

JOURNALISM (BA)

Department Website (<http://journalism.nyu.edu/>)

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Program Description

At NYU, we believe that journalism has a critical public mission and can make a difference in a free and democratic society. Opportunities abound in the media world, but the opportunity to do compelling work that informs, engages, and matters is what drives our faculty, motivates our students, and shapes our basic approach.

Our coursework focuses on the basic skills of reporting, research, writing, and multimedia storytelling. Simultaneously students tackle ethics, learn journalism history, and consider what journalism can and should accomplish when informing the public. New York City is our laboratory, and students move seamlessly from the classroom into the city on assignments that take them all over town.

Given our place within the Arts and Science core of a leading university, the institute sees journalism as an essential strand in the liberal arts tradition. But we also recognize that news is a business. When our graduates enter that business, they are prepared to improve and enliven it. And even if they do not pursue careers in journalism, the training our students receive—the ability to read closely, engage in deep research, think critically, and write effectively—are essential for success in any career.

Honors Program

Juniors and seniors who have maintained a 3.65 overall GPA and a 3.65 GPA in the Journalism major are eligible for the two-course, 8-credit honors program. The undergraduate student adviser will reach out to all eligible students during the spring semester to gauge interest in the program and advise regarding next steps for participation. Students take a special honors section of JOUR-UA 351 Honors: Adv Reporting followed by JOUR-UA 352 Honors Senior Seminar to complete a two-semester capstone project. Students enrolled in honors may take a maximum of 40 credits in journalism.

Admissions

New York University's Office of Undergraduate Admissions supports the application process for all undergraduate programs at NYU. For additional information about undergraduate admissions, including application requirements, see How to Apply (<https://www.nyu.edu/admissions/undergraduate-admissions/how-to-apply.html>).

Program Requirements

The major in Journalism requires eight 4-credit courses (32 credits) completed with a grade of C or better (courses graded Pass/Fail do not count) as outlined below. All majors in Journalism are required to complete a second (double) major in the College of Arts and Science. Students pursuing the honors program take one additional journalism course, completing nine 4-credit courses for a total of 36 major credits.

Students may choose to take up to 36 credits in journalism (but no more); the only exception is for honors majors, who may take up to 40 credits (but no more).

Course	Title	Credits
General Education Requirements		
First-Year Seminar		4
EXPOS-UA 1	Writing as Inquiry	4
Foreign Language		16
Quantitative Reasoning		4
Physical Science		4
Life Science		4
Texts and Ideas		4
Cultures and Contexts		4
Expressive Culture		4
Major Requirements		
<i>Core Courses</i> ¹		
JOUR-UA 50	Investigating Journalism	4
JOUR-UA 101	Journalistic Inquiry: The Written Word	4
JOUR-UA 102	Journalistic Inquiry: Multimedia	4
JOUR-UA 201	The Beat:	4
JOUR-UA 301	Adv Reporting:	4
or JOUR-UA 351 & JOUR-UA 352	Honors: Adv Reporting and Honors Senior Seminar	
Coursework for the second major ²		36
Electives		
Select three of the following Journalism Electives: ³		12
JOUR-UA 202	Methods and Practice:	
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JOUR-UA 204	Elective Reporting Tpcs:	
JOUR-UA 302	Production and Publication:	
JOUR-UA 401	Senior Seminar:	
JOUR-UA 502	Journalism Ethics & First Amendment Law	
JOUR-UA 503	Journalism and Society:	
JOUR-UA 504	Journalism as Lit:	
JOUR-UA 505	Issues and Ideas:	
JOUR-UA 997	Advanced Individualized Studies	
Other Elective Credits		12
Total Credits		128

¹ Although students are generally encouraged to complete the core courses in sequence, some courses can be completed out of sequence and/or concurrently. Students may consult the undergraduate studies section of the journalism website for details about course prerequisites and sequencing.

² All Journalism majors must complete a second major in CAS. In this chart a nine-course (36 credits) major is used as an example.

³ Certain electives from other departments and programs can, with permission, be approved as electives for the Journalism major. Because the institute puts a high value on numeric literacy, double majors in economics, politics, psychology, and sociology may count one of the following quantitative courses toward their three required journalism electives:

- Economics ECON-UA 18 Statistics (P)
- Politics POL-UA 850 Introduction to Research Methods for Politics

- Psychology PSYCH-UA 10 Statistics for The Behavioral Sciences
- Sociology SOC-UA 302 Statistics for Social Research

Tracks

Before completing the last two core courses in the major (The Beat and Advanced Reporting), Journalism majors specialize by pursuing one of two tracks:

- The **Print/Online** track is designed for students who wish to focus on writing and reporting for print and online media.
- The **Broadcast** track is for students who wish to focus on reporting and video production for broadcast media.

While students are not required to formally declare their track (and it will not be specified in Albert or on their diploma or transcript), they will need to choose which track they want to pursue before taking The Beat and Advanced Reporting and must commit to that track. Students cannot “mix-and-match” Beat and Advanced reporting sections from different tracks (e.g. they cannot take a Broadcast section of Advanced Reporting after taking a Print/Online section of The Beat).

Sample Plan of Study

This plan applies to both the Broadcast and Print/Online tracks in the major. All majors in Journalism must complete a second major in the College (here assumed to be nine courses/36 credits).

Course	Title	Credits
1st Semester/Term		
EXPOS-UA 1	Writing as Inquiry ¹	4
Foreign Language		4
Texts and Ideas		4
Quantitative Reasoning		4
Credits		16
2nd Semester/Term		
JOUR-UA 50	Investigating Journalism	4
Foreign Language		4
Cultures and Contexts		4
First-Year Seminar		4
Credits		16
3rd Semester/Term		
JOUR-UA 101	Journalistic Inquiry: The Written Word	4
Second Major: Course 1 of 9		4
Foreign Language		4
Expressive Culture		4
Credits		16
4th Semester/Term		
JOUR-UA 102	Journalistic Inquiry: Multimedia	4
Second Major: Course 2 of 9		4
Second Major: Course 3 of 9		4
Foreign Language		4
Credits		16
5th Semester/Term		
JOUR-UA 201	The Beat: (Broadcast OR Print/Online version of course)	4
JOUR-UA XXX	Major Elective 1 of 3 ²	4
Second Major: Course 4 of 9		4
Physical Science		4
Credits		16
6th Semester/Term		
JOUR-UA XXX	Major Elective 2 of 3 ²	4

Second Major: Course 5 of 9		4
Second Major: Course 6 of 9		4
Life Science		4
Credits		16
7th Semester/Term		
JOUR-UA XXX	Major Elective 3 of 3 ²	4
Second Major: Course 7 of 9		4
Second Major: Course 8 of 9		4
Elective		4
Credits		16
8th Semester/Term		
JOUR-UA 301	Adv Reporting: (Broadcast OR Print/Online version of course)	4
Second Major: Course 9 of 9		4
Elective		4
Elective		4
Credits		16
Total Credits		128

¹ Students must complete the College’s Expository Writing requirement before enrolling in JOUR-UA courses.

² Chosen by advisement from a list of approved courses.

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the program, graduates will have:

1. Strong research, reporting, and writing skills in print, online, video, and audio media, presented appropriately to the intended audience.
2. The ability to develop story ideas, interview subjects, conduct research, and evaluate information.
3. The ability to use technological tools and apply quantitative concepts and methods as appropriate.
4. A commitment to work ethically in pursuit of truth, accuracy, fairness, and diverse perspectives in informing the public and holding those in power accountable.

Policies

Program Policies

Policies Applying to the Major in Journalism

1. Completion of the major exempts students from the College Core Curriculum’s requirement in Societies and the Social Sciences.
2. The prerequisite for both JOUR-UA 50 Investigating Journalism and JOUR-UA 101 Journalistic Inquiry: The Written Word is completion of the College’s Expository Writing requirement. Please see course descriptions for more detail on prerequisites and sequencing.
3. Students must achieve a grade of C (not C-) or better in all journalism courses to meet prerequisite requirements and count them toward the major. (Pass/Fail grades do not count.) Students earning grades lower than C must either repeat the course, or take an equivalent course if permitted.
4. All majors must complete a capstone piece in the required skills course Advanced Reporting, which allows for assessment of their progress at the conclusion of the major.

Policy on 2-Credit Courses

Journalism majors may take two (and no more than two) 2-credit JOUR-UA courses in lieu of one 4-credit course toward the elective requirement for the major (which is the completion of three electives/12 credits in total). Petitions to substitute 2-credit courses from outside the journalism

department will not be considered. Journalism minors must fulfill their elective requirement by completing 4-credit electives.

NYU Policies

University-wide policies can be found on the New York University Policy pages (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/nyu/policies/>).

College of Arts and Science Policies

A full list of relevant academic policies can be found on the CAS Academic Policies page (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/undergraduate/arts-science/academic-policies/>).