

Journalism Major

Four-year Sequence, Print or Electronic Emphasis

BS Cognate, 120 total credits – BA Cognate requires 3-course language equivalency, 120 credits

Fall Semester / Freshman year

CJR 236 News in Society	3 cr
COM 101 Concepts of Communications	3 cr
Basic Skills (Math or Writing)	4 cr
Gen Ed / Electives	6 cr
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	16 cr

Winter Semester / Freshman year

CJR 256 News Reporting I	3 cr
COM 295 Theories of Communications	3 cr
Basic Skills (Math or Writing)	4 cr
Gen Ed / Electives	6 cr
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	16 cr

Fall Semester / Sophomore year

CJR 270 News Reporting II	3 cr
CJR 290 Journalism History	3 cr
COM 215 Story Making (SWS)*	3 cr
Gen Ed / Electives	6 cr
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	15 cr

Winter Semester / Sophomore year

CJR 316 Editing	3 cr
CJR 490 Journalism Internship**	2 cr
COM 203 Argument and Analysis***	3 cr
Gen Ed / Electives	6 cr
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	14 cr

Fall Semester / Junior year

CJR 364 Article Writing****	3 cr
CJR Journalism Elective	3 cr
STA Introductory to Applied Statistics	3 cr
Gen Ed / Electives	6 cr
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	15 cr

Winter Semester / Junior year

CJR 365 Advanced Editing	3 cr
CJR 490 Journalism Internship	2 cr
COM 300 Foundations of Com. Research	3 cr
Gen Ed / Electives	6 cr
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	14 cr

Fall Semester / Senior year

CJR 454 Community Reporting	3 cr
CJR 465 Issues in Journalism	3 cr
COM 375 Communications Research	3 cr
Gen Ed / Elective	6 cr
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	15 cr

Winter Semester / Senior year

CJR 481 Investigative Reporting	3 cr
CJR 490 Journalism Internship	3 cr
COM 495 Issues in Communication	3 cr
Gen Ed / Elective	6 cr
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	15 cr

The minimum required credits to meet the Journalism major and the School of Communications core is 45-48, depending on which emphasis (print or electronic) is selected. The major also requires 9 credits outside the School of Communications that are 200-level or above and not counted in General Education. 72-75 credits remain for General Education, Cognate and free electives. A minimum 120 credits required for graduation.

* Or, COM 201 Speech, 3 credits.

** Variable credit. Not required but very strongly advised, and it may be applied toward the minimum number of credits to complete the major. GVSU allows up to 15 internship credits to be applied to the required 120 for graduation.

*** Or, COM 202 Critical Interpretation, 3 credits.

**** CJR 364 Article Writing, CJR 365 Advanced Editing and CJR 481 include print emphasis: electronic emphasis includes CFV 125 Media Production I (offered fall and winter), CFV 226 Media Production II (offered fall and winter), CBR 368 Broadcast News I (offered winter only), and CBR 468 Broadcast News II (offered fall only).