



Fall 2024 through Summer 2025	B.A.J. in Journalism Political & Social Justice Reporting Emphasis		MINIMUM TOTAL CREDIT HOURS: 124
GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS General Education (approximately 48-52 hours) for the Bachelor of Arts in Journalism	MAJOR REQUIREMENTS A minimum grade of C is required in all Jour courses that apply toward the major	MINOR REQUIREMENTS	
First Year Writing I (3 hours)	JOURNALISM CORE (18 hours)		A minor field of study (usually 18 hours) is required for this major. Courses will not count toward both major and minor.
Hon 101, Writ 100 or Writ 101	Jour 101—Media, News & Audience		
First Year Writing II (3 hours)	Jour 102—Intro to Multimedia Writing		
Hon 102, Liba 102, Writ 102	Jour 103—Visual Media Principles		
English Literature Survey (6 hours)	Jour 270—Digital Story Production		
Eng 220, 221, 222 223, 224, 225, 226	Jour 271—Information Gathering		
Foreign Language (6 – 12 hours)	Jour 369—Media Law and Ethics		
6 hours at the 200-level or higher in a single language	*The core is a prerequisite for all emphases.		
History (6 hours)	CONCEPTUAL COURSES (6 hours)		
Any history courses	Jour 301—History of Mass Media		
Humanities (3 hours)	Jour 310—Social Media in Society		
Any African American Studies, Classics, Philosophy, Religion; Hon 101, 102; G St 103, 201, 202, 311, or 390; Liba 202; Southern Studies (100-level only)	SOCIAL JUSTICE & POLITICAL REPORTING EMPHASIS (12 hours)		
Fine Arts (3 hours)	Jour 377—Advanced Reporting		
Any Art History (AH); Mus 101, 102, 103, 104, 105; Thea 201; Danc 200; Liba 130	CHOOSE 1 COURSE FROM THE LIST BELOW.		
Mathematics (3 hours)	Jour 378—TV Reporting		
Math 115, 120, 121, 123, 125, 261, 267 or 268 Recommended: Math 115 or Math 120	Jour 479—Applied Video Storytelling		
Political Science 101 (3 hours) AND additional social science (3 hours)	CHOOSE 2 ADDITIONAL COURSES FROM THE LIST BELOW.		
Pol 101 and any additional 3-hour Anthropology, Economics, Political Science, Psychology, or Sociology	Jour 444—Investigating Criminal Justice		
Natural Science (9 to 11 hours)	Jour 513—The Press and the Changing South		
Biology (cannot take BOTH BISC 102 AND 160 OR BISC 104 AND 162); Chemistry (NOT CHEM 101); Geology (cannot take BOTH Geol 101 AND 104); Liba 150, 151; Astronomy (CANNOT take BOTH Astr 101 AND 103) OR ASTR 101 AND 104) or Physics; at least two courses must include a lab; each lecture course must be a minimum of three credit hours	Jour 542—Peace Journalism		
Diversity (3 hours)	*Approved special topics courses may be eligible. Speak with your academic advisor.		
This course is in addition to any course used to fulfill the humanities requirement. Any African American Studies, Gender Studies, Religion, or Southern Studies; Anth 101, 303; Soc 313, 325, or 413; Jour 345, 400, 513; 3 hours from an approved study abroad experience.			
		ELECTIVES	
		Electives to bring the total minimum number of hours to 124.	
		At least 42 hours of coursework in the general education, major, minor, and elective hours must be at the 300-level or above.	
		Please speak with your advisor about opportunities to get experience practicing your journalism skills through our school-sponsored media outlets, internships, and other programs.	

SAMPLE DEGREE MAP
BACHELOR OF ARTS IN JOURNALISM (124 CREDIT HOURS)

YEAR	FIRST SEMESTER	HOURS	SECOND SEMESTER	HOURS
FRESHMAN	WRIT 100 OR 101	3	WRIT 102 OR LIBA 102	3
	MATH	3	JOUR 102	3
	SCIENCE W/LAB	3	JOUR 103	3
	JOUR 101	3	FINE ART	3
	EDHE 105	3	SCIENCE W/LAB	3
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15
SOPHOMORE	JOUR 270 (REQUIRED CO-REQ—JOUR 271)	3	JOUR 369	3
	JOUR 271	3	JOUR 301	3
	POL 101	3	200-LEVEL ENGLISH LITERATURE	3
	FOREIGN LANGUAGE 100-LEVEL	6	FOREIGN LANGUAGE 200-LEVEL	6
			SCIENCE W/O LAB	3
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	18	
JUNIOR	JOUR 377	3	JOUR 310	3
	GENERAL ELECTIVE AT 300+	3	JOUR 378 OR JOUR 479	3
	200-LEVEL ENGLISH LITERATURE	3	HISTORY	3
	HUMANITIES	3	DIVERSITY	3
	ELECTIVE OR MINOR	3	ELECTIVE OR MINOR AT 300+	3
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15
SENIOR	JOURNALISM EMPHASIS ELECTIVE AT 300+	3	HISTORY	3
	GENERAL ELECTIVE 300+	3	GENERAL ELECTIVE AT 300+	3
	ELECTIVE OR MINOR AT 300+	3	ELECTIVE OR MINOR AT 300+	3
	ELECTIVE OR MINOR AT 300+	3	ELECTIVE OR MINOR AT 300+	3
	SOCIAL SCIENCE	3	JOURNALISM EMPHASIS ELECTIVE AT 300+	3
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15

INFORMATION CONCERNING SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM AND NEW MEDIA REQUIREMENTS:

- All BAJ candidates must have a minor.
- A minimum grade of C is required for all Journalism courses.
- In some minors, a minimum grade of C is required for each course.
- Students must complete 42 hours of 300+ level coursework.
- Honors students should refer to the prescribed honors curriculum set forth by the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College.
- Each senior must apply for a degree by submitting an Intent to Graduate Form to the Dean's Office at least two semesters preceding the semester in which the student expects to graduate.
- Refer to the Academics and Admissions section in the catalog for all rules associated with the B.A.J. degree, such as residency requirements for majors and minors.

INFORMATION CONCERNING GENERAL RULES, REGULATIONS AND MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- An overall 2.0 GPA or higher is required on all work attempted at UM, all college work attempted at any institution of higher learning (UM and transfer work), and all coursework submitted toward the degree.
- At least 25% of the hours required for an undergraduate degree must be taken in residence, with at least 12 of the last 21 credit hours completed at UM.
- In addition, at least 30 semester hours of residence credit must be taken in the school or college recommending the degree.
- The limit on the acceptance of credit from a junior or community college is one-half the total requirements for a degree.

Refer to the Undergraduate Academic Regulations section in the catalog for all university degree requirements.