

ACADEMIC ROADMAP

Journalism, B.A.
Effective Fall 2022

Here is a recommended semester-by-semester schedule for students. It includes both courses required for this major and general-education requirements. This is only a guide. Students should meet with their academic advisers to determine how best to satisfy degree requirements. By following this schedule, students who begin as Communication majors can expect to graduate within eight semesters if they wish. Students who transfer later into the department should expect a minimum of four semesters after they have completed the 100- and 200-level core requirements. Students should take five courses per semester in order to stay on track to graduate in four years.

Freshman Year (30 credits)

FIRST SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Media Literacy	COM 100	
Intro Oral Communication	SPC 205	
College Writing I	CWP 101	
IF 14 Core Course/ All College Elective		
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SECOND SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Intro to Digital Storytelling or Intro Visual Communication	COM 212 or COM 215	COM 100 or SPC 103
College Writing II	CWP 102	CWP 101
IF 14 Core Course/ All College Elective		
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Notes and recommendations:

Attend at least one faculty office hour; visit Academic Commons (Math & Writing Centers, tutoring); view your degree audit sheet in Degree Works

Sophomore Year (60 credits)

THIRD SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Intro Media Writing	COM 210	COM 100, CWP 101 & 102
IF 14 Core Course/ All College Elective		
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FOURTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Principles of Journalism	COM 302	COM 100 or SPC 103, SPC 205, COM 210, COM 215
Basic Media Production	COM 312	COM 215 or COM 212 or TFA 201
IF 14 Core Course/ All College Elective		
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Notes and recommendations:

Form a study group; consider enrolling in a minor or certificate program

Junior Year (90 credits)

FIFTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Writing For Print and Online Journalism	COM 303	COM 100 or SPC 103, SPC 205, COM 210, COM 215
Communication Law	COM 400	COM 100, SPC 205, COM 210, COM 215
IF 14 Core Course/ All College Elective		
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SIXTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Electronic News Producing	COM 337	COM 100, SPC 205, COM 210, COM 215, COM 302
Communication Elective 1		
IF 14 Core Course/ All College Elective		
IF 14 Core Course/ All College Elective		
IF 14 Core Course/ All College Elective		

Notes and recommendations:

Visit the Career Development Center; talk to your faculty advisor about graduate school options

Senior Year (120 credits)

SEVENTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Feature Writing	COM 325	COM 100, SPC 205, COM 210, COM 215
Or Electronic News Reporting	COM 338	COM 100, SPC 205, COM 210, COM 215, COM 302, COM 312
Communication Elective 2		
IF 14 Core Course/ All College Elective		
IF 14 Core Course/ All College Elective		

EIGHTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Online Newsroom	COM 405	COM 303 and COM 338
Communication & Society	COM 450	COM 100, SPC 205, COM 210, COM 215
IF 14 Core Course/ All College Elective		
IF 14 Core Course/ All College Elective		
IF 14 Core Course/ All College Elective		

Notes and recommendations:

Apply for graduation; apply to graduate school, if applicable; visit the Career Development Center to have your resume reviewed