CSULB JPR JOURNALISM & PUBLIC RELATIONS

2026-2027

Minor in Journalism

18 Units

The Minor in Journalism is available to any CSULB student, except for those who are majors in Public Relations. A minimum of 18 units is required. The minor is composed of two required core courses (6 units) and four elective courses (12 units). Note that at least two courses (6 units) in the minor must be upper division (300 or 400 level).

		Prerequisites
Complete **ALL** of the following courses (6 units total):		
	JOUR 110: Mass Media and Society (3) **GE 4C: Social Sciences (D3)**	
	JOUR 120: News Writing and Ethics (3)	

Journalism Electives Complete 12 UNITS from the following, including at least 6 UNITS of upper division (12 units total):		
	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 240: Multimedia Storytelling (3)	Corequisite: JOUR 120
	JOUR 270: Principles of Public Relations (3)	
	JOUR 300: Photojournalism (3)	JOUR 120 with a Grad of "C" or Better
	JOUR 305: Media Design (3)	JOUR 120 with a Grade of "C" or Better
	JOUR 310: Writing for the LBC (3)	JOUR 120 a "C" or Better; or Consent of Instructor
	JOUR 311: News Reporting and Ethics (3)	JOUR 120 with a Grade of "C" or Better
	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 321: Broadcast News Writing and Reporting (3)	JOUR 120 with a Grade of "C" or Better
	JOUR 325: Video for Social Media (3)	JOUR 104 or JOUR 120
	JOUR 331: Editing for Print and Online (3)	JOUR 120 with a Grade of "C" or Better
	JOUR 333: Data Journalism (3)	JOUR 240 and 311 with Grades of "C" or Better
	JOUR 335: Entertainment Publicity (3)	Upper Division Standing
	JOUR 340: Advanced Multimedia Journalism (3)	JOUR 240 and 311 with Grades of "C" or Better
	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 380: Advanced Photojournalism (3)	JOUR 120 with a Grade of "C" or Better, JOUR 300
	JOUR 382: Podcasting (3)	JOUR 240 and 311 with Grades of "C" or Better
	JOUR 405: Advanced Media Design (3)	JOUR 120 with a Grade of "C" or Better + JOUR 305

	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 418: Journalism: Past, Present & Future (3) **GE4 UD: Upper Division in Social Sciences (UD D)**	Upper Division Standing
	JOUR 420: Beat Reporting for the LBC (3)	JOUR 240 and 311 with Grades of "C" or Better
	JOUR 422: Senior Media Production (1)	
	JOUR 425: The Business of Journalism (3)	Upper Division Standing
	JOUR 430: Communication Law and Policy (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 450: Bilingual Journalism (3)	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 485: Public Relations Agency (3) (Bateman Team)	JOUR 270 and Consent of the Instructor
	JOUR 490: Selected Topics in Mass Communications (1 - 3)	Upper Division Standing
	JOUR 494: Research Methods (3)	Upper Division Standing
	JOUR 495: Enterprise Reporting in Diverse Communities (3)	JOUR 240 and 311 with Grades of "C" or Better
	JOUR 498: Internship (3)	Senior Standing or Consent of Instructor
	JOUR 499: Special Projects (1 - 3)	Consent of Instructor

Use this checklist in combination with your Academic Requirements Report (ARR), Degree Planner, and meetings with an academic advisor.