

Journalism:

Students in the Department of Journalism will receive the degree of a Bachelor of Science in Journalism. Students should follow the Journalism curriculum guide, which is available at <http://www.bu.edu/com/resources/current-students/undergraduate/forms/>.

As you are registering for courses, please be mindful of all pre-requisites.

*All students in this department need to complete six specific requirements. Those requirements are:

JO250, Fundamentals of Journalism (students must finish CO201 first)

JO303, Visual Journalism

JO304, Online Journalism (students must finish JO303 first)

JO310, Beat Reporting (students must finish JO250 first)

JO357, History and Principles of Journalism

JO525, Media Law and Ethics

*In addition to the 6 required courses, students must also then take 3 additional Journalism courses (or twelve total academic credits) as program electives, all at the 300-level or higher. These courses are offered across a wide variety of fields and areas. Students are encouraged to take courses in their interest, and to cross specializations. However, students can also focus in one field if they so choose. Some of the courses available are in the following specializations:

Online Journalism:

JO508, Copy Editing (JO304 required)

JO520, Advanced Media Design (JO301 or JO512 required)

JO550, Advanced Multimedia (JO304 required)

Broadcast Journalism:

JO351, Reporting with Audio and Video (JO250 or JO303 required)

JO435, Online Radio Newsroom (JO351 required)

JO431, Video Enterprise Reporting (JO351 required; typically only offered in Spring semester)

JO451, Television Newsroom (JO351 required; typically only offered in Fall semester)

Magazine Journalism:

JO301, Designing Media

JO403, Magazine Writing & Editing (JO310 required; typically only offered in Fall semester)

JO535, Investigative Reporting (JO310 required)

Photojournalism:

JO312, Photojournalism I (JO303 required)

JO513, Advanced Photojournalism (JO312 required)

JO522, Professional Portfolio (JO303 required)

***General-Track Journalism:**

JO309, Feature Writing (JO310 required)

JO503, Journalism Research

JO535, Investigative Reporting (JO310 required)

*There are dozens of other courses to choose from for this requirement. Please consult the COM bulletin online for other options.

****Registration for Spring 2017 begins on Sunday, April 9, 2017****

***The CAS Focus:** All students in the College of Communication must also complete a three-course sequence known as the CAS focus. This liberal arts requirement is in addition to the COM foundation requirements, and courses taken toward the CAS focus cannot also count toward COM foundation requirements. The courses for the CAS focus typically must be at the 300-level, or higher, in one department at CAS. There are some exceptions to this, which are explained on the [CAS Focus Information Sheet](#) on the website. The prime exception is that any COM student who has officially declared a minor in CAS can use lower-level (100 or 200 level) courses toward the CAS focus, provided they will not count toward COM foundation requirements. (This requirement does not apply to students in the BA program in Cinema & Media Studies.)

***Electives:** Please note that students need 128 total credits to finish a Bachelor of Science degree. Completion of the foundation requirements, as well as the major-specific requirements, will usually not amount to 128 total credits. Students will therefore have electives to take to reach the minimum credit requirement. Electives can be fulfilled using any academic coursework, including other courses in COM. Students often choose to complete electives by declaring minors (mostly in CAS, but also in COM, SHA, CFA, Questrom, and any other college at BU), by going to abroad programs, by declaring a Dual Degree program, etc.

***Internships:** Students majoring in Journalism are allowed to receive internships for credit once they have junior standing, have completed both JO250 and either JO303 or JO357, and have a 3.0 in COM. Students should speak with Chair Bill McKeen (wmckeen@bu.edu) in order to learn more about registering for internships.

***Studying Abroad:** Students are allowed to apply to an abroad program once they have achieved junior status. Specific GPA and pre-requisite course requirements are also needed. Those can be reviewed on our Study Abroad Fact Sheet, located at <http://www.bu.edu/com/resources/current-students/undergraduate/forms/>. Students are encouraged to speak with COM Undergraduate Affairs to discuss academic implications of studying abroad, and also to inquire about specific abroad programs with their faculty advisor. However, please note that all study abroad approval paperwork must be signed at COM Undergraduate Affairs.

***Overloading:** COM juniors can overload up to 20 credits if they have a 3.0 overall GPA or higher, and can do so without extra charge if they have a 3.3 or higher. COM seniors, however, can overload up to 20 credits at no extra charge regardless of GPA.

Courses marked as “permission required” just mean that you need to be a COM student to register for them at your assigned time, so unless there are flags or you do not meet the pre-requisites, you do not need permission to plan and register for any COM classes at your assigned time.

*Please be aware that COM students are allowed to double major, or declare a minor, within COM. Journalism students can declare a double major or a minor with either Communication or Film & Television. However, Journalism students cannot declare a minor within Journalism. For more information, please contact Undergraduate Affairs at comugrad@bu.edu.

WEB-REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS AND ONLINE SERVICES:

*All COM students register for courses via WebRegistration on the StudentLink. You will need your BU email address and Kerberos password to utilize this. Full instructions on how to register on the Link are available at <http://www.bu.edu/reg/registration/academic-student-link/>. Remember that all BU students must be **compliant** to register. Compliance rules are explained at <http://www.bu.edu/reg/general-information/compliance/>.

Start-Times for Fall 2017 Registration:

***Registration for juniors and seniors is on April 9, 2017.** Registration start times for that day are available at <http://www.bu.edu/reg/calendars/registration/>. COM students no longer need an Academic Advising Code to register. COM students can only register for up to 14.0 COM credits on WebReg. Seniors and juniors who wish to register for more COM credits can come to the offering COM Department beginning on April 24. If there are open seats and students meet pre-requisites, students can register for up to 20 COM credits at that time.

COM Undergraduate Affairs is located at room 123 in the College of Communication. Contact us at 617-353-3471 or at comugrad@bu.edu.

The Department of Journalism is located at room 131 in COM. Contact them at 617-353-3484 or at jodept@bu.edu.