Transfer Guide Leading to a Bachelor’s Degree in Journalism

All degree requirements are subject to the provisions and notices in the NIU Undergraduate Catalog. Information is valid through August 2016.

Courses Highly Recommended Prior to Transfer:

Complete courses to make progress toward a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science sequence.

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<td><strong>Choose a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) if:</strong> you want to gain greater cultural fluency by learning a new language. A B.A. requires completion of a 2-4 semester sequence of a foreign language.</td>
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<td><strong>Choose a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) if:</strong> you have strong math and science skills, an interest in quantitative research, an interest working in technology-oriented industries or if your work has a strong online component. A B.S. at NIU requires you to take a combination of lab science courses or computer science, math and computational skills courses. Transfer students pursuing a B.S. should try to complete at least a MATH 110 equivalent with a grade of ‘C’ or better.</td>
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About the Department

The journalism program is offered by the Department of Communication, one of NIU's largest and most diverse departments. The journalism curriculum includes study in the areas of print, electronic journalism, graphic communication, and public relations, which enables students to focus on a specific emphasis while integrating subject matter in ways that provide career flexibility.

Faculty:

Several of our faculty members have won competitive and prestigious awards in teaching and research from NIU. Many others have won teaching awards and fellowships granted by state, national, and international associations and institutes. A number of faculty members have also appeared on or been interviewed by outlets such as the Chicago Tribune, Washington Post, Men’s Health, Huffington Post, Rolling Stone, C-SPAN, and Fox Business.

Engaged Learning Opportunities:

Journalism students interested in TV broadcast news receive hands-on experience in courses taught at the Northern Television Center (NTC). NTC is an advanced production facility where students anchor, write, and produce the news program “NTC News Tonight” and other programming. Student productions often receive awards and nominations from professional groups, including the Illinois Broadcasters Association and the Midwest chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. Many internship opportunities are also available for journalism students.

Facilities:

The program has fully equipped facilities for courses in both print and electronic journalism. In addition to four computer news writing and editing labs, the program uses modern audio and portable video equipment. Photojournalism includes digital equipment. Students in the program may also work at the Northern Television Center (NTC). Journalism is also noteworthy for the dedicated support of alumni and retired professors who sponsor numerous scholarship opportunities.
Student Organizations:
- Northern Star (NIU’s student newspaper)
- Illinois Broadcasters Association
- Illinois News Broadcasters Association
- National Association of Black Journalists
- Public Relations Student Society of America

Career Information:
Our journalism graduates lead successful careers not only in the Northern Illinois region, but across the country. Alumni have established careers writing, producing, and reporting for print, radio, and television news. Many others currently lead careers in the public relations field.

http://www.niu.edu/CareerServices/weblinks/majors/journalism.shtml

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