

B.S. Journalism

Department of Journalism

This guide is meant for freshmen entering Boston University (BU) in Fall 2018 and forward, and transfer students entering BU Fall 2020 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 200 Newswriting** (pre-req CO 201)
 JO 150 History and Principles of Journalism (open to 2nd semester freshmen) **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 455 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 505 Race and Gender in Media**
 JO 309 Feature Writing (pre-req JO 200, JO 205, & JO 210) **JO 508 Copyediting** (pre-req JO 200)
 JO 312 Photojournalism I (pre-req JO 205) **JO 511 Covering Politics** (only available as part of Statehouse program)
 JO 351 Reporting with Audio and Video (pre-req JO 200 & JO 205) **JO 513 Photojournalism II** (pre-req JO 205 & JO 312)
 JO 403 Magazine Writing and Editing (pre-req JO 200 & JO 210) **JO 514 Sports Journalism** (pre-req JO 200)
 JO 404 Radio Station Management (pre-req instructor consent) **JO 519 Narrative Radio** (pre-req JO 200, JO 205, JO 351, & JO 435)
 JO 412 COM Internship (variable credit) (pre-req JO 200 & JO 205, junior standing, good academic standing) (only 4 credits can count here) **JO 520 Advanced Editorial Design** (pre-req JO 205 & JO 301)
 JO 451 Television Newsroom (pre-req JO 200, JO 205, & JO 351) **JO 521 Data Journalism** (pre-req JO 200)
 JO 490 Directed Study (variable credit) (pre-req instructor and departmental consent) (only 4 credits can count here) **JO 524 Sports Reporting and Production** (pre-req JO 200, JO 205, & JO 351)
 JO 500 Media Criticism **JO 527 Narrative Journalism** (pre-req JO 200)
 JO 501 Business and Economics Reporting (pre-req JO 200) **JO 532 Sports Seminar** (pre-req JO 200)
 JO 502 Special Topics (variable credit, pre-reqs may vary by topic) **JO 541 Art of the Interview** (pre-req consent of instructor)
 JO 504 Arts Criticism **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.



Plan of Study

Name: _____ College: _____ Major: _____

First Year	Fall Classes	Spring Classes	Major, Minor, and College Requirements
	Fall Classes	Spring Classes	
	Fall Classes	Spring Classes	
	Fall Classes	Spring Classes	
Second Year	Fall Classes	Spring Classes	Major, Minor, and College Requirements
	Fall Classes	Spring Classes	
	Fall Classes	Spring Classes	
	Fall Classes	Spring Classes	
Third Year	Fall Classes	Spring Classes	Major, Minor, and College Requirements
	Fall Classes	Spring Classes	
	Fall Classes	Spring Classes	
	Fall Classes	Spring Classes	
Fourth Year	Fall Classes	Spring Classes	Major, Minor, and College Requirements
	Fall Classes	Spring Classes	
	Fall Classes	Spring Classes	
	Fall Classes	Spring Classes	

BU Hub Requirements

Intellectual Toolkit:

- Critical Thinking _____
- Research & Info Literacy _____
- Creativity/Innovation _____
- Teamwork _____
- Life Skills _____

Philosophical, Aesthetic, Historical Interpretation

- Philosophical Inquiry _____
- Aesthetic Exploration _____
- Historical Consciousness _____
- Scientific & Social Inquiry**
- Scientific Inquiry I _____
- Social Inquiry I _____
- Scientific/Social Inquiry II _____

Quantitative Reasoning

- Quantitative Reasoning I _____
- Quantitative Reasoning II _____
- Diversity, Civic Engagement, & Global Citizenship**
- Individual in Community _____
- Global Cit./Intercultural Literacy _____
- Ethical Reasoning _____

Communication

- First Year Writing Seminar _____
- Writing, Research, & Inquiry _____
- Writing Intensive Course _____
- Oral/Signed Communication _____
- Digital/Multimedia Expression _____