Journalism BA Degree Requirements Checklist Spring 2025 Edition

Use this form to track progress toward your degree and prepare for your SoCJ advising appointment. Majors and minors seeking help with general SBCs should make an appointment with ATAS. See page 4 for a curriculum map that offers a suggested course sequence by semester.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (45 Credits)

- 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**.
- JRN 106, JRN 208, and JRN 305 run as COM 106, COM 208, and COM 305.
- COM 415: Data Analysis and Storytelling is no longer required for majors and can be taken as an elective.

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	Introduction to Mass Media	3	SBS, USA	
	JRN 116	Introduction to Digital Journalism Pre- or corequisite: Journalism Major or Minor	3		
COM 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	
COM 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		
5	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 listed in the latest Undergraduate Bulletin. Not all electives are offered every semester.

#	Course Designator and Number	Title	Credits	SBCs	Grade (C or higher)
1			3		
2			3		
3			3		

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT

Majors are required to select a multidisciplinary concentration **OR** minor **OR** second major. Only ONE is required.

		SUBJECT
Ä	Concentration	
CHOOSE ONE	Minor	
CH	Second Major	

^{*} Some restrictions may apply. Consult with an SoCJ Advisor for more information.

ELECTIVES:

JRN 205: News Reporting and Writing II COM 225: Introduction to Video Production

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: Weekly Broadcast

JRN 390: Special Topics in Journalism

JRN 391: Journalism Workshops

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.

REQUIRED COURSES (12 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	
COM 106	Introduction to Mass Media	3	SBS, USA	
JRN 116	Introduction to Digital Journalism	3		
COM 208	History of Mass Communication Prerequisite: Journalism or Mass Communication Major or Minor	3	USA	

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#	Course Designator and Number	Title	Credits	SBCs	Grade (C or higher)
1			ω		
2			3		
3			3		

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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?

Contact SoCJ's Career Coach, Madeline Rosenberg (madeline.rosenberg@stonybrook.edu)

NOTES:

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]

YEAR 1 - FALL 6 Major Credits	YEAR 1 - SPRING 6 Major Credits
JRN 101	JRN 116
COM 106	POL 102

YEAR 2- FALL 6 Major Credits	YEAR 2- SPRING 6 Major Credits
COM 208	JRN 217
JRN 216	JRN 301

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

YEAR 4- FALL 6 Major Credits	YEAR 4- SPRING 3 Major Credits
300+ Level JRN/COM Elective	JRN 490
300+ Level JRN/COM Elective	-

^{*}JRN 311 is offered in the Fall. JRN 312 is offered in the Spring. JRN 313 is offered in both Fall and Spring.