

Journalism

A major or minor in Journalism is designed to help students know how to use public print and/or broadcast communication media.

The curricular structure of the Journalism program is listed below for students entering the program. The major consists of two tracks: Print and Broadcasting. Each track has separate requirements and students must choose one track. Students must complete an applied capstone course.

Major Requirements

Major: Journalism

Degree Type: B.A. or B.S.

Required Degree Credits to Graduate: 122

Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

Degree Requirements

Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Degree – The completion of a minor program of study, a second major, or a second degree is required.

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Degree – Second year language proficiency required.

General Education Requirements

First Year Experience (F):

UNIV 189	Skills For Academic Success (Students transferring in 24 or more credits do not need to take UNIV 189.)	1
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Communication (C):

ENGL 110	College Composition I	3
ENGL 120	College Composition II	3
One course Upper Level Writing. Select one of the following:		3
ENGL 320	Business and Professional Writing	
ENGL 321	Writing in the Technical Professions	
ENGL 323	Creative Writing II	
ENGL 324	Writing in the Sciences	
ENGL 325	Writing in the Health Professions	
ENGL 357	Visual Culture and Language	
ENGL 358	Writing in the Humanities and Social Sciences	
ENGL 459	Researching and Writing Grants and Proposal	
COMM 110	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3

Quantitative Reasoning (R): Select from current general education list 3

Science & Technology (S):

A one-credit lab must be taken as a co-requisite with a general education science/technology course unless the course includes an embedded lab experience equivalent to a one-credit course. Select from current general education list. 10

Humanities & Fine Arts (A): Select from current general education list 6

Social & Behavioral Sciences (B): 6
Courses needed to fulfill this category will be completed as part of the pre-communication requirements.

Wellness (W): Select from current general education list 2

Cultural Diversity (D):

COMM 216	Intercultural Communication	3
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Global Perspectives (G): Select from current general education list

Total Credits 40

Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences College Requirements

An additional 9 credits are required by the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences for all Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts degree programs of study, except the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, the Bachelor of Music degree, Bachelor of Landscape Architecture degree, and the Bachelor of Science in Architecture degree:

AH&SS College Requirements

Courses used to satisfy any general education requirement cannot be used to also count toward the AH&SS College Requirements. A minimum of three credits is required in each of the 3 following areas for a total of 9 credits. Choose only those courses with the prefixes listed for each area. A course with the WGS prefix can only be used in one area.

Area One: Humanities 3

ARB, ENGL, FREN, GERM, HIST, HUM, PHIL, RELS, SPAN, or WGS

Area Two: Social Sciences 3

ANTH, CJ, COMM, EMGT, POLS, SOC, or WGS

Area Three: Fine Arts 3

ARCH, ART, ENVD, LA, MUSC, or THEA

Total Credits 9

Major requirements

General Education Requirements 40

AHSS College Requirements 9

Pre-Communication Requirements

Students must complete 21 credits of selected courses with a grade of 'B' or above to become a communication major. These courses may be repeated only once for this major.

ENGL 120	College Composition II	3
COMM 110	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
or COMM 111	Honors Public Speaking	
COMM 112	Understanding Media and Social Change	3
COMM 114	Human Communication	3
COMM 212	Interpersonal Communication	3
COMM 216	Intercultural Communication	3

Select one of the following: 3

SOC 110	Introduction to Sociology	
POLS 110	Introduction to Political Science	
PSYC 111	Introduction to Psychology	
CJ 201	Introduction to Criminal Justice	

Professional Journalism Major

Journalism Core:

COMM 200	Introduction to Media Writing *	3
COMM 301	Rhetorical Traditions	3
or COMM 321	Introduction to Communication Theory	
COMM 310	Advanced Media Writing	3

COMM 320	Communication Analysis *	3
COMM 431	Communication Ethics	3
COMM 434	Communication Law	3
COMM 496	Field Experience	3
Choose one of the following tracks:		9
Print Track:		
COMM 230	Basic Photography for the Mass Media	
COMM 313	Editorial Processes	
COMM 425	Specialty Writing (Capstone)	
Broadcasting Track:		
COMM 345	Principles of Broadcast Production	
COMM 442	Digital Media and Society	
COMM 445	Advanced Broadcast Production (Capstone)	
Additional Communication Electives: 300-400 level electives		6
Degree Requirements: Potential of 28 credits to reach 122		28
Total Credits		122

* A grade of 'B' or better is required in COMM 200 Introduction to Media Writing & COMM 320 Communication Analysis.

Minor Requirements

Journalism Minor

Minor Requirements

Required Credits: 21

Required Courses

COMM 112	Understanding Media and Social Change	3
COMM 114	Human Communication	3
COMM 212	Interpersonal Communication	3
COMM 216	Intercultural Communication	3
Professional Specialization: Select 3 of the following:		9
COMM 260	Principles of Internet Web-Based Design	
COMM 313	Editorial Processes (Pre-req. COMM 200)	
COMM 345	Principles of Broadcast Production	
COMM 230	Basic Photography for the Mass Media	
COMM 421	History of Journalism	
COMM 435	Critical Approaches to Popular Culture	
Total Credits		21

Minor Requirements and Notes

- A minimum of 8 credits must be taken at NDSU.