

Journalism

Department Information

- **Department Location:**
Minard Hall
- **Department Phone:**
701-231-7705
- **Department Web Site:**
www.ndsu.edu/communication/
- **Credential Offered:**
B.S.; B.A.
- **Plan Of Study Sample:**
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Major Requirements

Major: Journalism

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

Minimum Degree Credits to Graduate: 120

University Degree Requirements

1. Satisfactory completion of all requirements of the curriculum in which one is enrolled.
2. Earn a minimum total of 120 credits in approved coursework. Some academic programs exceed this minimum.
3. Satisfactory completion of the general education requirements as specified by the university.
4. A minimum institutional GPA of 2.00 based on work taken at NDSU.
5. At least 36 credits presented for graduation must be in courses numbered 300 or higher.
6. Transfer Students: Must earn a minimum of 60 credits from a baccalaureate-degree granting or professional institution.
 - a. Of these 60, at least 36 must be NDSU resident credits as defined in #7.
 - b. Within the 36 resident credits, a minimum of 15 must be in courses numbered 300 or higher and 15 credits in the major field of study.
7. At least 36 credits must be NDSU resident credits. Resident credits include credits registered and paid for at NDSU.

For complete information, please refer to the Degree and Graduation Requirements (<http://bulletin.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2020-21/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/degree-and-graduation>) section of this Bulletin.

University General Education Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Communication (C)		12
ENGL 110	College Composition I	
ENGL 120	College Composition II	
COMM 110	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	
Upper Division Writing [†]		
Quantitative Reasoning (R) [†]		3
Science and Technology (S) [†]		10
Humanities and Fine Arts (A) [†]		6
Social and Behavioral Sciences (B) [†]		6
Wellness (W) [†]		2
Cultural Diversity (D) ^{*†}		
Global Perspectives (G) ^{*†}		
Total Credits		39

* May be satisfied by completing courses in another General Education category.

† General education courses may be used to satisfy requirements for both general education and the major, minor, and program emphases, where applicable. Students should carefully review major requirements to determine if specific courses can also satisfy these general education categories.

- A list of university approved general education courses and administrative policies are available here (<http://bulletin.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2020-21/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/general-education/#genedcoursestext>).

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 at college level required.

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, the Bachelor of Science in Architecture degree, and the Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Environmental Design:

Code	Title	Credits
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

Code	Title	Credits
Pre-Communication Requirements		
Students must complete the following 18 credits of coursework with a minimum GPA of 3.00 to be admitted to the professional major.		
ENGL 120	College Composition II	3
COMM 110	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
COMM 112	Understanding Media and Social Change	3
COMM 114	Human Communication	3
COMM 212	Interpersonal Communication	3
COMM 220	Persuasion	3
Professional Journalism Major		
COMM 101	Majors and Careers in Communication	1
COMM 200	Introduction to Media Writing	3
COMM 310	Advanced Media Writing	3
COMM 320	Communication Research Methods	3
COMM 431	Communication Ethics and Law	3
COMM 465	Convergence Media	3
COMM 496	Field Experience	3
Select one of the following for upper division writing requirement:		3
ENGL 320	Business and Professional Writing	
ENGL 321	Writing in the Technical Professions	
ENGL 322	Writing and the Creative Process	
ENGL 324	Writing in the Sciences	
ENGL 325	Writing in the Health Professions	
ENGL 326	Writing in the Design Professions	
ENGL 357	Visual Culture and Language	
ENGL 358	Writing in the Humanities and Social Sciences	

ENGL 459	Researching and Writing Grants and Proposal	
Electives: Select 7 COMM prefix courses in consultation with an advisor.		21
Up to 3 additional credits of COMM 496 can be counted toward this elective requirement.		
Total Credits		61

Program Notes:

- Student enrollment is limited to one degree program offered by the Department of Communication.

Minor Requirements

Journalism Minor

Minor Requirements

Required Credits: 21

Code	Title	Credits
COMM 112	Understanding Media and Social Change	3
COMM 200	Introduction to Media Writing	3
COMM 245	Principles of Broadcast Production	3
or COMM 310	Advanced Media Writing	
Professional Specialization Electives:		12
COMM 245	Principles of Broadcast Production	
COMM 310	Advanced Media Writing	
COMM 313	Editorial Processes	
COMM 330	Photography for the Media	
COMM 347	Television On-Air Performance	
COMM 349	Television Studio Production	
COMM 362	Principles of Design For Media	
COMM 421	History of Journalism	
COMM 445	Advanced Broadcast Production	
COMM 465	Convergence Media	
Total Credits		21

Minor Requirements and Notes

- Student enrollment is limited to one degree program offered by the Department of Communication.
- A minimum of 9 credits must be taken at NDSU.