours
Required Major Courses		40
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 250	Journalism Ethics & Diversity	3
or JOUR 456	Race, Ethnicity & Gender in Journalism	
JOUR 310	Media Law in Historical Context	3
or JOUR 311	Media Law	
Intermediate Skills Courses		
Select two of the following:		8
JOUR 315	Adv Public Affairs Reporting	
JOUR 340	Video Reporting & Storytelling	
JOUR 425	Multimedia Editing and Design	

Advanced Skills Courses

Select three of the following:		9-12
JOUR 335	Audio Journalism	
JOUR 400	Newsroom Experience	
JOUR 410	Data Storytelling for Journalists	
JOUR 430	Augmented and Virtual Reality	
JOUR 440	Advanced Documentary Storytelling & Production	
JOUR 445	Advanced Television Reporting	
JOUR 471	Science Journalism	
JOUR 472	Business Reporting	
JOUR 480	Advanced Reporting Topics (department approval required)	
JOUR 482	Immersion Journalism	
JOUR 483	Investigative Journalism	

Context Courses

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. 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)
STAT 100	Statistics
SOC 280	Intro to Social Statistics
PSYC 235	Intro to Statistics
ECON 202	Economic Statistics I
EPSY 280	Elements of Statistics
UP 116	Urban Informatics I
or other approved statistical methods course	

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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. Journalism Electives are any additional Journalism courses not already counting toward the major requirements. These electives 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
Journalism Elective		3 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 or Language Other Than English (3rd Level)		3-4 Language Other Than English (3rd level) of General Education Course	3-4
		16	17

Second Year

First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours
JOUR 205 or 452		3 Intermediate Skills Course	4
JOUR 215		4 JOUR 250 or 456	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 310 or 311		3 Advanced Skills course	3-4
Intermediate Skills course		4 Journalism Elective	3
General Education Course		3 Minor/ Specialization Course	3
Minor/ Specialization Course		3 Minor/ Specialization Course	3
Minor/ Specialization Course		3 Elective	3
		16	15

Fourth Year

First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours
Advanced Skills course		3-4 Advanced Skills Course	4-3
Context course		3 Journalism Elective	3
Minor/ Specialization Course		3 Elective	3
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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College of Media Admissions & Degree Requirements (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/schools/media/>)

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