

# BACHELOR OF ARTS IN JOURNALISM

PUBLIC AFFAIRS JOURNALISM (PAJ)



## SAMPLE 4 YEAR GRADUATION PLAN

### YEAR 1

AUTUMN	Credits
Communication 1101*	3
English 1110.01 or 1110.02	3
Math 1148€	4
Foreign Language 1101	4
ArtsSci 1100.14	1
Total	15

SPRING	Credits
Communication 1100**	3
Foreign Language 1102	4
Stats 1350†	3
Literature Δ	3
Biological Science	3
Total	16

### YEAR 2

AUTUMN	Credits
<b>Minor Course</b>	3
2nd Writing GE •	3
Foreign Language 1103	4
Visual and Performing Arts	3
Historical Study Δ	3
Total	16

SPRING	Credits
<b>Communication 2221</b>	4
Physical Science	3
Cultures and Ideas or Historical Study	3
Social Science***	3
<i>Elective</i>	3
Total	16

### YEAR 3

AUTUMN	Credits
<b>Communication 2223</b>	4
<b>Research Methods</b>	4
<b>Minor course</b>	3
Science with lab	4
Total	16

SPRING	Credits
<b>Communication 3226</b>	4
<b>Critical Thinking Skills</b>	3
<b>Minor Course</b>	3
Open Options	3
<i>Elective</i>	3
Total	16

### YEAR 4

AUTUMN	Credits
<b>Communication 3404</b>	3
<b>Communication 4191</b>	3
<b>Minor Course</b>	3
<i>Elective</i>	3
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Total	15

SPRING	Credits
<b>Communication 4221</b>	4
<b>Critical Thinking Skills</b>	3
<b>Minor Course</b>	3
<i>Elective</i>	2
Total	12

Pre-Major Courses  
Major Courses

General Education Courses  
*Elective Courses*

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All programs in the College of Arts and Sciences require a minimum of 121 semester hours, including a minimum of 39 hours at the 3000 level or higher. The complete General Education curriculum and degree requirement list is available at:

<https://artsandsciences.osu.edu/academics/current-students/advising/ge>

Students interested in majoring in Public Affairs Journalism are required to apply for admission to their major after completion of pre-major coursework. Pre-major requirements (Communication 1100 and 1101) must be completed with a C- or better for a Major & Specialization Application to be considered. The competitive admissions process is based on cumulative grade point average, pre-major course completion, and enrollment capacity. See <http://comm.osu.edu/undergraduate/pre-major> for additional details. *NOTE: Journalism Direct Admit program students will be reviewed for progress at the end of the first year. Direct Admit students are required to successfully complete the pre-major courses prior to taking major-level courses.*

Through the major admissions process, students are required to select and apply for a specific Communication specialization. The curriculum of the different specializations varies. See <http://comm.osu.edu/undergraduate/communication> for information about each specialization.

Students completing the Public Affairs Journalism major are required to complete a minor in an approved area. Approved minors include: Business, Business Analytics, Campaigns and Elections, Capital Program, Criminology & Criminal Justice Studies, Economics, Geographic Information Science, Geography, International Studies, Media Production & Analysis, Political Science, Public Policy and World Politics. All other minors must be petitioned for approval prior to starting the minor. Not all petitions will be approved.

\*Communication 1101 is a GE Social Science: Individuals and Groups course.

\*\*Communication 1100 counts as a GE Open Options course.

\*\*\*This Social Science GE course must be from the Organizations and Politics or Human, Natural, and Economics Resources List.

€Math 1148 meets the GE Math and Logical Analysis requirement and requires Math Placement Score N. Students with other math placement scores will need to take different math classes. Students should speak with an advisor before selecting a math course.

‡Stats 1350 is a pre-req for the Research Methods requirements on the major and counts as a GE Data Analysis.

•Course selected for this requirement is recommended to cross-count with GE Social Diversity in the US. In the GE packet, Social Diversity in the US courses are marked with a dot symbol. Students who do not cross-count the Social Diversity in the US requirement with another GE courses will still be required to complete this requirement. Students are required to complete a minimum of 3 hours of Social Diversity in the US courses.

ΔCourses selected for this requirement are recommended to cross-count with GE Global Studies. In the GE packet, Global Studies courses are marked with a triangle symbol. Students who do not cross-count the Global Studies requirement with other GE courses will still be required to complete this requirement. Students are required to complete a minimum of 6 hours of Global Studies courses.

*Plan may vary depending on course offerings, placement test scores, any credit previously earned, individual student scheduling, major specialization selected, and admission to major. Students are encouraged to meet with their advisor at least once per semester to discuss scheduling and ensure they are on the track they hope to be on for completing their degree.*

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