Journalism

College of Liberal Arts
Department of Journalism
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B.A. Degree
Minimum Requirements for Degree: 123–124 credits

The journalism program offers a solid curriculum designed to prepare students to leave the classroom and be ready to take their places in the nation's newsrooms.

In addition to the solid academic background they receive in the classroom, students get practical experience by working with media on and off campus. On campus, these include public television and public radio stations, a student-owned FM station and the campus newspaper. Off campus, students have opportunities to intern with a variety of radio and television stations, newspapers and other media-related businesses and organizations, both in and out of Alaska.

The department runs several laboratory facilities including a news writing/digital photography lab, a multimedia lab, a digital audio production lab, a digital video editing lab, two photography labs and a photography studio, and an electronic newsroom. The department is fully accredited by the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communication.

Major—B.A. Degree
Concentrations: Broadcast Journalism, New Media, News-Editorial, Photojournalism

1. Complete the general university requirements (page 112).
2. Complete the B.A. degree requirements. (See page 116. As part of the B.A. degree requirements, complete HIST 132*.)
3. Complete the following program (major) requirements:* JRN 101—Introduction to Mass Communications ............................ 3 JRN 202—News Reporting and Writing .................................... 3 JRN 400—Professional Media Internship .................................... 3 JRN 413—Mass Media Law and Regulation ............................... 4 JRN 421—Journalism in Perspective ......................................... 3 JRN 490—Online Publication: "Extreme Alaska" ..................... 3
4. Complete credits outside of journalism** ................................ 80
5. Complete one of the following concentrations:* Broadcast Journalism a. Complete the following: JRN 215—Radio Production ........................................ 3 JRN 251—Television Production ............................................. 4 JRN 452W—Radio and Television News Writing .................... 3 JRN 453O—Television News Reporting ................................... 3 b. Complete two courses from the list of approved journalism electives.
   c. Minimum credits required .............................................. 124

Photojournalism
a. Complete the following: JRN 311—Magazine Article Writing ............................. 3 JRN 323—Editing for Journalists ......................................... 3 JRN 401—Beat Reporting (or another beat course as approved by advisor) .................... 3 JRN 444W—Investigative Reporting ................................... 3
b. Complete two courses from the list of approved journalism electives.
   c. Minimum credits required .............................................. 123

News-Editorial
a. Complete the following: JRN 311—Magazine Article Writing ............................. 3 JRN 323—Editing for Journalists ......................................... 3 JRN 401—Beat Reporting (or another beat course as approved by advisor) .................... 3 JRN 444W—Investigative Reporting ................................... 3
b. Complete two courses from the list of approved journalism electives.
   c. Minimum credits required .............................................. 123


* Student must earn a C grade or better in each course in the major requirements and any course offered through the Department of Journalism.
** To assure the journalist a broad liberal arts education, 80 credits must be outside of journalism, 65 of which should be from traditional liberal arts courses offered by any of these departments: AKNP, ALST, ANL, ANS, ANTH, ART, ASLG, ATM, BIOL, CHEM, COMM, ECON, ENGL, EVE, ESK, FISH, FL, FREN, FSN, GEOG, GEOS, GER, HIST, HONR, HUM, JPN, JUST, LING, LS, MATH, MSL, MUS, NORS, NRM, PHIL, PHYS, PS, PSY, RUS, SOC, SPAN, STAT, THR, WMS.
*** Either JRN 471O or 472O may be used as approved JRN electives in the New Media concentration.

Note: In order to earn a B.A. degree in journalism, at least 39 credits must be taken in upper-division (300-level or higher) courses.
### Minor*

1. Complete the following:

   - JRN 101—Introduction to Mass Communications .......................... 3
   - JRN 202—News Reporting and Writing .................................... 3
   - Approved JRN electives ....................................................... 9

2. Minimum credits required ................................................... 15

   ▲ Student must earn a C grade or better in all department courses used to satisfy minor requirements.

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### Baccalaureate Core Requirements

All degrees (e.g. B.A., B.S., etc.) require additional courses. Refer to specific degree and program requirements.

**COMMUNICATION (9)**

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Complete one of the following:

- ENGL 211X OR ENGL 213X ................. (3)
- COMM 131X OR COMM 141X ................. (3)

**PERSPECTIVES ON THE HUMAN CONDITION (18)**

Complete all of the following four courses:

- ANTH 100X/SOC 100X ....................... (3)
- ECON 100X OR PS 100X .................... (3)
- HIST 100X ................................... (3)
- ENGL/FL 200X ................................ (3)

Complete one of the following three courses:

- ART/MUS/THR 200X, HUM 201X OR ANS 202X............. (3)

Complete one of the following six courses:

- BA 323X, COMM 300X, JUST 300X, NRM 303X, PS 300X OR PHIL 322X ......... (3)
- OR complete 12 credits from the above courses PLUS
  - two semester-length courses in a single Alaska Native language or other non-English language OR
  - three semester-length courses (9 credits) in American Sign Language taken at the university level.

**MATHEMATICS (3)**

Complete one of the following:

- MATH 107X, MATH 161X OR MATH 103X........................................ (3-4)
  - No credit may be earned for more than one of MATH 107X or 161X.

OR complete one of the following:

- MATH 200X, MATH 201X, MATH 202X, MATH 262X OR MATH 272X........................................ (4)
  - Or any math course having one of these as a prerequisite

**NATURAL SCIENCES (8)**

Complete any two (4-credit) courses:

- ATM 101X .............................................. (4)
- BIOL 100X ............................................ (4)
- BIOL 103X ............................................ (4)
- BIOL 104X ............................................ (4)
- BIOL 105X ............................................ (4)
- BIOL 106X ............................................ (4)
- BIOL 111X ............................................ (4)
- BIOL 112X ............................................ (4)
- CHEM 100X .......................................... (4)
- CHEM 103X .......................................... (4)
- CHEM 104X .......................................... (4)
- CHEM 105X .......................................... (4)
- CHEM 106X .......................................... (4)
- GEOS 205X .......................................... (4)
- GEOS 100X .......................................... (4)
- GEOS 101X .......................................... (4)
- GEOS 112X .......................................... (4)
- GEOS 120X .......................................... (4)
- GEOS 125X .......................................... (4)
- MSL 111X ............................................ (4)
- PHYS 102X .......................................... (4)
- PHYS 103X .......................................... (4)
- PHYS 104X .......................................... (4)
- PHYS 115X .......................................... (4)
- PHYS 116X .......................................... (4)
- PHYS 175X .......................................... (4)
- PHYS 211X .......................................... (4)
- PHYS 212X .......................................... (4)
- PHYS 213X .......................................... (4)

**LIBRARY AND INFORMATION RESEARCH (0–1)**

- Successful completion of library skills competency test OR
- LS 100X or 101X prior to junior standing .......................... (0–1)

**UPPER-DIVISION WRITING AND ORAL COMMUNICATION (0)**

Complete the following:

- Two writing intensive courses designated (W) ......................... (0)
- One oral communication intensive course designated (O) ...... (0)
- OR two oral communication intensive courses designated (O/2), at the upper-division level (see degree and/or major requirements) .... (0)

TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED .................................................. 38–39