

Journalism (B.A.)

Liberal Arts and Sciences

Degree Path - Catalog 2024-25

Semester 1	Credits
ENGL 103	3
Foreign Language (B.A. Requirement)	3
Knowledge Domain	3
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COMS 100	3
UNIV 101 (optional)	1
Total hours	15-16

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Semester 2	Credits
ENGL 203	3
Foundational Studies: Quantitative Literacy	3
Foreign Language (B.A. Requirement)	3
Knowledge Domain	3
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Total hours	15

Notes/Comments: Two writing-infused courses and one human diversity course are required prior to graduation. Overlap with other requirements is possible. For more information, see www.catalog.niu.edu.

Credits	Success Marker
3	
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Notes/Comments: Journalism majors must complete the requirements of a minor or second major.

Semester 4	Credits	Success Marker
COMS 455	3	Journalism majors and minors must earn a grade of "C" or higher
Foreign Language (B.A. Requirement)	3	in all required journalism courses.
Knowledge Domain	3	
Minor Requirement	3	
JOUR Media Narratives block	3	
Total hours	15	

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Semester 5	Credits	Success Marker
Elective	3	Journalism majors must complete the requirements of a
JOUR Media Narratives blcok	3	minor or second major.
JOUR News in Society block	3	
Minor Requirement 300/400 Level	3	
Elective	3	
Total hours	15	

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Semester 6	Credits	Success Marker
JOUR Media Narratives block	- 3	At least 80 Semester hours of the total hours required for a
JOUR Media Narratives block	3	bachelor's degree must be taken in
JOUR News in Society block	3	subjects other than journalism, with at least 65 of
Minor Requirement 300/400 Level	3	
Elective	3	
Total hours	15	

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Semester 7	Credits	Success Marker
JOUR News in Society block	3	 Apply for graduation (2/1 for May, 6/15 for August, or 9/1 for
JOUR News in Society block	3	December)
JOUR Media Narratives block	3	
Minor Requirement 300/400 Level	3	
Elective or Minor Requirement: 300/400 Level	3	
Total hours	15	

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Semester 8	Credits	Success Marker
JOUR News in Society block	3	
Elective: 300/400 Level	3	
Minor Requirement 300/400 Level	3	
Elective: 300/400 Level	3	
Minor Requirement 300/400 Level	3	
Total hours	15	

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Notes/Comments: This plan is an example of what a four year plan could look like for a typical student. Placement exam scores in math as well as the completion of coursework may change the plan. It should not be used in the place of regular academic advising appointments. All students are encouraged to meet with their advisor each Semester to discuss course scheduling. All requirements are subject to change by NIU.