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B.S. in Journalism
Suggested 4-Year Academic Flowchart

2021-2022 Catalog

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FRESHMAN

Fall

- *Introduction to Journalism* **JOUR 102 (1)**
- *News Reporting and Writing* **JOUR 203 (4)**

Winter / Spring

- *Intro to Multimedia Journalism* **JOUR 285 (4)** (JOUR 203)
- *Media, Self, and Society* **JOUR / COMS 218 (4)** [E]
- Statistics **STAT 130, 217, 218, or 251 (4)** [B4]
- *Expository Writing* **ENGL 133/134 (4)**** [A2]
- *Oral Communication* **COMS 101/102 (4)**** [A1]
- *Reasoning, Argumentation, & Writing* [A3] **COMS 126, 145, ENGL 145, 147, ES 145, PHIL 126, or WGS 145 (4)**** (Completion of GE A2 with a C- or better) Can be taken anytime between Winter of Freshman and Winter of Sophomore Years.
- **GE (4) ****
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TOTAL YEARLY UNITS 45

SOPHOMORE

Winter / Spring

- *Mass Media Law* **JOUR 302 (4)** (JOUR 203)
- Media Technologies **Choose two (2): JOUR 303, 350, 390, 403, 410 (8)** *
- Approved Elective **(4)[3]** *
- Approved Elective **(4)[3]** *
- Track **(4)[1]** *
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- **GE (4) ****
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TOTAL YEARLY UNITS 48

JUNIOR

Fall / Winter / Spring

- *Journalism Ethics* **JOUR 402 (4)** (JOUR 203)
- Global and Cultural Perspectives **JOUR 219 or 401 (4)** *
- Approved Upper Division Elective **(4)[3]** *
- Approved Upper Division Elective **(4)[3]** *
- Journalism Elective **(4)[2]** *
- Journalism Elective **(4)[2]** *
- Track **(4)[1]** *
- Track **(4)[1]** *
- **GE (4) ****
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- **Graduation Writing Requirement GWR*** (Students can attempt to fulfill the requirement after 90 earned units; students should complete the requirement before senior year)

TOTAL YEARLY UNITS 44

SENIOR

Fall / Winter / Spring

- *Media Internship* **JOUR 444 (3)** (JOUR 352, 353, or 413; Internship Coord Approval)
- *Senior Media Practicum* **JOUR 462 (4)[4]** (Sr Standing)
- Approved Upper Division Elective **(4)[3]** *
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- Track **(4)[1]** *
- **GE (4) ****

TOTAL YEARLY UNITS 43

TOTAL: 180

Notes:

MOST GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES CAN BE TAKEN IN ANY ORDER AS LONG AS PREREQUISITES ARE MET

* Refer to current catalog for prerequisites.

**One course from each of the following GE areas must be completed: A1, A2, A3, B1, B2, Upper-Division B, C1, C2, Lower-Division C, Upper-Division C, D1, Upper-Division D, Lower Division E, Lower Division F, and GE Elective. Upper-Division B, Upper-Division C, and Upper-Division D should be taken only after Junior standing is reached (90 units).

Refer to online catalog for GE course selection and Graduation Writing Requirement (GWR).

[1] Select the News Track or the Public Relations Track (20 units).

[2] 16 Journalism Elective units maximum. Select any JOUR courses not already used in major.

[3] 36 Approved Elective units. At least 24 units must be upper-division courses with a lecture or seminar component. Students encouraged to pursue minors or develop other areas of interest outside of Journalism. This excludes activity-only, lab-only, or supervision courses such as internships. No courses in Journalism. **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] Jour 460 Senior Project (4 units) may substitute for JOUR 462 Senior Media Practicum (4 units), with consent of department chair.

Legend:

Course Title
Course # (Units)
(Prerequisite)
[GE Area]

- **Major (112)**
- **Support (4)**
- **General Ed. (64)**