

JOURNALISM-BA PUBLIC AFFAIRS JOURNALISM (PAJ)

2018-2019 Academic Year

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*This program leads to a tagged Bachelor of Arts in Journalism degree. Requirements for students admitted to the major SU12 and later. **Nine (9) COMM courses totaling at least 32 credits** are required. A grade of C- or better is required in all courses in the major. Maintaining a 2.0 GPA in the major is required after admission to the program.*

Program Area Description

Public Affairs Journalism teaches you how to investigate and disseminate news. Our multimedia focus prepares you to integrate this training with the skills necessary for packaging news stories with word, still photo, audio, and video. As a journalism student, you also are taught to consider the context in which you will practice in the field, including an understanding of the social, legal, and ethical implications that all journalists encounter.

To emphasize applied learning, students are provided extensive skills training, further reinforced through experience at *The Lantern*, completion of a minor, and a required news-related internship.

Required Pre-Major courses: 6 credit hours (these courses do not count in the major). All students must complete two pre-major courses. **A grade of C- or better is required in both courses** for a Major & Specialization Application to be considered. Admission is competitive and an online application is required. Please see comm.osu.edu for application deadlines. **Journalism DirectAdmit* students should contact their advisor for information about the program review process.

		Credits	Grade	Term
COMM 1100	Communication in Society	3		
COMM 1101	History of Communication	3		

1. Core Requirements (19 credit hours). All five courses are required.

		Credits	Grade	Term
COMM 2221	Media Writing and Editing	4		
COMM 2223	Lantern Practicum	4		
COMM 3226	Multimedia Journalism	4		
COMM 3404(H)	Media Law and Ethics	3		
COMM 4221	Data Journalism in Enterprise Reporting	4		

2. Research Method Requirement (4 credit hours). Choose one of the following:

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COMM 3160^(H)	Communication Research Methods	4		
COMM 3267^	Quantitative Reasoning for Journalists	4		
COMM 3169^	Interviewing	4		
COMM 3149^	Survey Research	4		

(H)=Honors course offered.

*Repeatable up to 9 credits. Only 3 credits count towards major.

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^Prereq: Stats 1350, 1450, or equivalent

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3. Critical Thinking Skills (6 credit hours). Choose at least 2 from this list.

COMM 3224	Principles of Civic Journalism
COMM 3402	Crime and News Media
COMM 3440	Mass Communication & Society
COMM 3597.01	International Perspectives on Communication
COMM 3597.02	Media & Terrorism
COMM 4240(H)	Science Communication
COMM 4814	Political Communication
COMM 4820(H)	Public Opinion and Communication

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4. Required Internship (3 credit hours).

COMM 4191*	Internship (1-3 credits, repeatable)
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TOTAL HOURS (minimum 32 credit hours) _____
 (Add credits from sections 1, 2, 3, and 4)

5. Required Minor (required credit hours vary by program; minimum 12 credit hours).

Students should declare the minor by the end of their first semester in the major. Students will select an approved minor from this list in order to develop knowledge in a content area: **Criminology, General Business, Economics, Geography, International Studies, Media Production & Analysis, Political Science, Capital Program.**

Students who feel that a different Arts & Sciences minor will better relate to their journalism career goals must receive approval from the School of Communication before the minor is declared. A written petition detailing the way in which the unapproved minor provides domain-specific expertise that aligns with career goals must be submitted. Not all petitions are approved.

Recommend Electives (optional; not required).

COMM 2210	News Design
COMM 2511	Visual Communication Design
COMM 3189**	Freelance Journalism Experience
COMM 3205	Explanatory Reporting
COMM 3225	Photojournalism
COMM 3403	Sports Media
COMM 3405	Lantern TV
COMM 3425	Media Management
COMM 4202	Feature Writing
COMM 4406(H)	Development of Mass Media in America

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