BJ in Journalism

Major Program Requirements

The Bachelor of Journalism degree requires 120 credits.

To obtain the Bachelor of Journalism degree, a student must:

• Complete all Pre-Interest area requirements
• Be admitted to an interest area within the school
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• Earn a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 for all work taken while in the School of Journalism and a GPA of at least 2.0 for all Journalism courses
• Complete all University graduation requirements (http://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegreerequirements/universityrequirements), including University General Education (http://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegreerequirements/generaleducationrequirements) requirements

Major Core Requirements

Required Courses: 16

JOURN 1010 Career Explorations in Journalism 1
JOURN 2000 Cross-Cultural Journalism 3
JOURN 2100 News 3
JOURN 2150 Fundamentals of Multimedia Journalism 3
JOURN 4000 Communications Law 3
JOURN 4568 History of Photojournalism 3
or JOURN 3000 History of American Journalism

Pre-Interest Area General Education requirements 47

Journalism interest area requirements 25

Upper Level Non-Journalism Electives from the areas below: 29

(Must be numbered 3000 or above or General Honors courses numbered 2000H or above)

Area 1 3
Students choose from one of these areas: Anthropology, Astronomy, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Geology, Mathematics, Physics, Psychology, Sociology or Statistics.

Area 2 6
Students choose from the following areas: Black Studies, Economics, Geography, History, Peace Studies, Political Science, or Women’s and Gender Studies.

Area 3 6
Students choose from the following areas: Architectural Studies, Art, Classical Humanities, Classics, Communication*, English, Film Studies*, French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Latin, Music, Philosophy, Portuguese, Religious Studies, Russian, Spanish or Theatre.

Area 4 14
Non-Journalism courses.

*(Students in Strategic Communication must complete MRKTNG 3000)

Flexible Credits

Some courses are prohibited for the bachelor of journalism. See the list of course exceptions for more information. Students should consult with their assigned academic advisor if they have questions regarding courses in these areas.

General Electives

Students can take up to 4 additional credits of journalism (JOURN) electives in their interest area in place of Area 4.

International Journalism Interest Area

The next generation of journalism students must be equipped to work in a global environment. This interest area is designed to capitalize on Missouri’s international reputation and its international resources by placing under one umbrella the school’s existing Study Abroad opportunities, its internationally focused media and multimedia projects with global partners. Students in this interest area may take courses within any of the existing or prospective areas to complement their international interests. This degree is granted in the student’s emphasis area of choice (Convergence Journalism, Magazine Journalism, Photojournalism, Print and Digital News or Radio-TV Journalism) but is administered by the School’s Global Programs Office. Interest Areas do not appear on Transcripts or Diplomas. Emphasis areas appear only on transcripts.

International Journalism Interest Area Required Journalism Classes

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Capstone determined by interest area track: 3

Required Journalism Electives vary by specific interest area track

Semester Plan

A semester plan is not currently available. Please see your advisor for more information.