

# Journalism

## Department Information

- **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) (<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 30 credits must be NDSU resident credits. Resident credits include credits registered and paid for at NDSU.
6. At least 36 credits presented for graduation must be in courses numbered 300 or higher.
7. Students presenting transfer credit must meet the NDSU residence credits and the minimum upper level credit. Of the 30 credits earned in residence, a minimum of 15 semester credits must be in courses numbered 300 or above, and 15 semester credits must be in the student's curricula for their declared major.

For complete information, please refer to the Degree and Graduation Requirements (<http://catalog.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2023-24/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/degree-and-graduation/>) section of this Bulletin.

### University General Education Requirements

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

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

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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/2023-24/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.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>AH&amp;SS College Requirements</b>		
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.		
<b>Area One: Humanities</b>		<b>3</b>
ARB, ENGL, FREN, GERM, HIST, HUM, PHIL, RELS, SPAN, TIPS or WGS		
<b>Area Two: Social Sciences</b>		<b>3</b>
ANTH, CJ, COMM, EMGT, POLS, SOC, or WGS		
<b>Area Three: Fine Arts</b>		<b>3</b>
ARCH, ART, ENVD, LA, MUSC, or THEA		
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>9</b>

## Major requirements

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Pre-Communication Requirements</b>		
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
<b>Journalism Major Requirements</b>		
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:		
ENGL 320	Business and Professional Writing	3
ENGL 321	Writing in the Technical Professions	3
ENGL 322	Writing and the Creative Process	3
ENGL 324	Writing in the Sciences	3
ENGL 325	Writing in the Health Professions	3
ENGL 326	Writing in the Design Professions	3
ENGL 357	Visual Culture and Language	3
ENGL 358	Writing in the Humanities and Social Sciences	3
ENGL 459	Researching and Writing Grants and Proposal	3

**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.

**Minor Requirements****Minor: Journalism**

Required Credits: 21

Code	Title	Credits
COMM 112	Understanding Media and Social Change	3
COMM 200	Introduction to Media Writing	3
COMM 245	Introduction to Video Production	3
or COMM 310	Advanced Media Writing	
<b>Professional Specialization Electives:</b>		<b>12</b>
COMM 245	Introduction to Video Production	
COMM 310	Advanced Media Writing	
COMM 313	Multimedia Editing	
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 Video Production	
COMM 465	Convergence Media	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>21</b>

**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.