

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 116).
 2. Complete the B.A. degree requirements. (See page 120. As part of the B.A. degree requirements, complete HIST 132*.)
 3. Complete the following program (major) requirements:*
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| 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..... | 3 |
| 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

New Media

- a. Complete the following:

JRN 250—Web Site Design	3
JRN 323—Editing for Journalists	3
JRN 324—Typography and Publication Design	3
JRN 484—Multimedia Theory and Practice.....	3
- b. Complete two courses from the list of approved journalism electives.***
- c. Minimum credits required

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

Photojournalism

- a. Complete the following:

JRN 203—Basic Photography.....	3
JRN 402—Advanced Photography	3
JRN 404—Photojournalism I	3
JRN 406—Photojournalism II	3
- b. Complete two courses from the list of approved journalism electives.
- c. Minimum credits required

Approved journalism electives:*

JRN 203—Basic Photography.....	3
JRN 215—Radio Production	3
JRN 220—Adobe Photoshop.....	3
JRN 240—Foreign Corresponding	3
JRN 250—Web Site Design	3
JRN 251—Television Production	4
JRN 280—Video Storytelling.....	3
JRN 311W—Magazine Article Writing	3
JRN 323—Editing for Journalists	3
JRN 324—Typography and Publication Design	3
JRN/THR 347O—Lighting Design	3
JRN/WMS 380O—Women, Minorities and the Mass Media.....	3
JRN 401—Beat Reporting.....	3
JRN 402—Advanced Photography	3
JRN 404—Photojournalism I	3
JRN 405—Advanced Photography Seminar	3
JRN 406—Photojournalism II	3
JRN 411W—Writing for a Living.....	3
JRN 440—Ethics and Reporting in the Far North	3
JRN 444W—Investigative Reporting.....	3
JRN 452—Radio and Television News Writing.....	3
JRN 453O—Television News Reporting.....	3
JRN 454—Advanced TV News Production.....	3
JRN 456W—Science Writing for Magazines and Newspapers.....	3
JRN 480—Documentary Filmmaking.....	3
JRN/ART 484—Multimedia Theory and Practice.....	3
JRN 493—Special Topics.....	3
JRN 497—Independent Study.....	3

* 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, ENVE, ESK, FISH, FL, FREN, FSN, GEOG, GEOS, GER, HIST, HONR, HUM, JPN, JUST, LING, LS, MATH, MSL, MUS, NORS, NRM, PHIL, PHYS, PS, PSY, RUSS, 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
- * Student must earn a C grade or better in all department courses used to satisfy minor requirements.

Baccalaureate Core Requirements

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

COMMUNICATION (9)

Complete the following:

ENGL 111X (3) _____
ENGL 190H may be substituted.

Complete one of the following:

ENGL 211X OR ENGL 213X (3) _____

Complete one of the following:

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 103X, MATH 107X, MATH 161X OR STAT 200X (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) _____
GEOG 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