

# B.A. in Journalism

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## Description

The Department of Journalism provides a solid foundation of reporting, writing, editing, intellectual training, and vision necessary for today's journalism. Degree candidates must complete an emphasis in either news-editorial journalism or in broadcast journalism. Students may also choose to further specialize in magazine service journalism or in public relations.

**Minimum Total Credit Hours: 124**

## General Education Requirements

See the 'General Education/Core Curriculum' for the College of Liberal Arts.

## Course Requirements

A major in journalism for the B.A. degree requires 36 semester hours of journalism courses, including a departmental core: Jour 101, 102, 301, 371, and 575. Students must complete either an emphasis in news- editorial journalism or in broadcast journalism, plus additional specialization or elective courses in journalism to satisfy the 36 hour requirement. Journalism majors may petition the department chair to take a maximum of 44 semester hours of journalism courses. All journalism majors must take Pol 101 and three semester hours in a "method of inquiry" course selected from Math 115, Phil 103, Pol 251, or Psy 202, or three hours in a modern language at the 300 level (in which the primary language of instruction is not English).

## Other Academic Requirements

Students must take a minimum of 80 hours in courses outside the major, with no fewer than 65 hours in the liberal arts and sciences.

A minimum grade of C is required in all Jour courses for students pursuing a major or minor in journalism. A student may not enroll in a Jour course until a minimum grade of C has been obtained in prerequisite courses.

## Specializations

- [Sequence - Journalism Broadcast](#)
  - [Emphasis - Public Relations Journalism](#)
- [Sequence - Journalism News](#)
  - [Emphasis - Magazine Service Journalism](#)
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