

# B.S. Journalism

## Department of Journalism

This guide is meant for first-year students entering BU in the 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-requisite of sophomore standing unless otherwise noted.

### College Requirements (4 total credits required plus CO 575)

**CO 101** The Human Storyteller (open to first-year students, a minimum grade of a C is required, First-Year Writing Seminar 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 First-Year Writing Seminar, open to 2<sup>nd</sup> semester first-year students)

**JO 200** Newswriting (pre-req CO 201)

**JO 150** History and Principles of Journalism (open to 2<sup>nd</sup> semester first-year students)

**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 210) (course is repeatable)

**JO 455** Professional Project (pre-req approval of full-time JO faculty and department, JO 150 & JO 210) (variable credit)

**JO 546** Journalism Statehouse Program (pre-req approval of instructor, JO 150 & JO 210)

Students who take more than 4 credits of one of the Journalism Professional Core Requirements can use the additional credits toward Journalism Program Requirements.

### Journalism Program Requirements (16 total credits required)

**JO 300** Media & Democracy: Journalism in an Age of Disinformation

**JO 504** Arts Criticism

**JO 309** Feature Writing (pre-req JO 210)

**JO 505** Race and Gender in Media

**JO 312** Photojournalism I (pre-req JO 205)

**JO 508** Multi-platform Story Editing (pre-req JO 200 & JO 205)

**JO 322** Smartphone Reporting (pre-req First-Year Writing Seminar)

**JO 511** Covering Politics (only available as part of the Statehouse Program)

**JO 351** Reporting with Audio and Video (pre-req JO 200 & JO 205)

**JO 513** Photojournalism II (pre-req JO 312)

**JO 403** Magazine Writing and Editing (pre-req JO 210)

**JO 514** Sports Journalism (pre-req JO 200)

**JO 404** Radio Station Management (pre-req instructor consent) (only 4 credits can count here)

**JO 519** Narrative Radio (pre-req JO 435)

**JO 412** Internship (pre-req JO 200 & JO 205, junior standing) (only 4 credits can count here)

**JO 521** Data Journalism (pre-req JO 200)

**JO 431** Enterprise Reporting (pre-req JO 351)

**JO 522** Filmmaking for Journalist (pre-req JO 205)

**JO 435** Online Radio Newsroom Enterprise (pre-req JO 351)

**JO 535** Investigative & Project Reporting (pre-req JO 210)

**JO 490** Directed Study (pre-req instructor & department consent) (variable credit) (only 4 credits can count here)

**JO 537** Advanced Visual Storytelling (pre-req JO 205)

**JO 500** Media Criticism

**JO 541** Art of the Interview (pre-req consent of instructor)

**JO 502** Special Topics (variable credit) (some topics may have pre-reqs) (repeatable as a different topic)

**JO 542** Literature of Journalism (pre-req JO 150)

**JO 543** Rescuing Lost Stories (pre-req JO 150 & JO 200)

**JO 544** Trauma Journalism (pre-req JO 200)

Students who take all three of JO 404, JO 412 and JO 490 must note that only eight credits total from these three courses can count as Journalism Program Requirements. Students can only take a maximum of 12 credits from these three course numbers toward credits for graduation.

**Note:** Any COM JO course 300-level or above may count as a Journalism Program Requirement. We encourage students to work closely with their assigned faculty mentor, a professor Journalism, as you select your Journalism Program Requirements based on your educational and career goals.

### Degree Requirement Notes:

- A minimum of 128 credits is required for graduation
- Students must also complete all BU Hub general education requirements
- A maximum of 4 credits of 1 credit or .5 credit Boston University courses can count toward graduation.
- Journalism students are limited to a total of four JO internship credits through the departmental internship coordinator and another four credits of JO internship through a BU Study Abroad Program. No more than eight credits of JO internship can count toward the degree. In instances where students complete eight JO internship credits as described here, only four of those credits can count toward the Journalism Program Requirements and the other four credits of JO internship will only count as general electives toward the total credit number required for graduation.
- Only eight credits of each of the following courses can count toward the 128 required credits for a degree: JO 400, JO 412 (Internship), JO 490.

