

BS JOURNALISM

2017-2019

updated
03.16.17

Units Required 180

NOTE: This document can be used as a compact display of courses and other curricular requirements at the time of publication of the 2017-2019 catalog. The Degree Progress Report must be used to track students' progress in all degree requirements, throughout their Cal Poly career.

Up to 4 units of credit/no credit grading may be selected for courses in major or support.

MAJOR COURSES (112)	Units
JOUR 102 Introduction to Journalism	1
JOUR 203 News Reporting & Writing	4
JOUR/COMS 218 Media, Self and Society (D4) ⁴	4
JOUR 285 Intro to Multimedia Journalism	4
JOUR 302 Mass Media Law	4
JOUR 402 Journalism Ethics	4
JOUR 444 Media Internship	3
JOUR 462 Senior Media Practicum ²	4
Media Technologies Select from the following: JOUR 303, 350, 390, 410	8
Global and Cultural Perspectives JOUR 219 or 401	4
Select the News <u>or</u> Public Relations track: News Track (20) Select 12 units from the following: JOUR 304, 333, 334, 346, 348, 407 Select 8 units from (may be repeated): JOUR 352, 353 Public Relations Track (20) Select 12 units from the following: JOUR 304 or 333 or 334, 312, 352 or 353 Select 8 units from: JOUR 342, 412 or 413, 415	20
Journalism/ Media/ Mass Communication No more than 16 units of these courses can be applied toward the degree ⁵ : Any JOUR course, including those listed above, if not used to meet major requirements, and: JOUR 201, 205, 220, 270, 320, 331, 400, 418, 470, 471 Media/Mass Communication Courses AGC 102, 200, 207, 270, 301, 339, 400, 407, 426; ART 288, 383; BUS 453, 459; COMS 317, 385, 419; ENGL 317, 319, 411, 412; GRC 101, 338 ⁶ , 339 ⁶ , 377, 420 ⁶ , 429 ⁶ , 440 ⁶ , 452 ⁶ , 453 ⁶ ; ISLA 240, 320, 340, 341	16
Approved Electives ¹	36
SUPPORT COURSES (4)	
STAT 130/217/218/251 (B1) ⁴	4

GENERAL EDUCATION (GE)

64

72 units required, 8 of which are specified in Major and/or Support.

Minimum of 12 units required at the 300 level.

Area A Communication

12

- A1 Expository Writing 4
- A2 Oral Communication 4
- A3 Reasoning, Argument & Writing 4

Area B Science and Mathematics

16

- B1 Mathematics/Statistics 4
- B1 Mathematics/Statistics (4 units in Major)⁴.....
- B2 Life Science 4
- B3 Physical Science 4
- B4 One lab with either B2 or B3 4
- B1-B5 Elective..... 4

Area C Arts and Humanities

16

- C1 Literature 4
- C2 Philosophy 4
- C3 Fine/Performing Arts 4
- C4 Upper-division elective 4

Area D/E Society and the Individual

16

- D1 The American Exp (40404) 4
- D2 Political Economy 4
- D3 Comp Social Institutions 4
- D4 Self Dev (CSU Area E)(4 units in Major)⁴.....
- D5 Upper-division elective 4

Area F Technology (upper div)

4

FREE ELECTIVES³ **0**

OTHER DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:

- Cal Poly, Higher Ed, and Major GPA must all be at least 2.00
- For students admitted Fall 2016 and after, a grade of C- or higher is required in GE A1, A2, A3, and one GE B1 course

All students must complete:

- United States Cultural Pluralism Requirement
- Graduation Writing Requirement
- 60 units Upper Division (any 300-400 level classes)
- Upper Division units in the Major: 27
- Residency Requirements: See Degree Progress Report for details

² JOUR 460 Senior Project (3 units) combined with one unit of additional JOUR upper division credit, may substitute for JOUR 462 Senior Media Practicum (4 units), with consent of dept head.

³ If courses meeting GE requirements are used to satisfy Major requirements, additional units of free electives may be needed to satisfy the requirement of 180 units for the degree.

⁴ Required in Major/Support; also satisfies GE.

⁵ This is particularly relevant to students pursuing minors in Agricultural Communication; Communication Studies; English; Graphic Communication; Integrated Marketing Communications; and Media Arts, Society and Technology.

⁶GRC majors have priority for registration in these highly impacted courses

¹ Students are encouraged to pursue minors or develop other areas of interest outside of Journalism, Media, and Mass Comm through Approved Electives and with the following restrictions:

A) At least 24 units must be upper-division courses with a lecture or seminar component. (This excludes activity-only, lab-only, or supervision courses such as internships.) B) No approved electives may be taken in the area of Journalism/Media/Mass Comm. These include media/mass comm courses offered in other colleges and departments.