**BJ in Journalism**

**Degree Program Description**

Journalism is the study of gathering, assessing, creating, and presenting of news and information through various mediums. Students will develop a solid foundation in the liberal arts and sciences while achieving competency in journalism. For this degree program, students must choose an emphasis area. Refer to the degree program descriptions for the emphasis areas for more details.

**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
- Complete all interest area requirements
- 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:**

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or JOURN 3000 History of American Journalism

**Pre-Interest Area General Education requirements**

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

Honor's College students can also choose from: GN_HON 2230H, GN_HON 2245H, GN_HON 2246H, GN_HON 3230H.

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

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

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**Area 3 Students choose from the following areas:**

- Architectural Studies
- Art prefixes
- Classical Humanities
- Classics
- Communication*
- English
- Film Studies*
- French
- German
- Hebrew
- Italian
- Japanese
- Korean
- Latin
- all Music prefixes
- Philosophy
- Portuguese
- Religious Studies
- Russian
- South Asia Studies
- Spanish
- Theatre

Honor's College students can also choose from: GN_HON 2015H, GN_HON 2111H, GN_HON 2112H, GN_HON 2119H, GN_HON 2114H, GN_HON 2117H, GN_HON 1215H, GN_HON 3112H, GN_HON 3113H, GN_HON 3120H

**Area 4 Non-Journalism courses.**

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**Flexible Credits**

Students can take up to 4 additional credits of journalism (JOURN) electives and apply them to requirements in Area 4.

**General Electives**

Electives necessary to complete a minimum of 72 credits of non-journalism classes and 120 total credits. Any course acceptable to the School of Journalism is allowed.

**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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An exception to the 3000 and 4000 level rule includes HIST 2004.

(Students in Strategic Communication must complete MRKTNG 3000)

*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.*
JOURN 4556 Fundamentals of Photojournalism 3
JOURN 4804 Convergence Reporting 3
Capstone determined by interest area track: 3
Journalism Study Abroad 6

It is recommended that the student study abroad in the second semester of their junior year or the first semester of their senior year

**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.