

JOURNALISM, BACHELOR OF ARTS

Requirements

Total Course Requirements for the Bachelor's Degree

See the "Requirements for the Bachelor's Degree (<https://catalog.csudh.edu/general-information/baccalaureate-degrees-undergraduate-studies/>)" in the University Catalog for complete details on general degree requirements. A minimum of 40 units, including those required for the major, must be upper division.

Elective Requirements

Completion of elective courses (beyond the requirements listed below) to reach a total of a minimum of 120 units.

General Education Requirements (43 units)

See the "General Education (<https://catalog.csudh.edu/general-education/>)" requirements in the University Catalog or the Class Schedule for the most current information on General Education requirements and course offerings.

Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (3 Units)

See the "Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (<https://catalog.csudh.edu/general-information/baccalaureate-degrees-undergraduate-studies/gwar-certifying-courses/>)" section in the University Catalog.

Statutory Requirements: United States History, Constitution and American Ideals (6 Units)

See the "University Graduation Requirements (<https://catalog.csudh.edu/general-information/baccalaureate-degrees-undergraduate-studies/university-graduation-requirements/>)" section in the University Catalog.

Major Requirements (45-48 units)

The following courses, or their approved equivalents, are required of all candidates for this degree. The academic standards of the department require that all Journalism majors pass all required and prerequisite courses with grades of "C" or better.

Code	Title	Hours
Lower Division Required Courses		
COM 100	Media & Society	3
COM 106 & COM 107	Digital Toolkit and Digital Toolkit Lab	3
COM 110 & COM 111	Introduction to Digital Media Production and Introduction to Digital Media Production Laboratory	3
COM 250	Writing for the Media	3
Upper Division Required Courses		
COM 301	News and Information Literacy	3
COM 302	Law Of The Mass Media	3
COM 338	Cross-Cultural Journalism	3
COM 346	News Gathering & Reporting	3
COM 379	Media Industries	3
COM 355	News Production Workshop ¹	3
Capstone Experience		
COM 490	Senior Project	3

COM 496	Internship In Communications	3
Electives		
Select 9-12 units from the following:		9-12
COM 206	Photojournalism	
COM 314	Broadcast Journalism	
COM 315	Broadcast Journalism Lab	
COM 320	Sports Journalism	
COM 328	Entertainment and Lifestyle Journalism	
COM 333	Digital Journalism	
COM 334	Digital Journalism Laboratory	
COM 347	Multimedia Interviewing Practices	
COM 348	News Editing And Design	
COM 352	Feature And Critical Writing	
COM 358	Communications Graphics	
COM 360	Pub Affairs & Edit. Writing	
COM 368	Investigative Reporting	
COM 388 & COM 389	Digital Magazine Production and Digital Magazine Production Laboratory	
COM 400	Media Analysis and Research Methods	
COM 435	Media Psychology	
COM 494	Independent Study	
COM 495	Special Topics:	
Total Hours		45-48

¹ Note: COM 355 News Production Workshop is repeatable for credit.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the Bachelor of Arts in Journalism program, a degree recipient will be able to:

- Apply the principles and laws of freedom of speech and press, in a global context, and for the United States.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the multicultural history and role of professionals and institutions in shaping Journalism.
- Demonstrate culturally proficient communication that empowers those traditionally disenfranchised in society, especially as grounded in race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation and ability, domestically and globally, across Journalism contexts.
- Present images and information effectively and creatively, using appropriate tools and technologies.
- Write correctly and clearly in forms and styles appropriate for the Journalism professions, audiences and purposes they serve.
- Demonstrate an understanding of professional ethical principles and work ethically in pursuit of truth, accuracy, fairness and diversity.
- Apply critical thinking skills in conducting research and evaluating information by methods appropriate to Journalism professions.
- Effectively and correctly apply basic numerical and statistical concepts.
- Critically evaluate their own work and that of others for accuracy and fairness, clarity, appropriate style and grammatical correctness.
- Apply tools and technologies appropriate for the Journalism professions.

Journalism

4-Year Roadmap

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Fall		
GE Area 1A English Composition		3
GE Area 3A Arts		3
GE Area 4A Perspectives on Individuals, Groups, and Society		3
GE Area 6 Ethnic Studies		3
Elective to meet 120		3
Hours		15
Spring		
HIS 101 or POL 101	History Of United States or American Institutions	3
GE Area 5A Physical Science or 5B Biological Sciences		3
GE Area 2 Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning		3
COM 100	Media & Society (satisfies GE Area 3B Humanities)	3
Additional GE in Area 3A Arts or 3B Humanities		3
Hours		15
Second Year		
Fall		
THE 120	Fundamentals of Speech (Satisfies GE Area 1C Oral Communication)	3
GE Area 5A Physical Sciences or 5B Biological Sciences		3
GE Area 5C Laboratory		1
GE Area 4B Global and Historical Perspectives		3
COM 106	Digital Toolkit	2
COM 107	Digital Toolkit Lab	1
Elective to meet 120 units		3
Hours		16
Spring		
COM 110	Introduction to Digital Media Production	2
COM 111	Introduction to Digital Media Production Laboratory	1
COM 250	Writing for the Media	3
COM 301	News and Information Literacy	3
HIS 101 or POL 101	History Of United States or American Institutions	3
GE Area 1B Critical Thinking		3
Hours		15
Third Year		
Fall		
GE Area 3UD Arts/Humanities		3
ENG 350	Advanced Composition (GWAR satisfying course)	3
COM 302	Law Of The Mass Media	3
Journalism Elective ¹		3
UD Elective Course		3
Hours		15
Spring		
GE Area 5UD Integrative Studies in the Natural Sciences		3
COM 338	Cross-Cultural Journalism	3
COM 346	News Gathering & Reporting	3
COM 379	Media Industries	3
Journalism Elective ¹		3
Hours		15
Fourth Year		
Fall		
GE Area 4UD Social and Behavioral Sciences		3
COM 355	News Production Workshop ²	3
Journalism Elective ¹		3
UD Elective Course		3
UD Elective Course		3
Hours		15

Course	Title	Hours
Spring		
COM 490	Senior Project	3
COM 496	Internship In Communications	3
COM 355	News Production Workshop (or Journalism Elective) ¹	3
UD Elective Course		3
Elective Course		2
Hours		14
Total Hours		120

¹ Students select Journalism elective from: COM 206, COM 314/315, COM 320, COM 328, COM 333/334, COM 347, COM 348, COM 352, COM 358, COM 360, COM 368, COM 388/389, COM 400, COM 435, COM 495

² Students who take COM 355 twice may only take 3 Journalism electives.

2-Year Roadmap

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Fall		
GE Area 3UD Arts/Humanities		3
COM 100	Media & Society	3
COM 106	Digital Toolkit	2
COM 107	Digital Toolkit Lab	1
COM 110	Introduction to Digital Media Production	2
COM 111	Introduction to Digital Media Production Laboratory	1
COM 250	Writing for the Media	3
Hours		15
Spring		
COM 301	News and Information Literacy	3
COM 302	Law Of The Mass Media	3
COM 338	Cross-Cultural Journalism	3
COM 346	News Gathering & Reporting	3
Journalism Elective		3
Hours		15
Second Year		
Fall		
GE Area 5UD Integrative Studies in the Sciences or 4B Global and Historical Perspectives		3
COM 355	News Production Workshop	3
COM 358	Communications Graphics	3
COM 380		
Journalism Elective ¹		3
Hours		12
Spring		
COM 490	Senior Project	3
COM 496	Internship In Communications	3
GE Area 5UD Integrative Studies in the Natural Sciences or 4UD Social and Behavioral Sciences		3
GWAR Course		3
Choose one production course from the following: COM 316, COM 333, COM 388		3
Hours		15
Total Hours		57

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