



2026-2027

Bachelor of Arts in Journalism

48 Units

Use this checklist in combination with your official Academic Requirements Report (ARR). This checklist is not intended to replace advising. Consult a JPR adviser for appropriate course sequencing. *Curriculum changes in progress. Requirements may change.*

Complete ALL of the following courses (9 units total):		Prerequisites
JOUR 110: Mass Media and Society (3) GE 4C: Social Sciences (D3)		
JOUR 120: News Writing and Ethics (3)		
JOUR 240: Multimedia Storytelling (3)		Corequisite: JOUR 120

Complete ALL of the following courses (15 units total):		Prerequisites
JOUR 311: News Reporting and Ethics (3)		JOUR 120 with a Grade of "C" or Better
JOUR 340: Advanced Multimedia Journalism (3)		JOUR 240 and 311 with Grades of "C" or Better
JOUR 418: Journalism: Past, Present & Future (3) GE4 UD: Upper Division in Social Sciences (UD D)		GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
JOUR 430: Communication Law and Policy (3)		Upper Division Standing
JOUR 498: Internship (3) Note: Students can take JOUR 498 twice (up to six units)		Senior Standing or Consent of Instructor

Complete 3 UNITS from the following courses (3 units total):		Prerequisites
JOUR 305: Media Design (3)		JOUR 120 with a Grade of "C" or Better
JOUR 321: Broadcast News Writing & Reporting (3)		JOUR 120 with a Grade of "C" or Better
JOUR 331: Editing for Print and Online (3)		JOUR 120 with a Grade of "C" or Better

400-level Specified Electives - Complete 6 UNITS from the following courses (6 units total):		Prerequisites
<i>Students may take complete different courses or repeat the same course twice</i>		
JOUR 405: Advanced Media Design (3)		JOUR 120 with a Grade of "C" or Better + JOUR 305
JOUR 420: Beat Reporting for the LBC (3)		JOUR 240 and 311 with Grades of "C" or Better
JOUR 450: Bilingual Journalism		JOUR 240 and 311 with Grades of "C" or Better; or Consent of Instructor
JOUR 480: Magazine Writing and Editing (3)		JOUR 240 and 311 with Grades of "C" or Better
JOUR 482: Television News Production and Performance (3)		JOUR 120 and 321 with Grades of "C" or Better
JOUR 495: Enterprise Reporting in Diverse Communities (3)		JOUR 240 and 311 with Grades of "C" or Better

Traditional Journalism Electives - Complete 15 UNITS from the following courses (15 units total):		Prerequisites
JOUR 104: Social Media Communication (3)		
JOUR 160: Understanding News Media (3) GE 1B: Critical Thinking (A3)		
JOUR 180: Is It Real or Is It AI? AI, Algorithms, and Media (3) GE 1B: Critical Thinking (A3)		
JOUR 270: Principles of Public Relations (3)		
JOUR 300: Photojournalism (3)		JOUR 120 with a Grade of "C" or Better
JOUR 310: Writing for the LBC (3)		JOUR 120 with a "C" or Better or Instructor Consent

JOUR 312: Global News Media (3) GE4 UD: Upper Division in Social Sciences (UD D)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
JOUR 315: Literary Journalism (3) GE3 UD: Upper Division C (UD C) + Writing Intensive (WI)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
JOUR 316: Freelance and Feature Writing (3)	JOUR 311 with a Grade of "C" or Better
JOUR 318: Sports Journalism (3)	JOUR 120 and 240 with Grades of "C" or Better
JOUR 325: Video for Social Media (3)	JOUR 104 or JOUR 120
JOUR 333: Data Journalism (3)	JOUR 240 and 311 with Grades of "C" or Better
JOUR 335: Entertainment Publicity (3)	Upper Division Standing
JOUR 350: Writing in Spanish for Journalism and PR (3)	JOUR 120 with a Grade of "C" or Better
JOUR 360: Culture and Politics of the Internet (3) GE4 UD: Upper Division D (UD D) + Writing Intensive (WI)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
JOUR/GLST 365: Social Media, AI, and Democracy	
JOUR 374: Media Relations Writing (3)	JOUR 120 and 270 with Grades of "C" or Better
JOUR 375: Strategic Communication for Public Relations (3)	JOUR 120 and 270 with Grades of "C" or Better
JOUR 380: Advanced Photojournalism (3)	JOUR 120 and JOUR 300 with Grades of "C" or Better
JOUR 382: Podcasting (3)	JOUR 240 and 311 with Grades of "C" or Better
JOUR 390: Crisis Communication (3)	JOUR 270
JOUR 411: Data Detectives: Democracy, Citizen Journalism, and Open Government (3) GE2 UD: Upper Division in Quantitative Reasoning (UD B)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
JOUR 412: Theories of Mass Communication (3)	
JOUR 415: Diversity in the Media (3) GE4 UD: Upper Division in Social Sciences (UD D)	Upper Division Standing
JOUR 422: Senior Media Production (1)	
JOUR 425: The Business of Journalism (3)	Upper Division Standing
JOUR 431: Mass Media Ethics (3)	Upper Division Standing
JOUR 440: Trends in Online Media (3)	JOUR 120 and 240 with Grades of "C" or Better
JOUR 470: Digital Tools for Public Relations (3)	JOUR 120 and 270 with Grades of "C" or Better
JOUR 471: Public Relations Management & Campaigns (3)	JOUR 374 or 375 with Grades of "C" or Better
JOUR 478: Public Relations Case Studies (3)	Upper Division Standing
JOUR 485: Public Relations Agency (3) (Bateman Team)	JOUR 270 and Consent of Instructor
JOUR 490: Selected Topics in Mass Communications (1 - 3)	Upper Division Standing
JOUR 494: Research Methods (3)	Upper Division Standing
JOUR 499: Special Projects (1 - 3)	Consent of Instructor

++Journalism students are encouraged to complete a focused area of study outside of the discipline, which may include a certificate or minor.

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