COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES (CLAS) ACADEMIC ADVISING CENTER

2025-2026

JOURNALISM, BROADCASTING, AND DIGITAL MEDIA -BA OR BS

THIS IS A GENERAL CURRICULUM GUIDE AND IS NOT APPLICABLE TO EVI	ERY STUDENT. IT IS IMPORTANT TO MEET WITH YOUR ADVISOR.
Journalism, Broadcasting, and Di	gital Media Major (49-54 credits)
School of Communications Core (9 credits)	Capstone (3 credits)
— COM 101 Concepts of Communication (3)	JBM 495 Journalism, Broadcasting, and Digital Media
— COM 295 Communication Theory (3)	Capstone (3)
Prerequisite: COM 101	Prerequisites: JBM 260, JBM 310
Trerequisite. Com 101	
— COM 201 Speech (3) <u>OR</u>	
² COM 215 SWS Story Making	
Prerequisite: Foundation – Writing	
Trerequisite. Foundation writing	
Journalism, Broadcasting, and D	igital Media Core (28-33 credits)
— JBM 184 Introduction to Broadcasting (3)	— JBM 290 Media History (3)
— JBM 236 News and Society (3)	— JBM 310 Advanced Reporting Techniques (3)
— ² JBM 256 News Reporting SWS (3)	Prerequisites: JBM 256
Prerequisite: Foundation – Writing	JBM 325 Issues in Journalism (3)
	Prerequisite: Junior Standing
— JBM 260 Digital Journalism Workshop (3)	_ JBM 490 Internship (1-6)
Prerequisite: JBM 256 or permission from instructor	JDIVI 430 IIIteriisiiip (1-0)
— JBM 265 Introduction to Radio (3)	
— JBM 284 Broadcast News (3)	
Prerequisite: JBM 184 and JBM 256	
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	ses (9 credits)
	urses from the list below
Elective(3)	Elective (3)
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	one (B.A. or B.S.)
Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)	Bachelor of Science (B.S.)
Third semester proficiency (201 level) is required for the B.A. degree. This	— STA 215 Introduction to Statistics (3)
may be fulfilled through language placement (http://www.gvsu.edu/mll/language-placement-the-opi-108.htm) or by	Prerequisite: MTH 108+MTH 109, MTH 110, or fulfillment of MTH 110
completing the courses listed below	through Math Placement https://www.gvsu.edu/math/mathematics-placement-11.htm
— Language 101* (4)	— COM 374 Qualitative Communication Research Methods (3)
— Language 102* (4) (*150 is a hybrid of 101 & 102 and is	Prerequisites: COM 101
recommended for students with previous language background;	— COM 375 Quantitative Communication Research Methods (3)
students may move into Language 201 after completing Language 150)	Prerequisite: STA 215 and COM 374
Language 201 (4)	
OR	
- ASL 201 (3), ASL 202 (3), ASL 203 (3) and ASL 421 (3)	
Journalism, Broadcasting, and	Digital Media Elective Options
PHO 170 Introduction to Photography (3)	JBM 385 Advanced Radio (3)
JBM 240 Sports Media (3)	· ·
JBM 316 News Design and Layout (3)	JBM 390 Technical Writing (3)
	JBM 390 Technical Writing (3) Prerequisite: JBM 256 or permission of instructor
JBM 352 Global Journalism and Misinformation (3)	JBM 390 Technical Writing (3) Prerequisite: JBM 256 or permission of instructor JBM 481 Investigative Reporting (3)
JBM 366 Arts and Entertainment Journalism (3)	JBM 390 Technical Writing (3) Prerequisite: JBM 256 or permission of instructor JBM 481 Investigative Reporting (3) Prerequisite: JBM 310 or permission of instructor
JBM 366 Arts and Entertainment Journalism (3) Prerequisite: JBM 256 or permission of instructor	JBM 390 Technical Writing (3) Prerequisite: JBM 256 or permission of instructor JBM 481 Investigative Reporting (3) Prerequisite: JBM 310 or permission of instructor JBM 484 TV News Workshop (3)
JBM 366 Arts and Entertainment Journalism (3)	JBM 390 Technical Writing (3) Prerequisite: JBM 256 or permission of instructor JBM 481 Investigative Reporting (3) Prerequisite: JBM 310 or permission of instructor

Sample Plan

Year One
JBM 184 (3)
JBM 265 (3)
COM 101 (3)
¹WRT 120/130 OR 150 (3-4)
COM 201/215 (3)
MTH 110 (4) (BS ONLY)
Language (4) (BA ONLY)
Language (4) (BA ONLY)
Year Two
JBM 236 (3)
² JBM 256 (3)
JBM 284 (3)
JBM 290 (3)
COM 295 (3)
STA 215 (3) (BS ONLY) or Language (4) (BA
ONLY)

Year Three	
JBM 260 (3)	
JBM 310 (3)	
JBM 325 (3)	
JBM Elective (3)	
COM 374 (3) (BS ONL	.Y)
Year Four	
Year Four JBM Elective (3)	
JBM Elective (3)	
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JBM Elective (3) JBM Elective JBM 490 (1-6) JBM 495 (3)	Υ)

*Students must complete a total of two courses with an SWS attribute
*Students should complete an average of 30 credits per year to earn the required 120 credits to graduate within a 4-year time span *The block tuition rate is for 12-15 credits. You will pay additional tuition for any credits over 15.

¹Students who self-place into WRT 120 should take this course in the fall semester and then take WRT 130 in the winter semester of their first year. WRT 150 can take it in either semester during their first year. Students will not need to take WRT 150 if they have earned credit for the course through AP/Dual Enrollment. A grade of C or better (*NOT A C*-) is required in WRT 130 or 150 to satisfy the WRT requirement.

²SWS = Supplemental Writing Skills. Students must complete 2 courses with a SWS attribute.

Guide for Declaring the Journalism, Broadcasting, and Digital Media Major

- 1. Log into myBanner from the GVSU homepage
- 2. Once logged in select "Student", "Student Records", and then, "Change Major"
- 3. Click on the "Change Major 1/Program" box
- 4. Click on the down arrow in the box next to "New Major 1/Program," from here scroll down and choose "Journalism, Broadcasting, and Digital Media-BA" **OR** "Journalism, Broadcasting, and Digital Media-BS" depending on your degree
- 5. Click "Submit" and then "Change to New Program"

General Education Overlap

Mathematical Sciences: STA 215, if selecting the B.S. degree

Social/Behavioral Sciences: COM 201 (if selected)

US Diversity: JBM 290 Issues: JBM 352

Supplemental Writing Skills: JBM 256, COM 215 (if selected)