

# BACHELOR OF ARTS IN JOURNALISM

PUBLIC AFFAIRS JOURNALISM (PAJ)

for students admitted to the university Autumn 2022 or later



## SAMPLE 4 YEAR GRADUATION PLAN

### YEAR 1

AUTUMN	Credits
Communication 1100*	3
English 1110.xx^	3
Stat 1350†	3
Foreign Language 1101	4
ArtsSci 1100.14	1
Communication 3189	1
Total	15

SPRING	Credits
Communication 1101	3
Foreign Language 1102	4
Natural Sciences	4-5
Literary, Visual and Performing Arts	3
GenEd 1201	1
Total	15-16

### YEAR 2

AUTUMN	Credits
<b>Communication 2221</b>	4
Foreign Language 1103	4
Historical and Cultural Studies	3
Race, Ethnicity and Gender Diversity	3
<i>Elective</i>	1
Total	15

SPRING	Credits
<b>Communication 3404</b>	3
<b>Approved Minor Course</b>	3
Citizenship for a Diverse and Just World**	3-4
Thematic Pathway***	3-4
<i>Elective</i>	3
Total	16-17

### YEAR 3

AUTUMN	Credits
<b>Communication 2223</b>	4
<b>Approved Minor Course</b>	3
Citizenship for a Diverse and Just World or <i>Elective</i>	3
<i>Elective</i>	3
<i>Elective</i>	2
Total	15

SPRING	Credits
<b>Communication 3226</b>	4
<b>Critical Thinking Skills</b>	3
<b>Approved Minor Course</b>	3
Thematic Pathway*** or <i>Elective</i>	3
<i>Upper Division Elective</i>	3
Total	16

### YEAR 4

AUTUMN	Credits
<b>Research Methods</b>	4
<b>Communication 4191</b>	3
<b>Approved Minor Course</b>	3
<i>Upper Division Elective</i>	3
GenEd 4001	1
Total	14

SPRING	Credits
<b>Communication 4221</b>	4
<b>Critical Thinking Skills</b>	3
<b>Approved Minor Course</b>	3
<i>Upper Division Elective</i>	3
<i>Elective</i>	2
Total	15

*Electives can be used to complete a double major, additional minor, certificate, or upper-division credit hours.*

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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 Admission 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.*

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.** See [artsandsciences.osu.edu](https://artsandsciences.osu.edu) for minor curriculum information.

Students who feel that a different 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.

Electives could be used to complete second major, minor, certificate, or upper-division credit hours.

\*Communication 1100 fulfills the GE Social and Behavioral Sciences course.

^English 1110.xx is a prerequisite for a required major course and fulfills the GE Writing and Information Literacy course.

‡Stat 1350 is a prerequisite for the Research Methods requirement on the major and fulfills the GE Mathematical and Quantitative Reasoning or Data Analysis course for the Bachelor of Arts degree. Math placement S or higher, or completion of remedial Math, may be required.

\*\*The GE Citizenship for a Diverse and Just World requires a minimum of 4 credit hours. If a 3 credit hour course is taken, you would need 2 courses or 6 credit hours to fulfill this requirement. If a 4 credit hour course is taken, you would need only 1 course or 4 credit hours.

\*\*\*The GE Thematic Pathways requires a minimum of 4 credit hours. If a 3 credit hour course is taken, you would need 2 courses or 6 credit hours to fulfill this requirement. If a 4 credit hour course is taken, you would need only 1 course or 4 credit hours.

*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.*

### CONTACT INFORMATION:

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