

## Journalism BA Degree Requirements Checklist Fall 2025 Edition

Use this form to track progress toward your degree and prepare for your advising appointment. See page 4 for a curriculum map that offers a suggested course sequence by semester.

## MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (45 Credits)

- Journalism (JRN) majors are not permitted to declare a second major or minor in Mass Communication (CMM). They may double major in Communication (COM), but cannot get credit for the same electives. They may minor in Communication and Innovation (CBI).
- All courses must be completed with a grade of C or higher to count toward the major.
- Required, elective, and concentration courses counting toward the major & SBCs are **NOT** eligible for **G/P/NC**.
- COM 415: Data Analysis and Storytelling is no longer a requirement for majors and is offered as an elective option.

### **REQUIRED COURSES (36 Credits)**

Course Number		Title	Credits	SBCs	Grade (Cor higher)
JRN 101		News Literacy Pre- or corequisite: WRT 101 or WRT 102 or equivalent	3	CER, SBS	
POL 102		Introduction to American Government	3		
COM 106 (formerly JRN 106)		Introduction to Mass Media	3	SBS, USA	
JRN 116		Introduction to Digital Journalism Prerequisite: Journalism Major or Minor	3		
COM 208 (formerly JRN 208)		History of Mass Communication Prerequisite: Journalism or Mass Communication Major or Minor	3	USA	
JRN 216		Intermediate Digital Journalism Prerequisite: Journalism Major; C or higher in JRN 116	3		
	JRN 217	Journalistic Reporting & Writing Prerequisite: Journalism Major; C or higher in JRN 116	3		
	JRN 301	The Changing Business of News Prerequisite: Journalism Major or Minor; U3 or U4 Standing	3		
	JRN 303	Global Issues in Journalism Prerequisite: Journalism Major or Minor; U3 or U4 Standing	3	DIV, GLO	
(f	COM 305 formerly JRN 305)	Mass Communication Law & Ethics Prerequisites: Journalism or Mass Communication Majors and Minors; U3 or U4 Standing	3	ESI	
Æ	JRN 311 (Fall Offering)	Advanced Digital Journalism - Text Prerequisite: C or higher in JRN 216 and JRN 217; U3 or U4 Standing	3		
CHOOSE ONE	JRN 312 (Spring Offering)	Advanced Digital Journalism - Audio Prerequisite: C or higher in JRN 216 and JRN 217; U3 or U4 Standing	3		
CI	JRN 313 (Fall & Spring)	Advanced Digital Journalism - Video Prerequisite: C or higher in JRN 216 and JRN 217; U3 or U4 Standing	3		
JRN 490		Senior Project Prerequisite: JRN 311 or JRN 312 or JRN 313	3	EXP+, WRTD	

### ELECTIVE COURSES (9 Credits)

Choose three 300+ level JRN or COM courses open to majors listed in the latest Undergraduate Bulletin. Not all electives are offered every semester. Check Solar for active courses.

#	Course Designator and Number	Title	Credits	SBCs	Grade (Cor higher)
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	<b>ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT</b> Majors are required to select a multidisciplinary concentration <b>OR</b> minor <b>OR</b> second major. Only ONE is required.				
	SUBJECT				
CHOOSE ONE	Concentration				
	Minor				
Б	Second Major				

#### **ELECTIVES:**

COM 107: AI and Creativity COM 225: Introduction to Video Production COM 391: Studio Production JRN 205: News Reporting and Writing II JRN 310: Multimedia Newsroom I JRN 319: The Image of the Journalist in Popular Culture JRN 320: Multimedia Newsroom II JRN 322: Working Newsroom JRN 334: Science and Health Reporting JRN 335: Reporting in New York City JRN 336: Sports Reporting JRN 337: Introduction to Narrative Journalism JRN 339: Foreign Reporting JRN 340: Beat Reporting JRN 363: Magazine Writing JRN 364: Advanced Reporting JRN 366: Press & the Presidency

JRN 367: Opinion Journalism JRN 370: Advanced Visual Reporting and Storytelling JRN 371: The Big Time: News, Sports, and Weather JRN 390: Special Topics in Journalism JRN 391: Eyewitness News JRN 392: Journalism Without Walls Prep JRN 413: Journalisms of the Global South JRN 433: Journalistic Book and Serial Narrative Production JRN 434: Photojournalism JRN 435: Journalism Without Walls JRN 438: Weathercasting & Environmental Reporting JRN 439: Weathercasting & Environmental Reporting: Feature Story and Mini Doc Broadcast JRN 444: Experiential Learning JRN 475: Undergraduate Teaching Practicum I JRN 476: Undergraduate Teaching Practicum II

# MINOR REQUIREMENTS (21 Credits)

- All courses must be completed with a grade of C or higher to count toward the minor.
- Required and elective courses counting toward the minor & SBCs are **NOT** eligible for **G/P/NC**.
- JRN 106 and JRN 208 run as COM 106 and COM 208.

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	JRN 101	News Literacy Pre- or corequisite: WRT 101 or WRT 102 or equivalent	3	CER, SBS	(Cor higher)
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	JRN 116	Introduction to Digital Journalism	3		
COM 208 (formerly JRN 108)		History of Mass Communication	3	USA	
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### **CURRICULUM MAP**

The tables below offer one suggested course sequence for optimal degree completion, based on full-time enrollment. Students wishing to enroll part-time should discuss a plan of study with their advisor.

As a reminder, students also must incorporate SBCs and other university requirements as well as courses in their multidisciplinary concentration, minor or second major. Students must follow the requirements for minors and second majors and should consult with advisors in the appropriate academic departments. Students should consult Academic Transfer and Advising Services for help with SBCs and other university requirements.

## **FULL-TIME** [4 YEARS]

<b>YEAR 1 - FALL</b> 6 Major Credits	<b>YEAR 1 - SPRING</b> 6 Major Credits
JRN 101	JRN 116
COM 106	POL 102

<b>YEAR 3 - FALL</b> 6 Major Credits	<b>YEAR 3 - SPRING</b> 6 Major Credits
COM 305	JRN 303
JRN 311 or 313*	300+ Level JRN/COM Elective

<b>YEAR 2- FALL</b> 6 Major Credits	<b>YEAR 2- SPRING</b> 6 Major Credits
COM 208	JRN 217
JRN 216	JRN 301

<b>YEAR 4- FALL</b> 6 Major Credits	<b>YEAR 4- SPRING</b> 3 Major Credits
300+ Level JRN/COM Elective	JRN 490
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\*JRN 311 is offered in the Fall. JRN 312 is offered in the Spring. JRN 313 is offered in both Fall and Spring.

### **INTERESTED IN INTERNSHIPS?**

Contact SoCJ's Internship Coordinator, George Giokas (<u>george.giokas@stonybrook.edu</u>)

## WANT TO TALK ABOUT CAREERS? NEED RESUME OR COVER LETTER HELP?

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