

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 124).
2. Complete the B.A. degree requirements. (See page 128. As part of the B.A. degree requirements, complete HIST F132*.)
3. Complete the following program (major) requirements:*
 - JRN F101—Introduction to Mass Communications3
 - JRN F202—News Reporting and Writing3
 - JRN F400—Professional Media Internship.....3
 - JRN F413—Mass Media Law and Regulation.....3
 - JRN F421—Journalism in Perspective.....3
 - JRN F490—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 F215—Radio Production3
 - JRN F251—Television Production.....4
 - JRN F452W—Radio and Television News Writing3
 - JRN F453O—Television News Reporting.....3
- b. Complete two courses from the list of approved journalism electives.
- c. Minimum credits required124

New Media

- a. Complete the following:
 - JRN F250—Web Site Design3
 - JRN F323—Editing for Journalists3
 - JRN F324—Typography and Publication Design3
 - JRN F484—Multimedia Theory and Practice.....3
- b. Complete two courses from the list of approved journalism electives.***
- c. Minimum credits required123

News-Editorial

- a. Complete the following:
 - JRN F311—Magazine Article Writing3
 - JRN F323—Editing for Journalists3
 - JRN F401—Beat Reporting (or another beat course as approved by advisor)3
 - JRN F444W—Investigative Reporting.....3
- b. Complete two courses from the list of approved journalism electives.
- c. Minimum credits required123

Photojournalism

- a. Complete the following:
 - JRN F203—Basic Photography3
 - JRN F403—Inkjet Printing3
 - JRN F404—Photojournalism I3
 - JRN F406—Photojournalism II3
- b. Complete two courses from the list of approved journalism electives.
- c. Minimum credits required123

Approved journalism electives:*

JRN F203—Basic Photography.....	3
JRN F215—Radio Production	3
JRN F220—Adobe Photoshop	3
JRN F240—Foreign Corresponding	3
JRN F250—Web Site Design	3
JRN F251—Television Production.....	4
JRN F280—Video Storytelling.....	3
JRN F311W—Magazine Article Writing.....	3
JRN F323—Editing for Journalists	3
JRN F324—Typography and Publication Design	3
JRN/THR F347O—Lighting Design.....	3
JRN/WMS F380O—Women, Minorities and the Mass Media...3	
JRN F401—Beat Reporting.....	3
JRN F402—Advanced Photography	3
JRN F403—Inkjet Printing	3
JRN F404—Photojournalism I	3
JRN F405—Advanced Photography Seminar	3
JRN F406—Photojournalism II	3
JRN F411W—Writing for a Living	3
JRN F440—Ethics and Reporting in the Far North.....	3
JRN F444W—Investigative Reporting.....	3
JRN F452—Radio and Television News Writing	3
JRN F453O—Television News Reporting.....	3
JRN F454—Advanced TV News Production	3
JRN F456W—Science Writing for Magazines and Newspapers3	
JRN F480—Documentary Filmmaking	3
JRN/ART F484—Multimedia Theory and Practice.....	3
JRN F493—Special Topics	3
JRN F497—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 F471O or F472O 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 (F300-level or higher) courses.

Minor*

1. Complete the following:
 - JRN F101—Introduction to Mass Communications3
 - JRN F202—News Reporting and Writing.....3
 - Approved JRN electives9
 2. Minimum credits required15
- * 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 F111X (3) _____
ENGL F190H may be substituted.

Complete one of the following:

ENGL F211X OR ENGL F213X (3) _____

Complete one of the following:

COMM F131X OR COMM F141X (3) _____

PERSPECTIVES ON THE HUMAN CONDITION (18)

Complete all of the following four courses:

ANTH F100X/SOC F100X (3) _____
 ECON F100X OR PS F100X (3) _____
 HIST F100X (3) _____
 ENGL/FL F200X (3) _____

Complete one of the following three courses:

ART/MUS/THR F200X, HUM F201X OR ANS F202X (3) _____

Complete one of the following six courses:

BA F323X, COMM F300X, JUST F300X, NRM F303X, PS F300X OR PHIL F322X (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 F103X, MATH F107X, MATH F161X OR
 STAT F200X (3 – 4) _____
 * No credit may be earned for more than one of MATH F107X or F161X.

OR complete one of the following*:

MATH F200X, MATH F201X, MATH F202X,
 MATH F262X OR MATH F272X (4) _____
 *Or any math course having one of these as a prerequisite.

NATURAL SCIENCES (8)

Complete any two (4-credit) courses:

ATM F101X (4) _____
 BIOL F100X (4) _____
 BIOL F103X (4) _____
 BIOL F104X (4) _____
 BIOL F111X (4) _____
 BIOL F112X (4) _____
 BIOL F115X (4) _____
 BIOL F116X (4) _____
 CHEM F100X (4) _____
 CHEM F103X (4) _____
 CHEM F104X (4) _____
 CHEM F105X (4) _____
 CHEM F106X (4) _____
 GEOG F205X (4) _____
 GEOS F100X (4) _____
 GEOS F101X (4) _____
 GEOS F112X (4) _____
 GEOS F120X (4) _____
 GEOS F125X (4) _____
 MSL F111X (4) _____
 PHYS F102X (4) _____
 PHYS F103X (4) _____
 PHYS F104X (4) _____
 PHYS F115X (4) _____
 PHYS F116X (4) _____
 PHYS F175X (4) _____
 PHYS F211X (4) _____
 PHYS F212X (4) _____
 PHYS F213X (4) _____

LIBRARY AND INFORMATION RESEARCH (0 – 1)

Successful completion of library skills competency test OR
 LS F100X or F101X 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 REQUIRED38 – 39

