

Journalism (BJ)

Total Hours Required: 120

Plan of Study

The Plan of Study is a suggested four-year course sequence to support academic planning and serves as a helpful guide. Currently enrolled students should meet with their academic advisor to tailor their course selections and timelines to their individual goals and circumstances.

Course	Title	Hours
Year 1		
Semester 1		
J 301F	Fundamental Issues in Journalism	3
<u>Natural Science and Technology, Part I (030)</u>		3
<u>First-Year Signature Course (090)</u>		3
RHE 306	Rhetoric and Writing	3
COM 301E	Introduction to Communication Foundations	3
Hours		15
Semester 2		
J 302F	Digital Storytelling Basics	3
<u>Mathematics (020)</u>		3
<u>Social and Behavioral Sciences (080)</u>		3
<u>Natural Science and Technology, Part I (030)</u>		3
J 304F	The Journalist Voice	3
Hours		15
Year 2		
Semester 1		
J 310F or J 311F	Reporting: Words or Reporting: Images	3
COM 302E	Interdisciplinary Communication Foundations	3
<u>Natural Science and Technology, Part II (093)</u>		3
Language, Communication, and Culture		6
Hours		15
Semester 2		
<u>U.S. History (060)</u>		3
J 311F or J 310F	Reporting: Images or Reporting: Words	3
Language, Communication, and Culture		6
<u>Humanities (040)</u>		3
Hours		15
Year 3		
Semester 1		
J 350F	Media Law	3
GOV 310L	American and Texas Government	3
Upper-division Skills course		3
Language, Communication, and Culture		3
Free Elective		3
Hours		15
Semester 2		
Free Elective (upper-division)		3
Upper-division Skills course		3
Upper-division Skills or Concepts course		3
<u>U.S. History (060)</u>		3
GOV 312L	Issues and Policies in American Government	3
Hours		15
Year 4		
Semester 1		
Upper-division Skills course		3
Upper-division Professional Practices course		3
Journalism course		3
Upper-division non-Journalism elective		3

Upper-division non-Moody elective	3
Hours	15
Semester 2	
Upper-division Professional Practices course	3
Upper-division Concepts course	3
Non-Journalism elective	3
Non-Moody elective	3
<u>Visual and Performing Arts (050)</u>	3
Hours	15
Total Hours	120

Requirements

All requirements are listed below, starting with the most specialized moving to the most general. Additional requirements may follow the table, so be sure to read the entire page. Some required courses listed below may also satisfy General Education requirements, including Core Curriculum.

Code	Title	Hours
Major		
Foundations		
J 301F	Fundamental Issues in Journalism	3
J 302F	Digital Storytelling Basics	3
J 304F	The Journalist Voice	3
Applications		
J 310F	Reporting: Words	3
J 311F	Reporting: Images	3
Specialized Skills (See Course List)		9
Concepts Courses (See Course List)		3
Professional Practices (See Course List) (No more than three hours of internship credit may be counted)		6
J 350F	Media Law	3
Hours chosen from: Additional J course (Specialized Skills or Concept Courses)		3
Hours chosen from: Additional J coursework		3
<i>Subtotal</i>		<i>42</i>
Free electives: Additional coursework to reach total hours required.		24
<i>Subtotal</i>		<i>24</i>
General Education		
<u>Core Curriculum</u>		42
<u>Foreign Language other than English, Beginning Proficiency</u>		
<i>Subtotal</i>		<i>42</i>
<u>College Requirements - Communication</u>		12
<u>General University Requirements</u>		
Total Hours		120

Additional Requirements and Policies

- Journalism students must complete 42 semester hours in journalism, but no more than 48 journalism hours may be counted toward the degree.
- Students are required to take J 302F, J 304F, J 310F, and J 311F in residence.
- J 310F and J 311F require a grade of at least B-.
- A candidate for a degree must have an officially declared major in the Moody College of Communication at the time the degree is awarded.

Course Lists

Code	Title	Hours
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Specialized Skills and Concepts

Courses that fulfill this requirement include, but are not limited to:

Hours chosen from:	9
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J 325F	Covering Politics
J 326C	Introduction to Coding for Journalists
J 326F	Reporting Sports
J 327D	Reporting With Data
J 330C	Television Reporting
J 330G	Creative Nonfiction for Magazines and Books
J 330P	Editing Techniques
J 331M	Media Innovation and Entrepreneurship
J 332I	The Interview Process
J 336M	Music Journalism

For the full list of approved courses, visit <https://moody.utexas.edu/academics/degree-programs/bachelor-journalism>

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Concepts Courses

Courses that fulfill this requirement include, but are not limited to:

Hours chosen from:	3
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J 340J	Documentary Tradition of Latin America
J 341F	Understanding African Americans and the Media
J 342J	Visual Media and the News
J 348D	Gender and the News
J 349N	News Media and Politics
J 351T	Technology and Culture
J 352F	Ethics in Journalism
J 354N	Nonprofit Journalism
J 356R	Race and Digital Media Cultures
J 358N	Online Incivility

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Total Hours	3
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Professional Practices

Courses that fulfill this requirement include, but are not limited to:

Hours chosen from (no more than three hours of internship credit may be counted):	6
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J 360F	Internship
J 361F	Reporting Texas
J 362F	Journalism Portfolio
J 363C	Broadcast Capstone
J 363D	Digital Innovations Capstone
J 363K	News Documentaries
J 363Q	Capstone in Podcasting
J 363V	Visual Capstone
J 363W	Reporting Capstone

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Total Hours	6
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