

# BA or BS in Journalism (36-37 hours)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Z-ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

All JOUR courses must be passed with a C or higher to count. This [major](#) requires you to have a minor or a second major. See NIU Undergraduate Catalog or consult major [advisor](#) for special requirements of the major. This guide only covers major course requirements. Consult [NIU Undergraduate Catalog](#) for degree requirements. Consult [College of Liberal Arts and Sciences advising](#) on non-major degree requirements. A star (\*) indicates a writing-infused course.

## Complete BOTH of these required courses:

- JOUR 200A or 200B** Basic News Writing (PRQ: ENGL 203 or 204)
- JOUR 480** Journalism Law & Regulation (or COMS 455) (3) (PRQ: Junior standing)

## Block 1: Constructing Media Narratives - complete FOUR of these courses:

- JOUR 301\*** Article Writing (PRQ: JOUR 200A or 200B)
- JOUR 302** News Reporting (PRQ: JOUR 200A or 200B)
- JOUR 315** Press Photography
- JOUR 353** Sports Journalism (PRQ: JOUR 200A or 200B)
- JOUR 354** Fundamentals of Broadcast News (PRQ: JOUR 200A or 200B; CRQ: JOUR 356)
- JOUR 357** Television Newscast Production / Anchoring (PRQ: JOUR 354 and JOUR 356)
- JOUR 360\*** Public Relations Writing (PRQ: JOUR 200A or 200B and JOUR 335, or consent)
- JOUR 401\*** Editorial and Opinion Writing (PRQ: JOUR 200A or 200B)
- JOUR 402** Advanced Reporting (3) (PRQ: JOUR 302)
- JOUR 415** Advanced Photojournalism (PRQ: JOUR 315)
- JOUR 435** Advanced Public Relations (PRQ: COMS 370/COMS 380/JOUR 335 and junior standing)
- JOUR 460\*** Specialized Press Writing (PRQ: JOUR 200A or 200B)
- JOUR 485A** Topics in Journalism Writing (Requires instructor consent; may be taken twice when topics vary)

## Block 2: Editing and Management - complete TWO of these courses:

- JOUR 210** Information Gathering in the Digital Age (3)
- JOUR 312** Graphics of Communications (3) (PRQ: Sophomore standing)
- JOUR 356** Electronic News Gathering and Editing (4) (PRQ: JOUR 200A or 200B; CRQ: JOUR 354)
- JOUR 364** Television News Producing and Directing (3) (PRQ: JOUR 357)
- JOUR 410** News Editing (3) (PRQ: JOUR 200A or 200B)
- JOUR 461** Specialized Press Editing (3) (PRQ: JOUR 312)
- JOUR 492** Internship in Journalism (3)

## Block 3: News in Society - complete FOUR of these courses:

- JOUR 201** Issues in Journalism
- JOUR 295** Reading News Critically
- JOUR 335** Principles of Public Relations (PRQ: Sophomore standing)
- JOUR 407** Media Convergence
- JOUR 481** History of Journalism (PRQ: Junior standing)
- JOUR 483** Mass Media in Modern Society (PRQ: Junior standing)
- JOUR 485B** Topics in Journalism and Society (Requires instructor consent; may be taken twice when topics vary)
- JOUR 487** News and Entertainment (PRQ: Junior standing)
- Also count: JOUR 350, 436, 449, 482, 486, 490