

Journalism (B.A.)

School of Communication
2017-2018 Undergraduate Catalog



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sample plan of study

The requirements below pertain to the 2017-2018 Undergraduate Catalog and are intended as a guide for academic planning. Students should consult with their academic advisor to discuss their individual plan of study.

General Education (36-43 credit hours)

Please consult your Undergraduate Catalog for a complete list of General Education courses.

Communication and Composition (2 courses required)

- _____ 3 COM 110 Communication as Critical Inquiry
- _____ 3 ENG 101 or ENG 101A10 Composition as Critical Inquiry

Mathematics (1 course required)

Please see major requirements for mathematics options

Natural Science/Natural Science Alternatives (2 courses required)

Students must complete 1 course from 2 different sciences.

United States Traditions (1 course required)

Individuals & Civic Life (1 course required)

Fine Arts (1 course/3 credit hours required)***

Humanities (1 course required)***

Language in the Humanities (1 course required)***

Quantitative Reasoning (1 course required)

Exempt for Journalism majors

Science, Math, & Technology (1 course required)

Social Sciences (1 course required)***

Additional Graduation Requirements

_____/120 minimum total credit hours

_____/42 minimum senior college hours

_____ College of Arts & Sciences language requirement

AMALI requirement

***certain courses in General Education fulfill the AMALI requirement

B.A. LAN 115 (1 course required)

Major (45 credit hours)

- _____ 3 COM 111 Introduction to Communication Theories
- _____ 3 COM 161 Convergent Media Writing
- _____ 3 COM 165 Print & Online Newswriting & Reporting
(P: COM 161)
- _____ 3 COM 167 Broadcast Newswriting & Reporting (P: COM 161)
- _____ 3 COM 180 Introduction to News Technology
- _____ 3 COM 297 Communication Research Methods (P: COM 111; 60+ earned hours)
- _____ 3 COM 361 Mass Media Law, Policy & Ethics (P: COM 111 and 160 or 165; 60+ earned hours)
- _____ 3 COM 374 News Literacy: Critical Perspectives (P: COM 111)

Journalism majors must complete a minimum of 24 senior college hours, including at least 12 hours at the 300-level (excluding COM 398). Additionally, Journalism majors must take five (15 credit hours) courses from Group B: Professional Applications electives and two (6 credit hours) from Group C: Professional Theory electives. Please consult your academic advisor.

Group B: Professional Applications electives:

(COM 162, 163, 166, 228, 240, 241, 257, 263, 265, 266, 267, 269, 271, 285, 352, 365, 366, 385, 398)

Group C: Professional Theory electives:

(COM 270, 304, 320, 360, 367, 382)

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Total Hours Required for Journalism - 120	
First Year Fall Semester (16 credit hours) _____ ENG 101 or COM 110 (3) _____ General Education course (3) _____ General Education course (3) _____ SPA 111 (4) _____ University wide elective (3)	Spring Semester (16 credit hours) _____ ENG 101 or COM 110 (3) _____ SPA 112 (4) _____ General Education course (3) _____ General Education course (3) _____ General Education course (3)
Second Year Fall Semester (16 credit hours) _____ COM 111 (3) _____ COM 161 (3) _____ SPA 115 - B.A. language (4) _____ General Education course (3) _____ General Education course (3)	Spring Semester (16 credit hours) _____ COM 180 (3) _____ General Education course (3) _____ SPA 116 – LH General Education course (4) _____ University wide elective (3) _____ University wide elective (3)
Third Year Fall Semester (15 credit hours) _____ COM 165 (3) _____ COM 167 (3) _____ Professional Applications elective (3) _____ SPA 213 (3) _____ General Education course (3)	Spring Semester (15 credit hours) _____ COM 297 (3) _____ Senior College Professional Applications elective (3) _____ Professional Applications elective (3) _____ SPA 214 or 240 (3) _____ AMALI requirement (SPA 244) or University wide elective (3)
Fourth Year Fall Semester (15 credit hours) _____ COM 361 (3) _____ 300-level Professional Applications elective (3) _____ Professional Theory elective (3) _____ SPA 215 or 233 (3) _____ Senior College University wide elective (3)	Spring Semester (15 credit hours) _____ COM 374 (3) _____ Professional Applications elective (3) _____ 300-level Professional Theory elective (3) _____ Senior Level elective (3) _____ Senior College University wide elective (3)

NOTES:

Brazil participants will complete COM 320 & COM 390 either the summer between their second/third year or third/fourth year. This will take the place of two professional application electives.

Please consult with your academic advisor regarding University wide electives and appropriate minors/endorsements.