BA or BS in Journalism (36+ hours)

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All JOUR courses must be passed with a C or higher. This major requires you to have a minor or a second major.

Required
Complete BOTH of these:

☐ JOUR 200 Basic News Writing
☐ JOUR 480 Journalism Law & Regulation (PRQ: Junior standing) or COMS 455 Media Law & Ethics

Block 1: Constructing Media Narratives
Complete FIVE:

☐ JOUR 301* Article Writing (PRQ: JOUR 200)
☐ JOUR 302* News Reporting (PRQ: JOUR 200)
☐ JOUR 312 Graphics of Communications (PRQ: Sophomore standing)
☐ JOUR 315 Press Photography
☐ JOUR 353* Sports Journalism (PRQ: JOUR 200)
☐ JOUR 354* Fundamentals of Broadcast News (PRQ: JOUR 200)
☐ JOUR 356 Electronic News Gathering and Editing (4) (PRQ: JOUR 200)
☐ JOUR 360* Public Relations Writing (PRQ: JOUR 200 and JOUR 335, or consent)
☐ JOUR 401* Editorial and Opinion Writing (PRQ: JOUR 200)
☐ JOUR 402 Advanced Reporting (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 464* Content for Emerging Media
☐ JOUR 485A Topics in Journalism Writing
☐ JOUR 492 Internship in Journalism
☐ Also counts: JOUR 357, 364, 460, 461

Block 2: News in Society
Complete FIVE:

☐ JOUR 201 Issues in Journalism
☐ JOUR 210 Information Gathering in the Digital Age
☐ COMS 260 Social Media Communication
☐ JOUR 295 Reading News Critically
☐ JOUR 335 Principles of Public Relations (PRQ: Sophomore standing)
☐ JOUR 350 Environment, Health, and the Media
☐ JOUR 407 Media and Technology
☐ JOUR 410 News Editing (PRQ: JOUR 200)
☐ JOUR 481 History of Journalism (PRQ: Junior standing)
☐ JOUR 483 Mass Media in Modern Society (PRQ: Junior standing)
☐ JOUR 485B Topics in Journalism & Society
☐ JOUR 487 News and Entertainment (PRQ: Junior standing)
☐ Also counts: JOUR 436, 449, 482, 486, 490

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