

ACADEMIC ROADMAP

Journalism, B.A.
Effective Fall 2025

Freshman Year (30 credits)

FIRST SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
College Writing I	CWP 101	
Media Literacy	COM 100	
Intro to Oral Communication	SPC 205	
GE 23 Core Course/All College Elective		
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SECOND SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
College Writing II (Argumentation and Research)	CWP 102	CWP 101
Intro to Digital Storytelling or Intro to Visual Communication	COM 212 or COM 215	
GE 23 Core Course/All College Elective		
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Notes and recommendations:

You should attend at least one faculty office hour, visit Academic Excellence Center (math, writing, and general tutoring), and view your degree audit sheet in Degree Works this year.

Sophomore Year (60 credits)

THIRD SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Intro to Media Writing	COM 210	CWP 102 and COM 100
GE 23 Core Course/All College Elective		
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FOURTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Writing for Print and Online Journalism	COM 303	COM 100, SPC 205, COM 210 and COM 212 or COM 215
Basic Media Production	COM 312	COM 212 or COM 215 or TFA 201
GE 23 Core Course/All College Elective		
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Notes and recommendations:

Form a study group; consider enrolling in a second major, minor, or certificate program.

Junior Year (90 credits)

FIFTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Broadcast Journalism Operation	COM 334	COM 312
Digital & Broadcast Reporting	COM 338	COM 100, SPC 205, COM 210, COM 212 or COM 215, and COM 312
GE 23 Core Course/All College Elective		
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SIXTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Feature Writing <u>or</u>	COM 325 <u>or</u>	COM 100, SPC 205, COM 210, and COM 212 or COM 215
Digital & Broadcast Producing	COM 347	COM 338
Communication Law	COM 400	COM 100, SPC 205, COM 210, and COM 212 or COM 215
COM or SPC Elective 1 at the 300- or 400-level		COM 100, SPC 205, COM 210, and COM 212 or COM 215
GE 23 Core Course/All College Elective		
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Notes and recommendations:

Visit the Career & Professional Education Center; talk to your faculty advisor about career and graduate school options.

Senior Year (120 credits)

SEVENTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Field Reporting	COM 405	COM 303, COM 338
COM/SPC Elective 2 at 300- or 400-level		COM 100, SPC 205, COM 210, and COM 212 or COM 215
GE 23 Core Course/All College Elective		
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EIGHTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Communication and Society	COM 450	COM 100 or SPC 103, SPC 205, COM 210, COM 212 or COM 215, completion of 21 upper division COM/SPC courses
GE 23 Core Course/All College Elective		
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Notes and recommendations:

Apply for graduation; apply to graduate school, if applicable; visit the Career & Professional Education Center to have your resume reviewed.