The Bachelor of Journalism degree requires 120 credits. The faculty expects each student to maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 to be considered in good standing.

Students customize their degree through elective courses that allow them to gain depth and breadth in a wide array of subject areas and specializations. Upon graduation, students pursue careers in a wide range of journalism and communication professions including: account management, art direction, audience engagement, audience development, audience research, business journalism, data analysis and visualization, digital content editing, digital strategy, documentary editing and producing, international journalism, investigative reporting, media planning, media production, magazine editing, mobile production, multimedia editing, news editing, photo editing, photography, podcasting, public relations, project management, product management, science communication, SEO strategy, social media producing, sports reporting, sports and entertainment promotion, strategic communication, television news reporting or production, television sports reporting or production, radio reporting and production, videography, website editing and writing.

**Major Program Requirements**

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

- University Graduation Requirements ([http://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegreerequirements/universityrequirements/](http://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegreerequirements/universityrequirements/))
- University General Education ([http://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegreerequirements/generaleducationrequirements/](http://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegreerequirements/generaleducationrequirements/))
- **Major Core**: 27 credit hours
- **Major Career Path**: 6 credit hours
- **Major Capstone**: 3 credit hours
- **Major Specialty Areas**: 15 credit hours
- **Non-Journalism Electives**: 25 credit hours

**General Education: Humanities**

- ENGLSH 1000 Writing and Rhetoric (Minimum grade of B-required) 3
- ENG 1100 Introduction to English Literature 3
- POL_SC 1100 American Government 3
- POL_SC 2100 State Government 3

**General Education: Math and Quantitative Reasoning**

- MATH 1050 Quantitative Reasoning 3
- MATH 1060 Mathematical Reasoning 3
- MATH 1080 College Algebra 3
- MATH 1160 Precalculus Mathematics 3
- STAT 1200 Introductory Statistical Reasoning 3

**General Education: Behavioral Science**

- POL_SC 1100 American Government 3
- POL_SC 2100 State Government 3

**General Education: Math/Science**

- MATH 1050 Quantitative Reasoning 3
- MATH 1060 Mathematical Reasoning 3
- MATH 1080 College Algebra 3
- MATH 1160 Precalculus Mathematics 3
- STAT 1200 Introductory Statistical Reasoning 3

**Non-Journalism Electives from the areas below:** 25

**Journalism Core Requirements**

- JOURN 1100 Principles of Journalism in Democracy 3
- JOURN 1200 Fundamentals of Visual Journalism and Strategic Communication 3
- JOURN 1300 Fundamentals of Written Journalism and Strategic Communication 3
- JOURN 1400 Applied Projects for Journalism and Strategic Communication 3
- JOURN 2000 Cross-Cultural Journalism 3
- JOURN 2200 Audiences and Persuasion 2
- JOURN 4160 Social Media Foundations and Practice 1
- JOURN 4180 Newsroom Content Creation 3
- JOURN 3000 History of American Journalism 3
- or JOURN 4568 History of Photojournalism 3
- JOURN 4000 Communications Law 3

**Career Path (minimum of two courses from one area required)** 6

- Cross-Platform Editing and Producing JOURN 4830 & JOURN 4832 3
- Photojournalism and Documentary JOURN 4540 & JOURN 4560 3
- Reporting and Writing JOURN 4450 & JOURN 4490 3
- Social and Audience Strategy JOURN 4820 & JOURN 4824 3

**Specialty Areas (may choose from several)** 15


**Capstone (Complete one three credit hour capstone)** 3

- JOURN 4310 News Producing 3
- JOURN 4320 Advanced Broadcast Reporting 3
- JOURN 4379 Documentary Post Production 3
- JOURN 4406 Digital News Editing 3
- JOURN 4972 Photo and Visual Editing 3
- JOURN 4978 Media Management and Leadership 3
- JOURN 4980 The Picture Story and Photographic Essay 3
- JOURN 4984 Magazine Staff 3
- JOURN 4986 Advanced Writing 3
- JOURN 4990 Journalism and Democracy 3
- JOURN 4992 Innovation and Audience Research in Digital Media 3
- JOURN 4994 Magazine Publishing 3
Area 1  
Students choose from one of these areas: Animal Science, Anthropology, Astronomy, Atmospheric Science, Biochemistry, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Environmental Science, Food Science, Geology, Mathematics, Physics, Plant Science, Psychology, Rural Sociology, Sociology or Statistics. 
Honor's College students can also choose from: GN_HON 2243H, GN_HON 2310H, GN_HON 2461H, GN_HON 2462H, GN_HON 3210H, GN_HON 3242H.

Area 2  
Students choose from the following areas: Agribusiness Management, Black Studies, Economics, Geography, History, Peace Studies, Political Science, Textile and Apparel Management, and Women's and Gender Studies. 
Honor's College students can also choose from: GN_HON 2230H, GN_HON 2245H, GN_HON 2246H, GN_HON 3230H.

Area 3  
Students choose from the following areas: Ancient Mediterranean Studies, Arabic, Architectural Studies, all Art prefixes, Chinese, Classical Humanities, Classics, Communication**, English**, Film Studies**, French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Latin, all Music prefixes, Philosophy, Portuguese, Religious Studies, Russian, South Asia Studies, Spanish, Theater, and Visual Studies-Art History 
Honor’s College students can also choose from: GN_HON 2015H, GN_HON 2111H, GN_HON 2112H, GN_HON 2113H, GN_HON 2144H, GN_HON 2146H, GN_HON 3120H.

Area 4  
Any non-journalism course**

^ See your advisor for additional choices to fulfill this requirement
* Students can earn credit in courses from additional Career Path and capstone courses. These additional credits will apply to the fifteen credit hours in the Specialty Area requirements.
** Some courses are prohibited in the Bachelor of Journalism. Students should consult with their academic advisor for questions regarding courses in these areas.

General Electives
Electives may be 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.

Accelerated BJ in Journalism to MA in Journalism
The accelerated bachelor to master's degree program was designed for students in the Missouri School of Journalism to attain a graduate education. The new program will allow students to apply and begin their master's program in the senior year of undergraduate program. Students in the program complete requirements as outlined for the Bachelor of Journalism degree and then spend one more year (approximately 12 months) to earn a master’s degree. The program requires students to carry 9-12 credits each semester. Course work in the program builds on the undergraduate program and enhances student’s skills and understanding of the chosen area of journalism. At the present time, areas include strategic communication, newspaper design, broadcast management, computer-assisted reporting and magazine areas such as magazine writing and magazine design.

Semester Plan
The following four-year plan is a sample. A student's path to graduation may vary based on a host of factors. Working with an academic advisor is necessary to determine the best plan for each student.

First Year
Fall | CR | Spring | CR
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ENGLISH 1000 | 3 | Second Language II | 4
Second Language I | 4 | JOURN 1300 or 1200 | 3
Math and Quantitative Reasoning | 3 | HIST 1100 or 1200 | 3
JOURN 1200 or 1300 | 3 | Gen Ed Sci Non Lab | 3
JOURN 1100 | 3 | Humanities | 3

Area 1  
Students choose from one of these areas: Animal Science, Anthropology, Astronomy, Atmospheric Science, Biochemistry, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Environmental Science, Food Science, Geology, Mathematics, Physics, Plant Science, Psychology, Rural Sociology, Sociology or Statistics. 
Honor’s College students can also choose from: GN_HON 2243H, GN_HON 2310H, GN_HON 2461H, GN_HON 2462H, GN_HON 3210H, GN_HON 3242H.

Area 2  
Students choose from the following areas: Agribusiness Management, Black Studies, Economics, Geography, History, Peace Studies, Political Science, Textile and Apparel Management, and Women's and Gender Studies. 
Honor’s College students can also choose from: GN_HON 2230H, GN_HON 2245H, GN_HON 2246H, GN_HON 3230H.

Area 3  
Students choose from the following areas: Ancient Mediterranean Studies, Arabic, Architectural Studies, all Art prefixes, Chinese, Classical Humanities, Classics, Communication**, English**, Film Studies**, French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Latin, all Music prefixes, Philosophy, Portuguese, Religious Studies, Russian, South Asia Studies, Spanish, Theater, and Visual Studies-Art History 
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Area 4  
Any non-journalism course**

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Total Credits: 120