

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 200A or 200B** Basic News Writing (PRQ: ENGL 203 or 204)
- ☐ **JOUR 480** Journalism Law & Regulation (PRQ: Junior standing) or **COMS 455** Media Law & Ethics

Block 1: Constructing Media Narratives

Complete FOUR:

- ☐ **JOUR 301*** Article Writing (PRQ: JOUR 200A or 200B)
- ☐ **JOUR 302** News Reporting (PRQ: JOUR 200A or 200B)
- ☐ **JOUR 315** Press Photography
- ☐ **JOUR 353** Sports Journalism (PRQ: JOUR 200A or 200B)
- ☐ **JOUR 354** Fundamentals of Broadcast News (PRQ: JOUR 200A or 200B; CRQ: JOUR 356)
- ☐ **JOUR 357** Television Newscast Production / Anchoring (PRQ: JOUR 354 and JOUR 356)
- ☐ **JOUR 360*** Public Relations Writing (PRQ: JOUR 200A/200B and JOUR 335, or consent)
- ☐ **JOUR 401*** Editorial and Opinion Writing (PRQ: JOUR 200A or 200B)
- ☐ **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 (PRQ: Consent of instructor)
- ☐ **JOUR 485A** Topics in Journalism Writing (Requires instructor consent; may be repeated if topics vary)

Block 2: Editing and Management

Complete TWO:

- ☐ **JOUR 210** Information Gathering in the Digital Age
- ☐ **JOUR 312** Graphics of Communications (PRQ: Sophomore standing)
- ☐ **JOUR 356** Electronic News Gathering and Editing (4) (PRQ: JOUR 200A or 200B; CRQ: JOUR 354)
- ☐ **JOUR 410** News Editing (PRQ: JOUR 200A or 200B)
- ☐ **JOUR 492** Internship in Journalism

Block 3: News in Society

Complete FOUR:

- ☐ **JOUR 201** Issues in Journalism
- ☐ **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 481** History of Journalism (PRQ: Junior standing)
- ☐ **JOUR 483** Mass Media in Modern Society (PRQ: Junior standing)
- ☐ **JOUR 485B** Topics in Journalism & Society (Requires instructor consent; may be repeated if topics vary)
- ☐ **JOUR 487** News and Entertainment (PRQ: Junior standing)

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.