

# BA or BS in Journalism (36+ hours)

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

All JOUR courses must be passed with a C or higher. This [major](#) requires you to have a minor or a second major.

## Required

### Complete BOTH of these:

- JOUR 200** Basic News Writing
- JOUR 480** Journalism Law & Regulation (PRQ: Junior standing) or **COMS 455** Media Law & Ethics

## Block 1: Constructing Media Narratives

### Complete FIVE:

- JOUR 301\*** Article Writing (PRQ: JOUR 200)
- JOUR 302\*** News Reporting (PRQ: JOUR 200)
- JOUR 312** Graphics of Communications (PRQ: Sophomore standing)
- JOUR 315** Press Photography
- JOUR 353\*** Sports Journalism (PRQ: JOUR 200)
- JOUR 354\*** Fundamentals of Broadcast News (PRQ: JOUR 200)
- JOUR 356** Electronic News Gathering and Editing (4) (PRQ: JOUR 200)
- JOUR 360\*** Public Relations Writing (PRQ: JOUR 200 and JOUR 335, or consent)
- JOUR 401\*** Editorial and Opinion Writing (PRQ: JOUR 200)
- JOUR 402** Advanced Reporting (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 464\*** Content for Emerging Media
- JOUR 485A** Topics in Journalism Writing
- JOUR 492** Internship in Journalism
- Also counts: JOUR 357, 364, 460, 461

## Block 2: News in Society

### Complete FIVE:

- JOUR 201** Issues in Journalism
- JOUR 210** Information Gathering in the Digital Age
- COMS 260** Social Media Communication
- JOUR 295** Reading News Critically
- JOUR 335** Principles of Public Relations (PRQ: Sophomore standing)
- JOUR 350** Environment, Health, and the Media
- JOUR 407** Media and Technology
- JOUR 410** News Editing (PRQ: JOUR 200)
- JOUR 481** History of Journalism (PRQ: Junior standing)
- JOUR 483** Mass Media in Modern Society (PRQ: Junior standing)
- JOUR 485B** Topics in Journalism & Society
- JOUR 487** News and Entertainment (PRQ: Junior standing)
- Also counts: JOUR 436, 449, 482, 486, 490

See NIU Undergraduate Catalog or consult major [advisor](#) for special requirements of 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.