

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 106).
2. Complete the B.A. degree requirements (page 109. 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 301W—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**90
5. Complete 1 of the following concentrations:*

Broadcast Journalism

- a. Complete the following:

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| JRN 215—Radio Production | 3 |
| JRN 451O—Television Production | 4 |
| JRN 452W—Radio and Television News Writing | 3 |
| JRN 453—Television News Reporting | 3 |
- b. Complete 2 courses from the list of approved journalism electives.
- c. Minimum credits required124

New Media

- a. Complete the following:

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| JRN 323—Editing for Journalists | 3 |
| JRN 324—Typography and Publication Design | 3 |
| JRN 390—Web Design for Journalists | 3 |
| JRN 484—Multimedia Theory and Practice | 3 |

- b. Complete 3 courses from the list of approved journalism electives.****
- c. Minimum credits required123

News-Editorial

- a. Complete the following:

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| JRN 311—Magazine Article Writing | 3 |
| JRN 323—Editing for Journalists | 3 |
| JRN 401—Beat Reporting | 3 |
| JRN 444W—Investigative Reporting | 3 |
- b. Complete 3 courses from the list of approved journalism electives.
- c. Minimum credits required123

Photojournalism

- a. Complete the following:

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| JRN 203—Basic Photography | 3 |
| JRN 402—Advanced Photography | 3 |
| JRN 404—Photojournalism I | 3 |
| JRN 406—Photojournalism II | 3 |
- b. Complete 2 courses from the list of approved journalism electives.
- c. Minimum credits required123

Approved journalism electives:*

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| JRN 203—Basic Photography | 3 |
| JRN 215—Radio Production | 3 |
| JRN 240—Foreign Corresponding | 3 |
| JRN 250—Website Design I | 3 |
| JRN 311W—Magazine Article Writing | 3 |
| JRN 323—Editing for Journalists | 3 |
| JRN 324—Typography and Publication Design | 3 |
| JRN/BA 326—Principles of Advertising | 3 |
| JRN 340—Mass Media and Society | 3 |
| JRN 350—Adobe Photoshop | 3 |
| JRN/WMS 380O—Women, Minorities and the Mass Media | 3 |
| JRN 401—Beat Reporting | 3 |
| JRN 402—Advanced Photography | 3 |
| JRN 403—Color 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 424—Magazine Production | 3 |
| JRN 433—Public Relations | 3 |
| JRN 440—Ethics and Reporting in the Far North | 3 |
| JRN 444W—Investigative Reporting | 3 |
| JRN 451O—Television Production | 4 |
| JRN 452—Radio and Television News Writing | 3 |
| JRN 453—Television News Reporting | 3 |
| JRN 454—Advanced TV News Production | 3 |
| JRN/ART 484—Multimedia Theory and Practice | 3 |
| JRN/ED 486—Media Literacy | 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.

*** JRN 102, 308, 408 and 486 may not be used as approved JRN electives in this concentration. However, any of the following courses may be substituted for one of the 3 approved JRN electives: BA 343, 436 or 445W.

**** JRN 471O and 472O may be used as approved JRN electives in this concentration.

Minor*

- Complete the following:
JRN 101—Introduction to Mass Communications 3
JRN 301W—News Reporting and Writing 3
Approved JRN electives 9
- Minimum credits required 15
** Student must earn a C grade or better in all department courses used to satisfy minor requirements.*

Note: Page numbers refer to the UAF 2004-2005 academic catalog, which can be viewed online at www.uaf.edu/catalog/.

General University Requirements

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

COMMUNICATIONS (9)

Complete the following:

ENGL 111X (3) _____
ENGL 211X **OR** 213X (3) _____
COMM 131X **OR** 141X (3) _____

LIBRARY & INFORMATION SKILLS (0-1)

Complete the following:

LS 100X **OR** 101X (0-1) _____
OR Successful completion of library skills competency test.

PERSPECTIVES ON THE HUMAN CONDITION (18)

Complete either the following six courses:

ANTH 100X **OR** SOC 100X (3) _____
ECON/PS 100X (3) _____
HIST 100X (3) _____
ART/MUS/THR 200X, HUM 201X **OR** ANS 202X (3) _____
ENGL/FL 200X (3) _____
PHIL 322X, NRM 303X, COMM 300X,
PS 300X **OR** JUST 300X (3) _____

OR Complete 12 cr from the above list **PLUS** two semester-length courses in a single non-English or Alaska Native language at the university level **OR** three semester-length courses (9 cr) in American Sign Language.

MATHEMATICS (3-4)

Complete 3-4 credits from the following:

MATH 107X (3) _____
OR MATH 131X (except for BBA) (3) _____
OR MATH 161X (3) _____
MATH 200X (4) _____
MATH 201X (4) _____
MATH 202X (4) _____
MATH 262X (4) _____
MATH 272X (3) _____

NOTE: Additional 3 cr of math needed for degree requirements.

NATURAL SCIENCES (8)

Complete 8 credits from the following:

ATM 101X (4) _____
BIOL 103X **OR** 104X (4) _____
BIOL 105X-106X (8) _____
BIOL 111X-112X (8) _____
CHEM 100X (4) _____
CHEM 103X-104X (8) _____
CHEM 105X-106X (8) _____
GEOG 205X (4) _____
GEOS 100X **OR** 120X **OR** 125X (4) _____
GEOS 101X-112X (8) _____
MSL 111X (4) _____
PHYS 102X **OR** 175X (4) _____
PHYS 103X-104X (8) _____
PHYS 211X-212X (8) _____
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