

**BS JOURNALISM**

2019-2020

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**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 2019-2020 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 (E) <sup>1</sup>  | 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 <sup>2</sup>  | 4     |
| <b>Media Technologies</b> <i>Select from the following:</i><br>JOUR 303, 350, 390, 403, 410   | 8     |
| <b>Global and Cultural Perspectives</b> JOUR 219 or 401   | 4     |
| <i>Select the News <u>or</u> Public Relations Track:</i><br><b>News Track (20)</b><br><i>Select 12 units from the following:</i><br>JOUR 304, 333, 334, 346, 348, 407<br><i>Select 8 units from following (may be repeated):</i><br>JOUR 352, 353<br><b>Public Relations Track (20)</b><br><i>Select 12 units from the following:</i><br>JOUR 304 <b>or</b> 333 <b>or</b> 334; 312; 352 <b>or</b> 353<br><i>Select 8 units from:</i><br>JOUR 342; 412 <b>or</b> 413; 415  | 20    |
| <b>Journalism/ Media/ Mass Communication</b><br>No more than 16 units of these courses can be applied toward the degree. <sup>3</sup><br>Any JOUR course, including those listed above, if not used to meet major requirements, and:<br>JOUR 201, 205, 220, 270, 320, 331, 378, 385, 400, 418, 455, 470, 471<br><b>Media/Mass Communication Courses</b><br>AGC 102, 200, 207, 270, 301, 339, 400, 407, 426;<br>ART 288, 383; BUS 453, 459; COMS 317, 384, 385;<br>ENGL 317, 319, 411, 412; GRC 101, 338 <sup>6</sup> , 339 <sup>6</sup> , 377, 420 <sup>6</sup> , 429 <sup>6</sup> , 440 <sup>6</sup> , 452 <sup>6</sup> , 453 <sup>6</sup> ; ISLA 240, 320, 340, 341 | 16    |
| <b>Approved Electives</b> <sup>4,5</sup>  | 36    |
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Students are encouraged to pursue minors or develop areas of interest outside of Journalism, Media, and Mass Commun 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 Commun. These include media/mass commun courses offered in other departments. See the restricted list above.<sup>3</sup>

**SUPPORT COURSES (4)**

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| STAT 130/217/218/251 (B1) <sup>1,4</sup> | 4 |  |  |
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**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 Math, Science, & Quantitative Reasoning**

**20**

- B1 Mathematics/Statistics ..... 4
  - B1 Mathematics/Statistics (4 units in Support)<sup>1,4</sup>.....
  - B2 Life Science ..... 4
  - B3 Physical Science ..... 4
  - B4 One lab with either B2 or B3 ..... 4
  - B1-B5 Elective..... 4
  - B7 Upper-division elective ..... 4
- (formerly Area F)

**Area C Arts and Humanities**

**16**

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

**Area D Society and the Individual**

**16**

- D1 The American Exp (40404) ..... 4
- D2 Political Economy ..... 4
- D3 Comp Social Institutions ..... 4
- D5 Upper-division elective ..... 4

**Area E Lifelong Learning & Self-Dev (4 units in Major)<sup>1,4</sup>**  
(formerly Area D4)

**FREE ELECTIVES<sup>5</sup> ..... 0**

<sup>1</sup> Required in Major/Support; also satisfies GE.  
<sup>2</sup> JOUR 460 Senior Project may substitute for JOUR 462 Senior Media Practicum with consent of department head.  
<sup>3</sup> 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.  
<sup>4</sup> These courses count toward the 104 units required outside Journalism/Media/Mass Communication courses.  
<sup>5</sup> 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. Free Electives cannot be Journalism/Media/Mass Communication courses.  
<sup>6</sup> GRC majors have priority for registration in these highly impacted courses

**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