

Bachelor of Journalism

To be awarded the degree of Bachelor of Journalism, the candidate must complete 120 semester hours of coursework and must fulfill the University's [General Requirements](#) for graduation, the [Core Curriculum](#) requirements, the college graduation requirements, the requirements and policies listed in Academic Policies and Procedures, and the requirements given in Prescribed Work, Major Requirements, and Special Requirements of the Major, below.

A candidate for a degree must have an officially declared major in the Moody College of Communication at the time the degree is awarded.

Core Curriculum

All students must complete the University's [Core Curriculum](#). In some cases, a course required for the Bachelor of Journalism may also be counted toward the core curriculum

Prescribed Work

- Six semester hours of coursework focusing on communication foundations: Communication 301E and 302E.
- Three courses with a writing flag; one course with a quantitative reasoning flag; one course with a global cultures flag; one course with a cultural diversity in the United States flag; one course with an ethics flag; and one course with an independent inquiry flag. The same course cannot be used to satisfy the global cultures and cultural diversity flags even if the course carries both flags. Courses that fulfill flag requirements are identified in the [Course Schedule](#). They may also be used to fulfill other degree requirements.
- Students must satisfy a language and culture requirement in one of the following ways: (a) Demonstrating intermediate proficiency in a single language other than English; (b) Demonstrating beginning-level proficiency in a language other than English and taking one approved culture course in a culture that is relevant to the language. A list of approved culture and language courses and combinations is posted on the Student Advising website. An extensive language testing program is available at the University. Students with knowledge of a language other than English are encouraged to take appropriate tests both to earn as much credit as possible and to be placed at the proper level for further study. Students should consult with an academic advisor for information on testing.
- At least 42, but no more than 45, semester hours of journalism coursework, as described in Major Requirements, below.
- Enough additional coursework to make a total of 120 semester hours.

Major Requirements

Journalism students must complete 42 semester hours in journalism, but no more than 45 journalism hours may be counted toward the degree. Students must complete the following coursework:

Level I, Foundations (Nine hours): Journalism 301F, 302F, and 304F.

Level II, Applications (Six hours): Journalism 310F and 311F.

Level III, Specialized Skills and Concepts (18 hours):

- At least nine semester hours in Skills courses to be chosen from: Journalism 320F, 320G, 321F, 322E, 322F, 322J, 322P, 323F, 324C, 324F, 325C, 325F, 325J, 325S, 326C, 326F, 327D, 328D, 328L, 328S, 329T, 330C, 330G, 330J, 330L, 331D, 331G, 331M, 331N, 331W, 332D, 332G, 332J, 332P, 333G, 333J, 333L,

333S, 334F, 334G, 334J, 334N, 334P, 334S, 335, 335D, 335F, 335G, 335J, 335K, 335N, 335P, 336D, 336F, 336J, 336M 337C, 337D, 337F, 337G, 337J, 337L, 337M, 337P, 338F, 339F, 339M, 339T (all topics), 340J, 346F. Students should consult the School of Journalism and Media for the most updated course list.

- Journalism 350F (required) and at least three additional semester hours in Concepts courses to be chosen from: Journalism 338J, 340F, 340G, 341F, 341G, 341J, 341M, 342F, 342G, 342J, 343F, 343G, 344F, 344G, 345G, 346G, 347F, 347G, 348D, 348E, 348F, 348G, 348J, 348M, 348N, 349E, 349F, 349L, 349N, 349T, 350M, 350N, 351C, 351F, 351G, 351J, 351P, 351S, 351T, 352F, 353F, 354F, 354L, 354M, 354N, 354R, 354S, 355F, 355G, 355M, 355P, 356C, 356G, 356M, 356R, 358N, 358P, 358S, 359M, 359S, 359T. Students should consult the School of Journalism and Media for the most updated course list.
- Three additional semester hours in *Skills* or *Concepts*.

Level IV, Professional Practices (Six hours): Six hours chosen from Journalism 360F, 361F, 362F, 363C, 363D, 363F, 363K, 363L, 363M, 363N, 363P, 363Q, 363S, 363V, 363W. Students should consult the School of Journalism and Media for the most updated course list.

Students must take three additional hours of journalism coursework.

Special Requirements of the Major

Students are required to take Journalism 302F, 304F, 310F, and 311F in residence.

Journalism 310F and 311F require a grade of at least *B-*; students who do not fulfill this requirement cannot register for upper-division journalism Skills courses.

The student must complete at least 72 semester hours outside journalism.

A student majoring in journalism may not register for more than nine semester hours in journalism in one semester or summer session. The director or associate director may make exceptions to this rule for students who need additional journalism courses in order to graduate on time.

Courses

Any student enrolled in a journalism course who does not attend the first class meeting or laboratory session may be dropped from that course.

Because prerequisites are subject to change, students should consult the [Course Schedule](#) before registering.

Order and Choice of Work

First Year Fall

- Journalism 301F
- Science and Technology, Part 1 Core
- Rhetoric and Writing 306
- Communication 301E
- Undergraduate Studies 302 or 303

First Year Spring

- Journalism 302F
- Math Core
- Social and Behavioral Science Core
- Science and Technology, Part 1 Core
- US History Core

Second Year Fall

- a. Journalism 310F or 311F
- b. Communication 302E
- c. Science and Technology, Part 1 or Part 2 Core
- d. 6 hours of language other than English

Second Year Spring

- a. Journalism 310F or 311F
- b. Journalism 304F
- c. English 316L, 316M, 316N, or 316P
- d. 6 hours of language other than English

Third Year Fall

- a. Journalism 350F
- b. Upper-division Journalism Skills course
- c. US/TX Government Core
- d. Language/Culture
- e. Non-Journalism elective

Third Year Spring

- a. Upper-division Journalism Skills course
- b. Upper-division Journalism Skills or Concepts course
- c. Upper-division elective
- d. US History Core
- e. US/TX Government Core

Fourth Year Fall

- a. Upper-division Journalism Skills course
- b. Upper-division Journalism Professional Practice course
- c. 3 hours of Journalism
- d. Upper-division non-Journalism elective
- e. Upper-division non-Moody elective

Fourth Year Spring

- a. Upper-division Journalism Professional Practice course
- b. Upper-division Journalism Concepts course
- c. Upper-division non-Moody elective
- d. Non-Journalism elective
- e. Visual and Performing Arts