BA or BS in Journalism (36-37 hours)

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All JOUR courses must be passed with a C or higher to count. This major requires you to have a minor or a second major. See NIU Undergraduate Catalog or consult major advisor for special requirements of the 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.

Complete BOTH of these required courses:

- □ JOUR 200A or 200B Basic News Writing (PRQ: ENGL 203 or 204)
- □ JOUR 480 Journalism Law & Regulation (or COMS 455) (3) (PRQ: Junior standing)

Block 1: Constructing Media Narratives - complete FOUR of these courses:

- □ 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 or 200B and JOUR 335, or consent)
- □ JOUR 401* Editorial and Opinion Writing (PRQ: JOUR 200A or 200B)
- □ JOUR 402 Advanced Reporting (3) (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 460* Specialized Press Writing (PRQ: JOUR 200A or 200B)
- □ JOUR 485A Topics in Journalism Writing (Requires instructor consent; may be taken twice when topics vary)

Block 2: Editing and Management - complete TWO of these courses:

- □ JOUR 210 Information Gathering in the Digital Age (3)
- □ JOUR 312 Graphics of Communications (3) (PRQ: Sophomore standing)
- □ JOUR 356 Electronic News Gathering and Editing (4) (PRQ: JOUR 200A or 200B; CRQ: JOUR 354)
- □ JOUR 364 Television News Producing and Directing (3) (PRQ: JOUR 357)
- □ JOUR 410 News Editing (3) (PRQ: JOUR 200A or 200B)
- □ JOUR 461 Specialized Press Editing (3) (PRQ: JOUR 312)
- □ JOUR 492 Internship in Journalism (3)

Block 3: News in Society - complete FOUR of these courses:

- □ JOUR 201 Issues in Journalism
- □ JOUR 295 Reading News Critically
- □ JOUR 335 Principles of Public Relations (PRQ: Sophomore standing)
- □ JOUR 407 Media Convergence
- □ JOUR 481 History of Journalism (PRQ: Junior standing)
- □ JOUR 483 Mass Media in Modern Society (PRQ: Junior standing)
- □ JOUR 485B Topics in Journalism and Society (Requires instructor consent; may be taken twice when topics vary)
- □ JOUR 487 News and Entertainment (PRQ: Junior standing)

Also count: JOUR 350, 436, 449, 482, 486, 490