

Journalism

Department Information

- **Department Location:**
338 Minard Hall
- **Department Phone:**
701-231-7705
- **Department Web Site:**
www.ndsu.edu/communication/ (<http://www.ndsu.edu/communication/>)
- **Credential Offered:**
B.S.; B.A.; Minor
- **Sample Program Guide:**
catalog.ndsu.edu/programs-study/undergraduate/journalism/#planofstudytext (<http://catalog.ndsu.edu/programs-study/undergraduate/journalism/#planofstudytext>)

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://catalog.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2022-23/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/degree-and-graduation/>) section of this Bulletin.

University General Education Requirements

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| 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://catalog.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2022-23/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/general-education/#genedcoursestext>).

AHSS Degree Requirements

Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Degree – The completion of a minor program of study.

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 a student whose primary degree is a Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts degree in a major from the College of AHSS. These additional 9 credits are not required for the Bachelor of Science in Architecture degree, Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Environmental Design, Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, Bachelor of Music degree, for any student whose primary major or degree is not in the College of AHSS, or the student is earning two majors or two different degrees.

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| 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, TIPS 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 |
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| Pre-Communication Requirements | | |
| Students must complete the following 18 credits of coursework to be admitted to the 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 |
| Journalism Major Requirements | | |
| 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 from 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 | |

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| 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

Complete 21 credits of courses with COMM prefix. Electives can include COMM classes, independent studies, and credit for work with student media organizations. Electives should be selected in consultation with an advisor to correspond with career interests. Up to 3 additional credits of COMM 496 can be counted toward major electives. 21

Total Credits**61****Program Notes:**

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