

B.S. Journalism

Department of Journalism

This guide is for those that enter BU as first-year students.

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 units 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 units, repeatable)

Department Requirements (24 total units required)

CO 201 Intro to Communication Writing (pre-req First-Year Writing Seminar, open to 2nd term first-year students)

JO 150 History and Principles of Journalism (open to 2nd term first-year students)

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 units 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 unit)

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

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

Journalism Program Requirements (16 total units required)

JO 155 Reporting for Social Media

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

JO 309 Feature Writing (pre-req JO 210)

JO 312 Photojournalism I (pre-req JO 205)

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

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

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

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

JO 412 Internship (pre-req JO 200 & JO 205) (only 4 units can count here)

JO 431 Enterprise Reporting (pre-req JO 351)

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

JO 490 Directed Study (pre-req instructor & department consent) (variable unit) (only 4 units can count here)

JO 500 Media Criticism

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

JO 504 Arts Criticism

JO 505 Race and Gender in Media

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

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

JO 513 Photojournalism II (pre-req JO 312)

JO 514 Sports Journalism (pre-req JO 200)

JO 519 Narrative Radio (pre-req JO 435)

JO 521 Data Journalism (pre-req JO 200)

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

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

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

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

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)

HUB XC 473 Justice Media Computational Journalism Co-Lab

Students who take all three of JO 404, JO 412 and JO 490 must note that only eight units total from these three courses can count as Journalism Program Requirements. Students can only take a maximum of 12 units from these three course numbers toward units 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 Journalism professor, as you select your Journalism Program Requirements based on your educational and career goals.

Degree Requirement Notes:

- A minimum of 128 units is required for graduation
- Students must also complete all BU Hub general education requirements
- A maximum of 4 units of 1 unit or .5 unit Boston University courses can count toward graduation.
- Journalism students are limited to a total of four JO internship units through the departmental internship coordinator and another four units of JO internship through a BU Study Abroad Program. No more than eight units of JO internship can count toward the degree. In instances where students complete eight JO internship units as described here, four of those units can count toward the Journalism Program Requirements and the other four units of JO internship will count as general electives toward the total unit number required for graduation.
- Only eight units of each of the following courses can count toward the 128 required units for a degree: JO 400, JO 412 (Internship), JO 490.
- We do our best to keep course pre-requisites noted on this guide current, but the most up to date pre-requisite listings are on MyBU Student.

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BU Hub general education requirements for students entering Boston University as first-years

Name: _____ BU ID: _____

Philosophical, Aesthetic, and Historical Interpretation

Philosophical Inquiry and Life's Meanings (PLM) _____

Aesthetic Exploration (AEX) _____

Historical Consciousness (HCO) COM JO 150

Scientific and Social Inquiry

Scientific Inquiry I or II (SI1 or SI2) _____

Social Inquiry I or II (SO1 or SO2) COM CO 101 (SO1)

Scientific Inquiry II (SI2) or Social Inquiry II (SO2) COM JO 350 (SO2)

Quantitative Reasoning

Quantitative Reasoning I or II (QR1 or QR2) _____

Quantitative Reasoning II (QR2) _____

Diversity, Civic Engagement, and Global Citizenship

The Individual in Community (IIC) COM JO 210

Global Citizenship & Intercultural Literacy (GCI) (2 required) _____

Ethical Reasoning (ETR) COM JO 350

Communication

First-Year Writing Seminar (FYW) CAS WR 120

Writing, Research, and Inquiry (WRI) CAS WR 151/152/153

Writing-Intensive Course (WIN) (2 required) COM CO 201

COM JO 200

Oral and/or Signed Communication (OSC) COM CO 201

Digital/Multimedia Expression (DME) COM CO 101

Intellectual Toolkit

Critical Thinking (CRT) (2 required) COM JO 200

Research and Information Literacy (RIL) (2 required) CAS WR 151/152/153

COM CO 201

Teamwork/Collaboration (TWC) (2 required) _____

Creativity/Innovation (CRI) (2 required) COM JO 205