

SAMPLE 4-YEAR PLAN: JOURNALISM B.A.

College of Informatics

Northern Kentucky University

This is **one way** a student can complete this program in four years if the student requires no remedial courses.

MAJOR: Journalism

FIRST YEAR Focus on completing your general education requirements. Join the Society for Professional Journalists.	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	ENG 101 College Writing	3	CMST101 Public Speaking or CMST110 Introduction to Communication Studies	3
JOU 110: Introduction to Mass Communication	3	Gen Ed: Self and Society	3	
Gen Ed: Culture and Creativity	3	Gen Ed: Scientific and Quantitative Inquiry; Natural Science with lab	4	
Gen Ed: Global Viewpoints	3	JOU 220 News Writing	3	
UNV 101 Orientation to College and Beyond	3	Elective	3	
TOTAL	15	TOTAL	16	
SECOND YEAR Select a minor and start taking courses in your major and minor. Investigate writing possibilities for <i>The Northerner</i> .	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	Gen Ed: Culture and Creativity	3	Gen Ed: Scientific and Quantitative Inquiry; Mathematics & Statistics: STA 205 Introduction to Statistical Methods recommended	3
Gen Ed: Scientific and Quantitative Inquiry; Natural Science without lab	3	ENG 291: Advanced College Writing	3	
Gen Ed: Self and Society; Cultural Pluralism	3	Gen Ed: Self and Society	3	
JOU 230 News Writing and Reporting	3	Minor	3	
Elective	3	JOU 296 Student Media Workshop	3	
TOTAL	15	TOTAL	15	
THIRD YEAR Consider taking a study abroad course in a journalism-related area. Utilize opportunities in the Society for Professional Journalists for networking with journalists and other media professionals. Work on building a portfolio of writing samples and other media work.	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	Elective	3	JOU 346 Copy Editing and Design	3
JOU 450 Media Skills	3	JOU 397 Advanced Student Media Workshop	3	
JOU elective 300 level or above	3	JOU elective 300 level or above	3	
Minor	3	Minor	3	
Elective	3	Elective	3	
TOTAL	15	TOTAL	15	
FOURTH YEAR Complete an internship. Start looking for a job.	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	JOU 300-400 level elective	3	JOU 396 Internship or Minor or Elective	3
JOU 485 Mass Communication Law	3	Elective	3	
Minor	3	JOU elective 300 level or above	3	
Minor	3	Minor	3	
Elective	3	Elective	2	

	TOTAL	15	TOTAL	14
			GRAND TOTAL OF CREDITS	120
<p>Notes: All majors in the Department of Communication are required to take CMST101 or CMST110 to fulfill the general education oral communication requirement.</p> <p>Journalism majors are strongly encouraged to take STA 205 Introduction to Statistical Methods to fulfill the general education mathematics requirement.</p> <p>The plan above does not take into account developmental coursework that may be required of the student. Therefore, additional courses may be required.</p> <p>Minor Hours: Students should consult with their advisor in determining appropriate courses to select toward completion of: 1) a university-authorized minor, 2) an advisor-approved focus, or 3) a second major.</p>				