

JOURNALISM (BA)

Program Description

The Journalism major educates, trains, and prepares you to engage in a career in journalism and other storytelling professions. It provides many opportunities, both inside and outside the classroom, to develop written and oral communication skills, explore values, and acquire techniques of insight and critical reasoning. Emphasis is placed on mediated communication in public settings and in a variety of forms - written, visual and aural - to prepare for careers in any area that shares ideas.

Entering and Completing the Major

In order to earn a degree, you must complete at least one academic major. SPU encourages students to explore various academic paths, so if you change your mind about a major, or want to include an additional program, you are able to do so, as outlined below.

Note that the University encourages you to enter your chosen major(s) as soon as you have determined it and are eligible to join it, especially by the start of your junior year. Students who transfer as juniors and seniors should enter a major within their first two quarters at SPU.

- If this is your first quarter at SPU and you identified a major in this department as your first choice on your application for admission to the University, you have gained entry to the major. To change or add a major, follow these instructions (<https://spu.atlassian.net/l/cp/a3th1keb/>).
- If you are an SPU student with an SPU cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better, follow these instructions (<https://spu.atlassian.net/l/cp/a3th1keb/>) to enter a major in this department.
- The University requires a grade of C- or better in all classes that apply to a major; however, programs may require higher minimum grades in specific courses. You may repeat an SPU course only once for a higher grade.
- To advance in this program, meet with your faculty advisor regularly to discuss your grades, course progression, and other indicators of satisfactory academic progress. If your grades or other factors indicate that you may not be able to successfully complete the major or minor, your faculty advisor can work with you to explore options, which may include choosing a different major.
- You must complete the major requirements that are in effect in the SPU Undergraduate Catalog for the year you enter the major.

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60 Credits Minimum, Including 30 Upper Division (UD)

Code	Title	Credits
Communication and Journalism Core		
COM 1101	Introduction to Interpersonal Communication	5
COM 3001	Theories of Communication	5
CSC 1130	Beginning Programming	5
JRN 1000	Fundamentals of Digital and Online Media	5
JRN 2101	Media Writing	5
JRN 2255	The Public and the Media	5
JRN 2335	Media Representation	5
JRN 3202	Reporting and Storytelling	5

JRN 3203	Data Journalism	5
JRN 4121	Multimedia Journalism	5
Section Credits Required		50

Electives

ART 3101	Photography 2	
ART 3201	Digital Lab 2: Interactive Media	
ART 3800	Film Production	
COM 1321	Public Speaking	
COM 3780	The Art of Film	
COM 4900	Independent Study	
ENG 3311	Elements of Narrative	
JRN 2801	Newspaper Production	
JRN 2802	Newspaper Production	
JRN 2803	Newspaper Production	
JRN 3930	Publication Editor Practicum	
JRN 3931	Publication Editor Practicum	
JRN 3932	Publication Editor Practicum	
JRN 4900	Independent Study	
JRN 4940	Coop Education: Journalism Internship	
JRN 4941	Coop Education: Journalism Internship	

Section Credits Required		5
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Capstone

JRN 4894	Media Law and Ethics	5
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Total Credits		60
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Suggested Course Sequence

This is a sample schedule of sequencing for the Journalism Major. There is a bit of flexibility in class placement in your first 2 years as you navigate through the University's Common and Exploratory Curriculum, and Journalism Core. Watch years 3 and 4 closely for courses that are offered only every-other year.

Course	Title	Credits
Freshman		
Autumn		
UCOL 1000	University Colloquium	1
WRI 1000	Academic Inquiry and Writing Seminar	5
Exploratory		5
Major		5
Credits		16
Winter		
WRI 1100	Disciplinary Research and Writing Seminar	5
Exploratory		5
Major		5
Credits		15
Spring		
UFDN 1000	The Christian Faith	5
Exploratory		5
Major		5
Credits		15
Any Quarter		
COM 1321	Public Speaking	5
COM 1101	Introduction to Interpersonal Communication	5
JRN 1001	Content Management for Communicators (online)	1
JRN 1002	Data Literacy for Communicators (online)	1
CSC 1130	Beginning Programming (as an exploratory (WK))	5
Credits		17

Sophomore**Autumn**

JRN 1000	Fundamentals of Digital and Online Media	5
JRN 2101	Media Writing	5
JRN 2255	The Public and the Media	5
Credits		15

Winter

JRN 2335	Media Representation	5
Exploratory		5-10
Select one or both of the following:		5-10
UFDN 2000	Christian Scripture	
UCOR 2000	The Emergence of the Modern Global Systems	
Credits		15-25

Spring

Exploratory		5-10
JRN 1000	Fundamentals of Digital and Online Media	5
JRN 2255	The Public and the Media	5
Credits		15-20

Any Quarter

Check on minors if interested		
Credits		0

Junior**Autumn**

COM 3001	Theories of Communication	5
Credits		5

Winter

JRN 3202 or JRN 3203	Reporting and Storytelling or Data Journalism	5
Credits		5

Spring

JRN 4121 or JRN 4894	Multimedia Journalism or Media Law and Ethics	5
Apply to graduate!		
Credits		5

Any Quarter

UFDN 3100	Christian Theology	5
UCOR 3000	Faith, Philosophy, and Science	5
Credits		10

Senior**Winter**

JRN 3202 or JRN 3203	Reporting and Storytelling or Data Journalism	5
Credits		5

Spring

JRN 4121 or JRN 4894	Multimedia Journalism or Media Law and Ethics	5
Credits		5

Any Quarter

Take 5 credits of elective from list - Falcon also counts here		5
ART 3101	Photography 2	5
ART 3201	Digital Lab 2: Interactive Media	
ART 3800	Film Production	5
COM 1321	Public Speaking	
COM 3780	The Art of Film	5
COM 4900	Independent Study	1-5
ENG 3311	Elements of Narrative	
Credits		21-25

Total Credits 164-183

Freshman Notes

- If you have not satisfied the Foreign Language Requirement, complete for your Exploratory coursework.
- JRN 2801 Newspaper Production, JRN 2802 Newspaper Production, JRN 2803 Newspaper Production can be taken in any quarter and all years to gain experience in publications

Sophomore Notes

- Wrap up the Exploratory
- JRN 2801 Newspaper Production, JRN 2802 Newspaper Production, JRN 2803 Newspaper Production can be taken in any quarter and all years to gain experience in publications. If you are named to the editing staff of the Falcon you will take JRN 3930, 3931 and 3932.
- JRN 4940 Coop Education: Journalism Internship can be taken for up to 10 credits per quarter (usually in junior or senior year)

Junior Notes

- JRN 4940 Coop Education: Journalism Internship can be taken for up to 10 credits per quarter (usually in junior or senior year)