

Bachelor of Arts in Journalism & Public Relations - Journalism Sequence
EFFECTIVE FALL 2025

First Year							
Fall Semester	Credits	Major	Core	Spring Semester	Credits	Major	Core
Inquiry Launch Elective	3		IL	Research & Professional Writing Elective	3		RPW
American Civic Literacy Elective	3		ACL	Quantitative & Formal Reasoning Elective	3		QFR
Finding Your Voice Elective	3		FYV	Scientific Inquiry Elective	3		SI
COM 101 Principles of Communication	3		SHB	Human Culture & Creativity Elective	3		HCC
COM 102 Adobe CC: Digital Content Creation in Com	3	X	DDL	Com 224 Fundamentals of Journalism & Promotion	3	X	
Semester Total	15			Semester Total	15		
Second Year							
Fall Semester	Credits	Major	Core	Spring Semester	Credits	Major	Core
Scientific Inquiry Elective with Lab	4		SI	General Elective*	3		
Global Human Perspectives Elective	3		GHP	General Elective*	3		
Complexities of Pluralistic Society Elective	3		CPS	COM 226 Mass Media and Society	3	X	
General Elective*	3			COM 303 Communication Inquiry	3	X	
Com 225 Media Writing	3	X	WAC	COM 326 Advanced Reporting	3	X	WAC
Semester Total	16			Semester Total	15		
Third Year							
Fall Semester	Credits	Major	Core	Spring Semester	Credits	Major	Core
General Elective* WAC/SPAC	3		WAC	COM 358 Media Law & Ethics	3	X	
Com 335 Multimedia Story Telling	3	X		COM 425 Publication Design	3	X	
Com 347 Political Communication	3	X		COM Journalism Elective	3	X	
COM Journalism Elective	3	X		General Elective*	3		
General Elective* 300/400	3			General Elective* 300/400	3		
Semester Total	15			Semester Total	15		
Fourth Year							
Fall Semester	Credits	Major	Core	Spring Semester	Credits	Major	Core
COM 427 Laboratory News Media I	3	X		COM 427 Laboratory News Media II	3	X	
General Elective* 300/400	3			Com 363 Communication Production	1	X	
General Elective*	3			General Elective* 300/400	3		
General Elective*	3			General Elective*	3		
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Credit Total: 122 (minimum 120 required for degree)							

Assumptions: college-level readiness in MTH & ENG

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Levin College of Public Affairs & Education

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Com 225 Media Writing	3	X	WAC		Com 260 Principles of Advertising	3	X	
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General Elective* WAC/SPAC	3		WAC		Com 464 Media Metrics & Analytics	3	X	
COM 350 Persuasion and Attitude Change	3	X			COM 425 Publication Design	3	X	
COM 303 Communication Inquiry	3	X			General Elective*	3		
Com 335 Multimedia Storytelling	3	X			General Elective*	3		
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Public Relations Elective	3	X			COM 447 Promotional Production (Capstone)	3	X	
COM 455 Communication Campaigns	3	x			Com 363 Communication Production	1	X	
General Elective* 300/400	3				General Elective* 300/400	3		
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