B.A.J. in Journalism

Overview

Degree Requirements

Description

The school 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 also may further specialize in magazine service journalism or in public relations.

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 124

General Education Requirements

The general education/core curriculum requirements for this program have a foundation in the liberal arts.

The courses include 6 hours of English composition: Writ 100 or Writ 101 and Writ 102 or Liba 102; or Engl 102; 6 hours of literature 200 level: Engl 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226; 9-12 hours (6 hours at the 200 level or above) of the same modern or ancient language: Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Latin, Ancient Greek; 3 hours of humanities to be chosen from African-American Studies, classical civilization, philosophy, religion, Southern Studies 101, 102, University Honors 101, 102, Gender Studies 103, 201, 311 390; 6 hours of social sciences, including Pol 101 and 3 credits from anthropology, economics, psychology, political science, or sociology; 3 hours of math: Math 115, 120, 121, 123, 125, 261, 267, 268; 6 hours of history; 9 hours of science: three science courses of which two must have labs, astronomy, physics, physical science, biology, chemistry, geology; 3 hours of fine arts: art history, Music 101, 102, 103, 104, 105; Dance 200; Theatre 201.

All journalism majors must also fulfill a diversity requirement by taking 3 semester hours in a course related to race, ethnicity, culture, gender, or religion. This course must be in addition to any class used to fulfill the school's humanities requirement. Courses must be selected from the following list or approved by the school's director of academic advising: African American studies (any course), gender studies (any course), Latin American studies (any course), anthropology (101, 301, 303, 307), Southern studies (303, 402), religious studies (any course), sociology (313, 325, 413), international studies (any course).

Course Requirements

A B.A.J. degree requires 36 semester hours of journalism courses, including a core of the following courses: Jour 101, 102, 271, 375, 301, 371, 500, and 575. In addition to the core listed above, 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 take up to 42 semester hours of journalism courses without special permission and may petition the dean of the school to take a maximum of 44 semester hours of journalism courses.

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.

Students must purchase a school-approved laptop computer prior to enrolling in Jour 271. Specifications for the computer are posted on the school website.

A minimum grade of C is required in all journalism courses for students pursuing a major in journalism or a minor in journalism. A student may not enroll in a journalsim course until a minimum grade of C has been obtained in prerequisite courses. No journalism course may be taken more than two times.

Specializations

- Emphasis - Journalism Broadcast
- Emphasis - Journalism News-editorial
- Specialization - Magazine Service
- Specialization - Public Relations
- Specialization - Visual Design