B.S. Journalism
Department of Journalism

This guide is meant for freshmen entering Boston University (BU) in Fall 2018 and forward

Name: ______________________  BU ID: ______________________  Date: ______________________

All courses listed below have a COM prefix unless otherwise noted. All courses require a minimum pre-req of sophomore standing unless otherwise noted.

College Requirements (4 total credits required plus CO 575)

- CO 101 The Human Storyteller (open to freshmen, a minimum grade of a “C” is required, CAS WR 120 is a co-req)
- CO 575 COM Professional Experience (zero credits, repeatable)

Department Requirements (24 total credits required)

- CO 201 Intro to Communication Writing (pre-req CAS WR 120, open to 2nd semester freshmen)
- JO 150 History and Principles of Journalism (open to 2nd semester freshmen)
- JO 200 Newswriting (pre-req CO 201)
- JO 205 Visual Storytelling
- JO 210 Reporting in Depth (pre-req JO 200 & JO 205)
- JO 350 Law and Ethics of Journalism

Journalism Professional Core Requirement (minimum of 4 total credits required)

Students must complete one of the following three courses:

- JO 400 Newsroom (pre-req JO 150, JO 200, JO 205, JO 210, & JO 350) (course is repeatable & will be accompanied by a one-credit Innovation Lab – JO 401 – the one credit for JO 401 cannot count toward the 128 credits required for graduation)
- JO 445 Professional Project (pre-req approval of faculty committee) (variable credit)
- JO 546 Journalism Statehouse Program (pre-req approval of instructor) (8 credits)

Students who take more than one of the Journalism Professional Core courses can use the credits for the second or third course listed above toward Journalism Program Requirements.

Journalism Program Requirements (16 total credits required)

- JO 301 Editorial Design (pre-req JO 205)
- JO 309 Feature Writing (pre-req JO 200, JO 205, & JO 210)
- JO 312 Photojournalism I (pre-req JO 205)
- JO 351 Reporting with Audio and Video (pre-req JO 200 & JO 205)
- JO 403 Magazine Writing and Editing (pre-req JO 200 & JO 210)
- JO 404 Radio Station Management (pre-req instructor consent)
- JO 412 COM Internship (variable credit) (pre-req JO 200 & JO 205, junior standing, good academic standing) (only 4 credits can count here)
- JO 451 Television Newsroom (pre-req JO 200, JO 205, & JO 351)
- JO 490 Directed Study (variable credit) (pre-req instructor and departmental consent) (only 4 credits can count here)
- JO 500 Media Criticism
- JO 501 Business and Economics Reporting (pre-req JO 200)
- JO 502 Special Topics (variable credit, pre-reqs may vary by topic)
- JO 504 Arts Criticism
- JO 505 Race and Gender in Media
- JO 508 Copyediting (pre-req JO 200)
- JO 511 Covering Politics (only available as part of Statehouse program)
- JO 513 Photojournalism II (pre-req JO 205 & JO 312)
- JO 514 Sports Journalism (pre-req JO 200)
- JO 519 Narrative Radio (pre-req JO 200, JO 205, JO 351, & JO 435)
- JO 520 Advanced Editorial Design (pre-req JO 205 & JO 301)
- JO 521 Data Journalism (pre-req JO 200)
- JO 524 Sports Reporting and Production (pre-req JO 200, JO 205, & JO 351)
- JO 527 Narrative Journalism (pre-req JO 200)
- JO 532 Sports Seminar (pre-req JO 200)
- JO 541 Art of the Interview (pre-req consent of instructor)
- JO 542 Literature of Journalism (pre-req JO 150)
- JO 543 Restoring Lost Stories (pre-req JO 150 & JO 200)

Students who take all three of JO 404, JO 412, and JO 490 must note that only 8 credits total from these three courses can count as Journalism Program Requirements. Students can only take a maximum of 12 credits from these toward the minimum credit total of 128 required for graduation.

Note: Any COM JO course 300-level or above may count as a Journalism Program Requirement. Recommended, but not required pathways are available through consultation with faculty advisors in the Journalism Department. The pathways will be updated routinely to mirror the ever-changing world of professional journalism.

DEGREE REQUIREMENT NOTES:
- A minimum of 128 credits is required for graduation.
- Students must also complete all BU Hub general education requirements.
- No one-credit courses, PDP courses, or ROTC courses can count toward graduation.
- Journalism students are limited to four total credits of internship domestically through a departmental internship coordinator and an additional four credits through a Boston University Study Abroad Program. No more than eight credits of Journalism internship can count toward the degree. Only four credits of internship can count toward the Journalism Program Requirements, the other four credits will count as general electives.
- Only eight credits of each of the following courses can count toward the 128 required for a degree: COM JO 400, COM JO 412, COM JO 490.
- A maximum of 52 credits (typically equivalent to 13 BU courses) from the Department of Journalism (including CO 201, but excluding CO 101 and CO 575) can be taken on the Charles River Campus.
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**Notes:**

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**BU Hub for students entering BU as first-year**

*(non-Transfers from outside of BU)*

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### Philosophical, Aesthetic, and Historical Interpretation

- Philosophical Inquiry and Life’s Meanings
- Aesthetic Exploration
- Historical Consciousness

**COM JO 150**

### Scientific and Social Inquiry

- Scientific Inquiry I or II
- Social Inquiry I or II
- Scientific Inquiry II or Social Inquiry II

**COM CO 101 (Social I)**

**COM JO 350 (Social II)**

### Quantitative Reasoning

- Quantitative Reasoning I or II
- Quantitative Reasoning II

### Diversity, Civic Engagement, and Global Citizenship

- The Individual in the Community
- Global Citizenship & Intercultural Literary (2 units required)
- Ethical Reasoning

**COM JO 210**

**COM JO 350**

### Communication

- First Year Writing Seminar
- Writing, Research, and Inquiry
- Writing-Intensive (2 units required) **COM CO 201**
- Oral and/or Signed Communication
- Digital/Multimedia Expression

**CAS WR 120**

**CAS WR 150/151/152**

**COM JO 200**

**COM CO 201**

**COM CO 101**

### Intellectual Toolkit

- Critical Thinking (2 units required)
- Research and Information Literacy (2 units required)
- Teamwork/Collaboration (2 units required)
- Creativity/Innovation (2 units required)

**COM JO 200**

**CAS WR 150/151/152**

**COM CO 201**

**COM JO 205**