# General Journalism Track Checklist

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**I. Required Prep Courses for Journalism Major**  
(note: these hours do not count toward major)  
Term/Yr./Grade | # Hours
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JOUR-1010 Career Explorations in Journalism (1 credit) (waived for quarter students) | X
EMED-1015 Integrated Media Production for Non-Majors (waived for quarter students) | X

**II. Required Journalism Core Courses (complete all courses in this section)**  
Term/Yr./Grade | # Hours
---|---
JOUR-1030 Principles of American Journalism (replaces JOUR214 Intro to Journalism) | ____
JOUR-2010 Reporting and Writing (replaces JOUR215 News Writing & Reporting) | ____
JOUR-2020 Media Law & Ethics (replaces JOUR304 Journalism Law & Ethics, JOUR305 Ethics) | ____
JOUR-2040 Editing (replaces JOUR303 Copy Editing) | ____
JOUR-3000 Journalism Research (replaces JOUR300 Precision Journalism) | ____
JOUR-4000 Writing Across Media (waived for quarter students) | ____
JOUR-5050 Internship (replaces JOUR499/500/501 Internship) | ____
JOUR-6050 Seminar Project OR JOUR-6055 Seminar Research (JOUR624/626/626) OR JOUR-6060 Photojournalism Workshop (JOUR-563/504/505) | ____

**III. Electives (Choose 5 courses from list below)**  
Term/Yr./Grade | # Hours
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JOUR-2030 Principles of Photojournalism (replaces JOUR216) | ____
JOUR-3010 Advanced Reporting: Topic (replaces JOUR421/422/423) | ____
JOUR-3025 Arts Reporting | ____
JOUR-3030 Sports Reporting | ____
JOUR-3035 Political Reporting | ____
JOUR-3040 Environmental Reporting | ____
JOUR-3045 Travel Writing | ____
JOUR-3050 Nature/Science Writing | ____
JOUR-3055 Writing About Film | ____
JOUR-3060 Business and Economic Reporting | ____
JOUR-3065 Media Design for Journalists (replaces JOUR428 Editing & Design) | ____
JOUR-3070 Photojournalism (replaces JOUR306 Photojournalism) | ____
JOUR-3075 Magazine Writing (replaces JOUR426 Magazine Writing) | ____
JOUR-3080 Profiles | ____
JOUR-4010 Public Affairs Reporting | ____
JOUR-4015 Advanced Magazine Writing (replaces JOUR427 Advanced Magazine Writing) | ____
JOUR-4020 Multimedia Fundamentals | ____
JOUR-4025 Magazine Publishing (replaces JOUR502 Magazine Publishing) | ____
JOUR-4030 Photo Editing | ____
JOUR-4035 Portraiture and Photo Illustration | ____
JOUR-4040 Studio Lighting for Photography | ____
JOUR-4080 Practicum (replaces MLTI-501/502/503) | ____
JOUR-5000 Videography and Editing | ____
JOUR-5010 Visual Storytelling/Advanced Documentary Photography | ____
JOUR-5050 Internship *if student completes a second internship beyond core*, see note on p. 2) | ____
JOUR-6000 Individual Work (replaces MLTI-501/502/503) | ____
JOUR-6010 Independent Study (replaces MLTI-501/502/503) | ____
JOUR-6020 Photojournalism Tutorial | ____
JOUR-6030 Advanced Content Editing (replaces JOUR622 Editing Practices & Principles) | ____
JOUR-6070 Media Bureau (replaces MLTI-501/502/503) | ____
EMED-2001 Digital Video | ____

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*Note: Courses marked with an X indicate that they are waived for quarter students.*
General information about the major: The journalism major requires a total number of 39 hours and a minor in another subject area; the journalism certificate requires a completion of 22 hours. Students must earn a C- or above in a course for it to count toward the major. Students choose one of four tracks within the major (general journalism, news, magazine or photojournalism). Each track has a slightly different set of core requirements, track-specific requirements and elective options. Students can change their tracks as they progress through the major, but need to be aware that the required curriculum of each track varies, which could result in the student needing to take additional courses/hours to fulfill the new track’s requirements.

Journalism major core prerequisites: Starting in fall 2012, new journalism majors (including freshmen, transfer students and newly declared majors from other disciplines) and new certificate students must complete JOUR-1010 Career Explorations in Journalism (1 credit) and JOUR-1030 Principles of American Journalism (these courses can be taken simultaneously) and complete English Composition (ENGL-1001) before taking JOUR-2010 Reporting and Writing. (New majors should also complete EMED-1015 Integrated Media Production during their first year in the major.) Students must successfully complete (C- or above) JOUR-2010 Reporting and Writing before they can take any 2000-level or above journalism course. (Exceptions: JOUR-2020 Media Law & Ethics and JOUR-2030 Principles of Photojournalism.)

Track prerequisites/sequences: Two of the tracks—magazine and photojournalism—have specific prerequisites or sequences. In the magazine track, students must successfully complete (C- or above) JOUR-3075 Magazine Writing before they can take either JOUR-4015 Advanced Magazine Writing or JOUR-4025 Magazine Publishing. In the photojournalism track, students must successfully complete (C- or above) JOUR-2030 before they can take JOUR-3070, and they must complete JOUR-3070 before they can take JOUR-4020.

Electives: Students choose from a pool of electives designated within each track; these electives vary from track to track. Classes from other disciplines (i.e., communication, political science, fine arts/photography, etc.) may be approved to count as journalism electives with permission from track coordinators/advisers.

Internship: All journalism majors and certificate students must complete one internship. If a student completes a second internship, it can count as an elective in any of the four tracks within the major. Students may complete additional internships, but the maximum number of internship hours that can count toward the major is six. (Additional internship hours can count toward overall A&S hours for graduation.)

By-Permission-Only Courses: JOUR-4080 Practicum and JOUR-6070 Media Bureau require professor approval for enrollment. These courses count as journalism major/certificate electives. Students can take these courses more than once, but the maximum number of Practicum/Media Bureau hours that can count toward the major is three. Additional practicum hours can, however, count toward overall A&S hours for graduation.

INFO FOR QUARTER-CONVERSION STUDENTS
Substitutions/total number of hours: All courses (including electives) previously required in the journalism major before semester conversion will count as substitutions under semesters. Although there is no longer a “toolbox” or literature requirement* within the major, for example, those courses will count as substitutions in the semester curriculum. However, because quarter classes translate as two-hour credits into the semester system, a student who began his/her degree on quarters might need to take additional journalism courses to reach the total number of hours required to complete a journalism major in the semester system.

Waived courses: JOUR-1010 Career Explorations in Journalism and EMED-1015 Integrated Media Production are waived for quarter-conversion students.

Track selection: It might be advantageous—and therefore advisable—for a quarter-conversion student to consider the general journalism track within the major if he/she has not completed the required semester courses for another track (news, magazine, photojournalism). Quarter-conversion students should work closely with their track advisers to determine which track enables them to complete their majors most efficiently.

* All A&S students must still complete a literature course to meet college (general-ed) requirements.