

JOURNALISM (BA)

Journalism majors are distinguished by their ability to research, interview and write under deadline pressure across a variety of platforms using the most appropriate forms of audio, photo and video to best tell stories that inform communities. As a journalism major, you learn from practitioners in the field and researchers with journalism backgrounds about how to share information, engage communities and make where you live a better place.

DePaul's Journalism Program features an array of courses in reporting, writing, multimedia production, broadcast journalism, photography and social media to prepare you to dig into content areas of your choice such as politics, sports, arts and entertainment, and community news.

The Journalism program is located in downtown Chicago, at DePaul's Loop campus, giving you access to many surrounding media outlets and allowing you to meet and work professionally with leading companies in the industry. You will have access to DePaul's state of the art equipment, recording studios, and student media spaces. Students gain experience in national award-winning co-curricular student organizations and can complete multiple competitive internships at news outlets in the city during the regular school year as part of their regular coursework.

Program Requirements	Quarter Hours
College Core Requirements	16
Liberal Studies Requirements	84
Major Requirements	48
Open Electives	44
Total hours required	192

Learning Outcomes

Students will be able to:

- Report the news of the day with clarity and conciseness.
- Critically evaluate the journalism profession and media industry to navigate its evolving landscape.
- Analyze the roles of technology, social media, and multimedia content in journalism.
- Analyze journalism's relationship to society, power, and politics locally and globally.

College Core Requirements (p.)

Modern Language Requirement (p. 1)

Language for Liberal Studies Option (<https://catalog.depaul.edu/undergraduate-core/liberal-studies-program/liberal-studies-program-guidelines/language-for-liberal-studies-option/>)

All majors in the College of Communication consist of a four-course common core plus an additional combination of program requirements and electives.

College Core Requirements

Four core courses are required of all College of Communication students:

Course	Title	Quarter Hours
CMN 101	INTRODUCTION TO HUMAN COMMUNICATION	4
CMN 102	INTRODUCTION TO MASS COMMUNICATION	4
CMN 103	INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE	4
CMN 104	PUBLIC SPEAKING	4

Students are encouraged to complete all four prior to taking additional coursework in the major.

Modern Language Requirement

Students who intend to graduate with a Bachelor of Arts degree in the College of Communication will be required to demonstrate a measure of competence in a modern language, as defined by the college. Such competence may be demonstrated in one of several ways:

- completing the last course in a second year high school course work in a modern language or Latin
- completing the last course in the first-year college sequence of any language
- completing a college course beyond the first-year level in any language
- achieving a satisfactory score on any of the Modern Language placement examinations administered at DePaul
- achieving a satisfactory rating in a proficiency examination accepted by DePaul
- achieving a score of 3 or higher on the Advance Placement (AP) test for any language (must be completed during high school)
- achieving a score of 5 or higher in the Language B assessment from a Standard or Higher Level International Baccalaureate (IB) program
- achieving a satisfactory score on the CLEP examination.

Modern Languages courses with an E-designation are taught in English and may not be applied to the Modern Language Requirement. Students with some modern language training should consult with the Modern Language Department about the course with which they should begin. Students with little or no previous work in the language will be required to complete the entire three-course introductory sequence.

Language For Liberal Studies Option (<https://catalog.depaul.edu/undergraduate-core/liberal-studies-program/liberal-studies-program-guidelines/language-for-liberal-studies-option/>)

The Language for Liberal Studies Option is available to all BA students who wish to study a modern language beyond the level necessary to meet the College's modern language requirement. Students selecting the option may substitute a three-course language sequence for three learning domain courses, or two upper-level courses in the same language for two learning domain requirements. Language for Liberal Studies waivers cannot be applied to courses in the Math and Computing Domain or courses in the Scientific Inquiry domain. Modern Language courses with an E-designation are taught in English and may not be applied to the Language for Liberal Studies Option.

Any substitutions must be consistent with the principle that students complete at least one course in each learning domain.

Liberal Studies Requirements

Honors program requirements can be found in the individual Colleges & Schools section of the University Catalog. Select the appropriate college or school, followed by Undergraduate Academics and scroll down.

First Year Program		Hours
Chicago Quarter		
LSP 110	DISCOVER CHICAGO	4
or LSP 111	or EXPLORE CHICAGO	
Focal Point		
LSP 112	FOCAL POINT SEMINAR	4
Writing		
WRD 103	COMPOSITION AND RHETORIC I ¹	4
WRD 104	COMPOSITION AND RHETORIC II ¹	4
Quantitative Reasoning		
MAT 120	QUANTITATIVE REASONING ²	4
Sophomore Year		
Race, Power, and Resistance		
LSP 200	SEMINAR ON RACE, POWER, AND RESISTANCE	4
Junior Year		
Experiential Learning		
Required		4
Senior Year		
Capstone		
JOUR 396	JOURNALISM CAPSTONE	4

¹ Students must earn a C- or better in this course.

² Readiness for MAT 120 is determined by the math placement test taken online after admission. Students may need to take developmental coursework prior to MAT 120. Students who complete MAT 120 and both a Computational Reasoning course and a Statistical Reasoning course in the Math and Computing Learning Domain take one less Learning Domain course. Students may not apply the course reduction to any Domain where only one course is required, and cannot be applied to the Scientific Inquiry Learning Domain. The MAT 120 requirement may be waived by passing a dedicated proficiency exam or it may be fulfilled by credit for advanced math coursework earned in-residence at DePaul (MAT 135, MAT 136, MAT 147, MAT 148, MAT 149, MAT 150, MAT 151, MAT 152, MAT 155, MAT 156, or equivalent) or earned externally either as transfer credit from another college/university or as test credit through AP, CLEP, IB, or International A and A/S Level exams. Calculus course(s) may be used to fulfill any of the three QR/MCD requirements.

Learning Domains

Arts and Literature (AL) (<https://catalog.depaul.edu/undergraduate-core/liberal-studies-program/liberal-studies-learning-domains/arts-and-literature/>)

- 2 Courses Required

Historical Inquiry (HI) (<https://catalog.depaul.edu/undergraduate-core/liberal-studies-program/liberal-studies-learning-domains/historical-inquiry/>)

- 2 Courses Required

Math and Computing (MC) (<https://catalog.depaul.edu/undergraduate-core/liberal-studies-program/liberal-studies-learning-domains/math-and-computing/>)

- 2 Courses Required
[1 CR Course and 1 SR Course]

Philosophical Inquiry (PI) (<https://catalog.depaul.edu/undergraduate-core/liberal-studies-program/liberal-studies-learning-domains/philosophical-inquiry/>)

- 2 Courses Required

Religious Dimensions (RD) (<https://catalog.depaul.edu/undergraduate-core/liberal-studies-program/liberal-studies-learning-domains/religious-dimensions/>)

- 2 Courses Required

Scientific Inquiry (SI) (<https://catalog.depaul.edu/undergraduate-core/liberal-studies-program/liberal-studies-learning-domains/scientific-inquiry/>)

- 2 Courses Required
[1 Lab Course and 1 SWK Course]

Social, Cultural, and Behavioral Inquiry (SCBI) (<https://catalog.depaul.edu/undergraduate-core/liberal-studies-program/liberal-studies-learning-domains/social-cultural-and-behavioral-inquiry/>)

- 2 Courses Required

Note

Courses offered in the student's primary major cannot be taken to fulfill LSP Domain requirements. If students double major, LSP Domain courses may double count for both LSP credit and the second major. Students who choose to take an experiential learning course offered by the major may count it either as a general elective or the Experiential Learning requirement.

In meeting learning domain requirements, no more than one course that is outside the student's major and is cross-listed with a course within the student's major, can be applied to count for LSP domain credit. This policy does not apply to those who are pursuing a double major or earning BFA or BM degrees.

Major Requirements

Course Requirements

Course	Title	Quarter Hours
Required Courses		20
JOUR 275	INTRODUCTION TO JOURNALISM	
JOUR 276	PHOTOJOURNALISM	
JOUR 278	NEWS REPORTING	
JOUR 280	INTRODUCTION TO MULTIMEDIA JOURNALISM	
JOUR 370	ADVANCED MULTIMEDIA REPORTING	
Select one of the following:		4
JOUR 301	REPORTING FOR 14 EAST MAGAZINE	

JOUR 357	PHOTOJOURNALISM FOR STUDENT MEDIA
JOUR 380	REPORTING FOR GOOD DAY DEPAUL
JOUR 390	REPORTING FOR THE DEPAULIA
Select four additional courses from the following: 16	
CMN 150	SMARTPHONE PHOTOGRAPHY (2.0 quarter hours) ²
CMN 292	ADOBE CREATIVE CLOUD WORKSHOP (2.0 quarter hours) ²
CMN 295	ADOBE INDESIGN (2.0 quarter hours) ²
CMN 296	ADOBE AUDITION (2.0 quarter hours) ²
CMN 297	ADOBE PREMIERE VIDEO EDITING (2.0 quarter hours) ²
CMN 309	DEPAUL STUDENT PHOTO AGENCY (2.0 quarter hours) ²
CMN 394	MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR COMMUNICATION INTERNSHIP
CMN 395	COMMUNICATION INTERNSHIP SPECIAL TOPICS
CMN 397	RESEARCH PRACTICUM ¹
CMN 399	INDEPENDENT STUDY ¹
JOUR 245	NEWS EDITING
JOUR 279	FEATURE WRITING
JOUR 281	NEWS DOCUMENTARY
JOUR 282	TOPICS IN VISUAL COMMUNICATION
JOUR 290	JOURNALISM WORKSHOP (VARIABLE TOPICS) (2.0 quarter hours) ²
JOUR 301	REPORTING FOR 14 EAST MAGAZINE
JOUR 302	BUSINESS WRITING AND REPORTING
JOUR 303	ENTREPRENEURIAL JOURNALISM
JOUR 304	INTRO TO DATA JOURNALISM
JOUR 309	SPORTS TALK & MULTIMEDIA
JOUR 311	CLIMATE CHANGE COMMUNICATION
JOUR 316	SOUND AND VISION
JOUR 317	EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING
JOUR 325	POLITICS & GOVERNMENT REPORTING
JOUR 330	WRITING FOR BROADCAST
JOUR 342	SOCIAL MEDIA & THE NEWS
JOUR 343	JOURNALISM AND THE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE
JOUR 349	TOPICS IN MEDIA LAW
JOUR 350	AUDIO REPORTING
JOUR 351	SOCIAL JUSTICE REPORTING I
JOUR 352	SOCIAL JUSTICE REPORTING II
JOUR 355	NEWSCAST PRODUCING
JOUR 357	PHOTOJOURNALISM FOR STUDENT MEDIA
JOUR 360	POLITICAL COMMUNICATION
JOUR 361	JOURNALISM LAW AND ETHICS
JOUR 364	INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING
JOUR 365	TELEVISION NEWS I
JOUR 366	MAGAZINE REPORTING
JOUR 367	INTERNATIONAL REPORTING
JOUR 368	SPORTS REPORTING

JOUR 371	ADVANCED REPORTING I
JOUR 372	ADVANCED REPORTING II
JOUR 374	COMMUNITY JOURNALISM
JOUR 375	LONG FORM JOURNALISM
JOUR 376	TOPICS IN JOURNALISM
JOUR 377	SPECIAL TOPICS IN JOURNALISM
JOUR 380	REPORTING FOR GOOD DAY DEPAUL
JOUR 382	ADVANCED PHOTOJOURNALISM
JOUR 385	TELEVISION NEWS II
JOUR 389	LIFESTYLE REPORTING
JOUR 390	REPORTING FOR THE DEPAULIA
JOUR 398	NEW YORK JOURNALISM
Select two electives from any College of Communication offerings or from the following College of Computing and Digital Media courses: 8	
FILM 110	CINEMA PRODUCTION I FOR MAJORS
POST 100	VIDEO EDITING FOR NON-MAJORS
POST 110	EDITING I

¹ Students may take up to 4 hours of credit in this course toward graduation requirements.

² A maximum of 8 credits from two credit College of Communication courses can be applied to major requirements.

Internship Credit

Students in the major may take CMN 394 and/or CMN 395 (when work relates to the major). In order to take CMN 394 or CMN 395, students must have completed two of the four communication core classes (CMN 101, CMN 102, CMN 103, CMN 104), two courses in the chosen major and have fulfilled internship program eligibility requirements.

Open Electives

Open elective credit also is required to meet the minimum graduation requirement of 192 hours.