

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN JOURNALISM

The B.A. in Journalism prepares students for positions in media production, reporting, editing and content creation. Students pursuing this degree can focus either on writing and editing (Editorial Option) or broadcast journalism (Broadcast Journalism Option). The curriculum offers a blend of courses to support this goal. The coursework begins with basic photo, video, writing, reporting and visual literacy skills. These are then followed by courses that focus on hands-on reporting and content creation. Students will take a series of electives and interdisciplinary courses to build skills in interviewing, writing, social media and specialized journalism.

Our award-winning, on-campus outlets for student writing and productions include The Jambar, JambarTV, Rookery Radio and Penguin Rundown. Internships and other writing opportunities are available at local media outlets including local TV, and newspapers, such as WFMJ, WKBN, The Business Journal, The Vindicator, and the Tribune Chronicle.

COURSE	TITLE	S.H.
FIRST YEAR REQUIREMENT-STUDENT SUCCESS		
YSU 1500	Success Seminar	1-2
or YSU 1500S	Youngstown State University Success Seminar	
or HONR 1500	Intro to Honors	
GENERAL EDUCATION		
ENGL 1550	Writing 1	3-4
or ENGL 1549	Writing 1 with Support	
ENGL 1551	Writing 2	3
Mathematics Course	*Any GE Approved Math course, MATH 2623/2623C recommended	3
Arts and Humanities (6 SH)		
JOUR 2603	Media Ethics and Social Responsibilities ^{required for major}	3
GE: Arts & Humanities Course		3
Natural Sciences (7 SH) ^{*two different science courses, one MUST include a lab}		
Social Science (6 SH)		
MCOM 1595	Media Literacy & Culture ^{required for major}	3
GE: Social Science Course		3
General Education Electives (9 s.h.)		
CMST 1545	Communication Foundations ^{required in major}	3
CMST 2610	Intercultural Communication ^{required for major}	3
GE: General Education Elective		3
Required Support Courses (18 SH)		
CMST 1500	Exploring Communication	3
CMST 3790	Personal Brand Communication	3
MCOM 2624	Communication Technology - Photo and Video	3
MCOM 2625	Communication Technologies: Aesthetics and Design	3
MCOM 3726	American Media: History, Principles and Practices	3
MCOM 3780	Presentational Literacy	3
Journalism Major Requirements		
JOUR 2602	Media Writing	3
JOUR 3725	News Reporting	3
JOUR 3721L	News Content Creation 1	3
JOUR 3731L	News Content Creation 2	3
JOUR 4824	Communication Law	3
Students will select from Option A: Broadcast or Option B: Editorial		24
Option A: BROADCAST		
JOUR 3790	Documentary Storytelling	

JOUR 4890	Writing and Producing Television News	
MCOM 2683	Foundations of Multicamera Production	
MCOM 2683L	Multicamera Lab 1	
MCOM 2685	Producing	
JOURNALISM ELECTIVES (12 SH) Take 4 additional JOUR courses, 3 (9 SH) must be upper-level (3700-5800)		
Option B: EDITORIAL		
JOUR 3716	Feature Writing	
or JOUR 3717	Editorial and Opinion Writing	
or JOUR 3759	Sports Journalism	
JOUR 4823	Advanced News Content Creation	
ENGL 3743	Introduction to Public, Professional and Technical Writing	
ENGL 4849	Copyediting	
Take 4 JOUR elective courses for a total of 12 SH, 9 hours of which must be 3700-5800 level. <small>Available electives are JOUR 2605, JOUR 2632, JOUR 3716, JOUR 3717, JOUR 3759, JOUR 3769, JOUR 3790, JOUR 4890, JOUR 4894</small>		
SEMINAR REQUIREMENT Choose one:		
JOUR 4825	Selected Topics in Journalism	3
or MCOM 4897	Seminar	
SENIOR CAPSTONE		
JOUR 4893	Journalism Senior Project	3
FREE ELECTIVES ^{*hours will vary based upon what is needed to reach 120}		19-21
Students must complete a minimum 39 SH of upper-level (3000-5000) or above.		
Total Semester Hours		120-124
Year 1		
Fall		S.H.
CMST 1500	Exploring Communication	3
ENGL 1550	Writing 1	3-4
or ENGL 1549	or Writing 1 with Support	
JOUR 2602	Media Writing	3
MCOM 2624	Communication Technology - Photo and Video	3
or MCOM 2625	or Communication Technologies: Aesthetics and Design	
YSU 1500	Success Seminar	1-2
or YSU 1500S	or Youngstown State University Success Seminar	
or HONR 1500	or Intro to Honors	
Semester Hours		13-15
Spring		
ENGL 1551	Writing 2	3
JOUR 3725	News Reporting	3
MATH 2623	Quantitative Reasoning	3
MCOM 1595	Media Literacy and Culture	3
MCOM 2625	Communication Technologies: Aesthetics and Design	3
or MCOM 2624	or Communication Technology - Photo and Video	
Semester Hours		15
Year 2		
Fall		
JOUR 3721L	News Content Creation 1	3
MCOM 3726	American Media: History, Principles and Practices	3
CMST 1545	Communication Foundations	3
JOUR 2603	Media Ethics and Social Responsibilities	3

Journalism Option Course		3
Semester Hours		15
Spring		
JOUR 3731L	News Content Creation 2	3
CMST 3790	Personal Brand Communication	3
CMST 2610	Intercultural Communication	3
Journalism Option Course		3
General Education Elective		3
Semester Hours		15
Year 3		
Fall		
JOUR 4825	Selected Topics in Journalism	3
	or MCOM 4897 or Seminar	
Journalism Option Course		3
GE: Social Science		3
GE: Natural Science with Lab		4
Free Elective		3
Semester Hours		16
Spring		
JOUR 4824	Communication Law	3
MCOM 3780	Presentational Literacy	3
Journalism Option Course		3
Journalism Option Course ^C		3
Free Elective		3
Semester Hours		15
Year 4		
Fall		
Journalism Option Course ^J		3
Journalism Option Course		3
Natural Science		3
Free Elective		3
Free Elective		3-7
Semester Hours		15-19
Spring		
JOUR 4893	Journalism Senior Project	3
Journalism Option Course		3
Journalism Option Course		3
GE: Arts & Humanities		3
Free Elective		4-2
Semester Hours		16-14
Total Semester Hours		120-124

SL01: Students will create news copy for multiple media platforms that is accurate, well-sourced and adheres to professional standards.

SL02: Students will produce content for organizations that is consumed by audiences.

SL03: Students will apply ethical and legal techniques in the creation and distribution of information.

SL04: Students will use industry standard technology to create visual and interactive components that tell stories.