

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	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	Focus on completing your general education requirements. Join the Society for Professional Journalists.	Gen Ed: Written Comm. I; ENG 101 College Writing	3	Gen Ed: Oral Comm.; CMST101 Public Speaking or CMST110 Introduction to Communication Studies
	Gen Ed: Individual and Society; JOU 110: Introduction to Mass Communication	3	Gen Ed: Self and Society: Individual 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
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	TOTAL	15	TOTAL	16
SECOND YEAR	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	Select a minor and start taking courses in your major and minor. Investigate writing possibilities for <i>The Northerner</i> .	Gen Ed: Culture and Creativity	3	Gen Ed: Mathematics & Statistics: STA 205 Introduction to Statistical Methods recommended
	Gen Ed: Scientific and Quantitative Inquiry; Natural Science without lab	3	Gen Ed: Written Comm. II; ENG 291: Advanced College Writing	3
	Gen Ed: Self and Society; Cultural Pluralism	3	JOU 380 News Media Workshop	3
	JOU 230 News Writing and Reporting	3	Elective	3
	Minor	3	Minor	3
	TOTAL	15	TOTAL	15
THIRD YEAR	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	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.	Elective	3	JOU 346 Copy Editing and Design
	JOU 450 Media Skills	3	JOU 480 Advanced News Media Workshop	3
	JOU elective 300 level or above	3	JOU elective 300 level or above	3
	Minor	3	Minor	3
	JOU 440 Current Topics in Media Ethics	3	Elective 300 or above	3
	TOTAL	15	TOTAL	15
FOURTH YEAR	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	Complete an internship. Start looking for a job.	JOU 300-400 level elective	3	Elective
	JOU 485 Mass Communication Law	3	Elective	3
	Minor	3	JOU elective 300 level or above	3
	Minor 300 level or above	3	Minor 300 level or above	3
	Elective 300 level or above	3	Elective 300 level or above	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>				