

JOURNALISM

College of Liberal Arts
Department of Journalism
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BA Degree

Minimum Requirements for Degree: 120 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 KUAC, a public television and public radio station, student-owned FM and TV station KSUA, and the *Sun Star*, 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 digital newsroom and photography lab, a digital audio bay, a digital video editing/advanced digital printing lab, two wet photography labs and a photography studio. The department is accredited by the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communication.

Major — BA Degree

1. Complete the general university requirements (page 131).
2. Complete the BA degree requirements. (See page 135. As part of the BA degree requirements, complete HIST F132*.)
3. Complete the following program (major) requirements:***
 - JRN F101—Media and Culture.....3
 - JRN F202—News Writing for the Media3
 - JRN F251—Introduction to Video Production4
 - JRN F302W—Reporting.....3
 - JRN F400—Professional Media Internship.....3
 - JRN F404 —Photojournalism I.....3
 - JRN F413—Mass Media Law and Regulation3
 - JRN F421—Journalism in Perspective.....3
 - JRN F432W—Public Relations Techniques3
 - JRN F454O—Newscast.....3
 - JRN F490—Online Publication: “Extreme Alaska”3
4. Complete one of the following four courses:.....3
 - JRN F215—Radio Production3
 - JRN F323—Editing for Journalists3
 - JRN F406—Photojournalism II.....3
 - JRN F480—Documentary Filmmaking3
5. Complete one course from the list of approved journalism electives:**

6. Complete credits outside of Journalism. To assure the journalist a broad liberal arts education, 80 credits must be taken from outside of journalism, 65 of which should be from any of these departments; AKNP, ALST, ANL, ANS, ANTH, ART, ASLF, ATM, BIOL, CHEM, COMM, ECON, ENGL, ENVE, ESK, FISH, FL, FREN, GEOG, GEOS, GER, HIST, HONR, HUM, JPN, JUST, LING, LS, MATH, MSL, MUS, NORS, NRM, PHIL, PHYS, PS, PSY, RUSS, SOC, SPAN, STAT, THR and WGS

Approved journalism electives:*

- JRN F204/ART F284—Basic Digital Photography3
 - JRN F215—Radio Production3
 - JRN F240—Foreign Corresponding.....3
 - JRN F250—Website Design3
 - JRN/FLM F280—Video Storytelling.....3
 - JRN F311W—Magazine Article Writing.....3
 - JRN F323—Editing for Journalists3
 - JRN F324—Typography and Publication Design3
 - JRN/THR/FLM F347O—Lighting Design3
 - JRN/WGS F380O—Women, Minorities and the Mass Media.....3
 - JRN F390—New Media Toolkit.....3
 - JRN F402/ART F483—Advanced Photography.....3
 - JRN F405/ART F465—Advanced Photography Seminar3
 - JRN F406—Photojournalism II.....3
 - JRN F407/ART F487—Digital Darkroom.....3
 - JRN F411W—Writing for a Living3
 - JRN F440—Ethics and Reporting in the Far North.....3
 - JRN F444W—Investigative Reporting.....3
 - JRN F452—Radio and Television News Writing3
 - JRN F453O—Television News Reporting3
 - JRN F454O—Newscast.....3
 - JRN F456W—Science Writing for Magazines and Newspapers.....3
 - JRN F480—Documentary Filmmaking.....3
 - JRN/ART F484—Multimedia Theory and Practice3
 - JRN F493—Special Topics.....3
 - JRN F497—Independent Study3
 - JRN F498—Undergraduate Research.....3
7. Minimum credits required120
- * Students must earn a C- grade or better in each course in the major requirements and any course offered through the Department of Journalism.

Minor*

1. Complete the following:***
 - JRN F101—Media and Culture.....3
 - JRN F202—News Writing for the Media3
 - Approved JRN electives9(Any journalism course taken for the major serves as an approved elective for the minor. Other approved electives for the minor are the same as those listed for the major).
 2. Minimum credits required15
- * Students must earn a C- grade or better in all department courses used to satisfy minor requirements.

Baccalaureate Core Requirements

Communication 9 Credits

- ENGL F111X—Introduction to Academic Writing.....(3)
ENGL F190H may be substituted.

Complete one of the following:

- ENGL F211X—Academic Writing about Literature.....(3)
- ENGL F213X—Academic Writing about the Social and Natural Sciences.....(3)

Complete one of the following:

- COMM F131X—Fundamentals of Oral Communication: Group Context.....(3)
- COMM F141X—Fundamentals of Oral Communication: Public Context.....(3)

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Perspectives on the Human Condition 18 Credits

Complete all of the following four courses:

- ANTH F100X/SOC F100X—Individual, Society and Culture.....(3)
- ECON F100X or PS F100X—Political Economy.....(3)
- HIST F100X—Modern World History.....(3)
- ENGL/FL F200X—World Literature.....(3)

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Complete one of the following three courses:

- ART/MUS/THR F200X—Aesthetic Appreciation: Interrelationship of Art, Drama and Music.....(3)
- HUM F201X—Unity in the Arts.....(3)
- ANS F202X—Aesthetic Appreciation of Alaskan Native Performance.....(3)

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Complete one of the following six courses:

- BA F323X—Business Ethics.....(3)
- COMM F300X—Communicating Ethics.....(3)
- JUST F300X—Ethics and Justice.....(3)
- NRM F303X—Environmental Ethics and Actions.....(3)
- PS F300X—Ethics and Society.....(3)
- PHIL F322X—Ethics.....(3)

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Or complete 12 credits from the above courses plus one of the following:

- Two semester-length courses in a single Alaska Native language or other non-English language
- Three semester-length courses (9 credits) in American Sign Language taken at the university level.

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Mathematics 3 Credits

Complete one of the following:

- MATH F103X—Concepts and Contemporary Applications of Mathematics.....(3)
 - MATH F107X—Functions for Calculus*.....(4)
 - MATH F161X—Algebra for Business and Economics**.....(3)
 - STAT F200X—Elementary Probability and Statistics.....(3)
- * No credit may be earned for more than one of MATH F107X or F161X.

Or complete one of the following*:

- MATH F200X—Calculus I**.....(4)
- MATH F201X—Calculus II.....(4)
- MATH F202X—Calculus III.....(4)
- MATH F262X—Calculus for Business and Economics.....(4)
- MATH F272X—Calculus for Life Sciences.....(4)

* Or any math course having one of these as a prerequisite

** No credit may be earned for more than one of Math F200X, F262X or F272.

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Natural Sciences 8 Credits

Complete any two (4-credit) courses.

- ATM F101X—Weather and Climate of Alaska.....(4)
- BIOL F100X—Human Biology.....(4)
- BIOL F101X—Biology of Sex.....(4)
- BIOL F103X—Biology and Society.....(4)
- BIOL F104X—Natural History.....(4)
- BIOL F115X—Fundamentals of Biology I.....(4)
- BIOL F116X—Fundamentals of Biology II.....(4)
- BIOL F120X—Introduction to Human Nutrition.....(4)
- BIOL F213X—Human Anatomy and Physiology I.....(4)
- BIOL F214X—Human Anatomy and Physiology II.....(4)
- CHEM F100X—Chemistry in Complex Systems.....(4)
- CHEM F103X—Basic General Chemistry.....(4)
- CHEM F104X—Beginnings in Biochemistry.....(4)
- CHEM F105X—General Chemistry.....(4)
- CHEM F106X—General Chemistry.....(4)
- GEOG F111X—Earth and Environment: Elements of Physical Geography.....(4)
- GEOS F100X—Introduction to Earth Science.....(4)
- GEOS F101X—The Dynamic Earth.....(4)
- GEOS F106X—Life and the Age of Dinosaurs.....(4)
- GEOS F112X—History of Earth and Life.....(4)
- GEOS F120X—Glaciers, Earthquakes and Volcanoes.....(4)
- GEOS F125X—Humans, Earth and Environment.....(4)
- MSL F111X—The Oceans.....(4)
- PHYS F102X—Energy and Society.....(4)
- PHYS F103X—College Physics.....(4)
- PHYS F104X—College Physics.....(4)
- PHYS F115X—Physical Science I.....(4)
- PHYS F175X—Astronomy.....(4)
- PHYS F211X—General Physics.....(4)
- PHYS F212X—General Physics.....(4)
- PHYS F213X—Elementary Modern Physics.....(4)

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Library and Information Research 0 – 1 Credit

- Successful completion of library skills competency test or LS F100X or LS F101X prior to junior standing

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Upper-Division Writing and Oral Communication

Complete the following at the upper-division level:

- Two writing intensive courses designated (W) and one oral communication intensive course designated (O), or two oral communication intensive courses designated (O/2) (see degree and/or major requirements)

Total credits required 38 – 39

All degrees (e.g. B.A., B.S., etc.) require additional courses.

Refer to specific degree and program requirements.

Students must earn a C- grade or better in each course used toward the baccalaureate core.