UCF Degree Programs

Journalism (B.A.)
College of Sciences
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Admission Requirements
- The Journalism program is a limited access program that requires a separate application.
- Students should apply to become Journalism majors only after completing all requirements for admission.
- Admission is based on multiple factors, not strictly GPA.
- Attain an overall minimum 2.5 GPA based on a minimum of 30 credit hours of college work. NOTE: Meeting the minimum GPA does not guarantee admission because students are admitted on a space available basis.
- See a NSC advisor for additional admission criteria.
- Meet a grammar proficiency standard. Students must pass a grammar proficiency exam administered by UCF's Testing Center unless they have AP or IB credit in English or an "A-" or better in both of the following courses:
  ENC 1101 Composition I 3 hrs
  ENC 1102 Composition II 3 hrs

Application Deadlines:
- October 1 to be admitted the next spring term
- February 1 to be admitted the next summer term
- June 1 to be admitted the next fall term

Degree Requirements
- Students who change degree programs (other than from Journalism Pending) and select this major must adopt the most current catalog.
- The Journalism faculty strongly recommend that majors work for a student news outlet.
- Journalism majors may obtain an off-campus internship with a news organization.
- To receive credit for an internship, students must have a 2.5 GPA in their required major courses. Students with less than a 2.5 GPA will not be given academic internship credit.
- Students can enroll in a maximum of three hours of internship credit. However, the internships must be with different employers. Each internship must be approved by and supervised by a Journalism faculty advisor.
- A portfolio of representative work must be submitted to, and approved by, a faculty committee at least one semester before graduation. At least 75% of the work must be produced while at UCF.
- Co-op or internship credit cannot be used in this major without prior approval.
- Students should consult with a school advisor.
- Of the 120 hours required for graduation, a minimum of 72 hours must be taken outside of the disciplines represented within the Nicholson School of Communication.
- Of these 72 hours, 56 must be taken in the liberal arts (i.e. within the College of Arts & Humanities or the College of Sciences).
- To ensure completion within 120 hours and to comply with the 72 hour minimum rule, no more than 48 (or 51 if a GEP speech class was taken at UCF) of the 120 hours may be taken within the Nicholson School of Communication.
- Journalism majors must select their required minor or area of concentration from outside the Nicholson School of Communication to remain below the 48 credit hour school maximum.
- School residency requirement consists of at least 24 semester hours of regularly scheduled 3000-4000 level courses taken from the UCF Nicholson School of Communication.
- The Journalism program follows the Society of Professional Journalists Code of Ethics. Students who violate the code (plagiarizing, cheating or fabricating, for example) may be removed from the program.
- All prerequisites of courses taught within the College of Sciences will be enforced.
- Courses designated in 1 (General Education Program) and 2 (Common Program Prerequisites) are usually completed in the first 60 hours.

1. UCF General Education Program (GEP) (36 hrs)
   - Communication Foundations
     - Composition: Complete both courses. 6 hrs
     - Required ENC 1101 Composition I and 3 hrs
     - Required ENC 1102 Composition II 3 hrs
   - Speech: Select one of the following. 3 hrs
     - Required SPC 1608 Fundamentals of Oral Communication or 3 hrs
     - Suggested SPC 1603C Fundamentals of Technical Presentations 3 hrs

2. Cultural & Historical Foundations
   - Group 1: Select a course from group 1. 3 hrs
     - Prefer AMH 2010 U.S. History: 1492-1877 3 hrs
   - Group 2: Select a course from group 2. 3 hrs
   - Group 3: Select a third course from either group 1 or 2. 3 hrs

3. Matematical Foundations
   - Group 1: 3 hrs
     - Suggested CGS 1060C Introduction to Computers or 3 hrs
     - Suggested STA 2014C Principles of Statistics 3 hrs
   - Group 2: Select a listed course 3 hrs
     - Prefer POS 2041 American National Government 3 hrs
   - Group 3: Select a listed course 3 hrs

4. Science Foundations
   - Group 1: 3 hrs
     - Prefer STA 2014C Principles of Statistics 3 hrs
   - Group 2: Select a listed course 3 hrs
     - Prefer POS 2041 American National Government 3 hrs
   - Group 3: Select a listed course 3 hrs

5. Core Requirements: Basic Level
   - Grammar Proficiency must be satisfied before enrolling in JOU 2100C.
   - These courses may be completed before acceptance into the program.
   - All courses specifically identified in the preceding Common Program Prerequisites section of this catalog are also required in the Basic Core, and must be taken along with the following:
   - Core: Required, satisfies the CPP
     - SPC 1608 Fundamentals of Oral Communication or 3 hrs
     - SPC 1603C Fundamentals of Technical Presentations 3 hrs

6. Core
   - Must earn at least a "C" (2.0) in these courses in order to enroll in subsequent courses.
     - JOU 2100C News Reporting and 3 hrs
     - JOU 3004 History of American Journalism and 3 hrs
     - MMC 3200 Mass Communication Law and 3 hrs
     - JOU 3015 Principles of Journalism and 3 hrs
     - MMC 2004 Mass Media 3 hrs

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4. Core Requirements: Advanced Level (3 hrs)
- These courses may be completed either before or after acceptance into the program.
- Must earn at least a “C” (2.0) in these courses in order to enroll in subsequent courses.

Select 1:
- MCC 4300 International Media or
- MCC 4303 Hispanics in Media in the US or
- Any Nicholson School advisor approved upper-division
- Study Abroad course

5. Restricted Electives (19 hrs)
- These courses can only be completed after acceptance into the program.
- (NOTE: May NOT use courses in your core track as an elective; students must use a different course if they have already taken one listed as a requirement in their track).
- All prerequisites of courses will be enforced.
- Courses taken from Group A and Group B must total 9 hours.

Electronic News: Select the following: 10 hrs
- RTV 3301 Electronic Journalism I 3 hrs
- RTV 3304 Electronic Journalism II 3 hrs
- RTV 3321 Electronic News Gathering 4 hrs

Digital News: Select the following: 10 hrs
- JOU 3101 Advanced Reporting 3 hrs
- RTV 3321 Electronic News Gathering 4 hrs

Select 1:
- JOU 4300C Online Journalism I or
- JOU 4342C Multimedia Journalism 3 hrs

Group A: Select from the following: 6 hrs
- RTV 3301 Electronic Journalism I 3 hrs
- RTV 3304 Electronic Journalism II 3 hrs
- RTV 4591C Webcasting I 3 hrs
- RTV 4681C Television News 4 hrs
- JOU 3951 Knightly Latino: Spanish Language News 3 hrs
- JOU 3101 Advanced Reporting 3 hrs
- JOU 3130 In-Depth Reporting 3 hrs
- JOU 3184C Metro Reporting 3 hrs
- JOU 3201 Editing I 3 hrs
- JOU 3202 Editing II 3 hrs
- JOU 3310 Social Media Writing for Magazines 3 hrs
- JOU 3313C Sports Reporting 3 hrs
- JOU 3510 Magazine Publishing 3 hrs
- JOU 4300C Online Journalism I 3 hrs
- JOU 4181 Public Affairs Reporting 3 hrs
- JOU 4211C Informational Graphics 3 hrs
- JOU 4213C Informational Graphics 3 hrs
- JOU 4300C Feature Writing 3 hrs
- JOU 4306C Critical Writing 3 hrs
- JOU 4308 Freelance Writing 3 hrs
- JOU 4341C Online Journalism II 3 hrs
- JOU 4342C Multimedia Journalism 3 hrs
- JOU 4447 Magazine Editing and Production 3 hrs
- PGY 3610C Photожournalism I 3 hrs
- PGY 3620C Photожournalism II 3 hrs
- PGY 3630C Photожournalism III 3 hrs
- JOU 4941 Internship 1 hr

1 May be taken for a maximum of 3 hours.

Group B: Select from the following: 3 hrs
- JOU 3301 Journalism Readings 3 hrs
- MCC 2004 Mass Media 3 hrs
- MCC 3420 Mass Media Research Methods 3 hrs
- MCC 3630 Social Media as Mass Communication 3 hrs
- MCC 4283 New Media Technologies 3 hrs
- MCC 4300 International Media 3 hrs
- MCC 4602 Contemporary Media Issues 3 hrs
- RTV 3007 Development and Structure of Electronic Media and New Technology 3 hrs
- RTV 3511 Production Fundamentals and Aesthetics of Electronic Media 3 hrs
- RTV 4403 Electronic Media, Technology, and Society 3 hrs
- RTV 4503 Sports Programming in Electronic Media 3 hrs
- RTV 4505 Program Issues for TV & Motion Pictures 3 hrs
- RTV 4700 Regulation of Broadcasting 3 hrs
- RTV 4800 Broadcast Management 3 hrs
- JOU 4941 Internship 1 hr

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### UCF Degree Programs

#### Related Minors
- **NOTE:** Minors taught within the Nicholson School of Communication are not open to Journalism majors.
- English - Creative Writing
- English - Linguistics
- English - Literature
- English - Technical Communication
- Writing and Rhetoric
- History
- Magazine Journalism
- Political Science
- Sociology

#### Advising Notes
- It is the student’s responsibility to ensure that course prerequisites have been satisfied before registering for a class.
- Students are urged to contact their school advisor before registering for courses.

#### Transfer Notes
- Lower division courses do not substitute for upper division courses.
- Courses transferred from private and out-of-state schools must be evaluated for equivalency credit. The student must provide all supporting information.

#### Acceptable Substitutes for Transfer Courses
- None

#### Plan of Study
- One of numerous possible plans of study. See program description for all requirements. Consult a school advisor for alternate, new or more appropriate selections.
- Although most classes are listed as being taken during the academic year, you may be required to complete 9 hours of them during the Summer. Consult with an advisor to determine if you are exempt.

#### Freshman Year - Fall
- **13 hrs**
  - ENC 1101  Composition I  3 hrs
  - GEP-Math  3 hrs
  - GEP  3 hrs
  - Foreign Language  4 hrs

#### Freshman Year - Spring
- **13 hrs**
  - ENC 1102  Composition II  3 hrs
  - SPC 1608  Fundamentals of Oral Communication  3 hrs
  - GEP-Stat or CS  3 hrs
  - Foreign Language  4 hrs

#### Sophomore Year - Fall
- **15 hrs**
  - MMC 2004  Mass Media  3 hrs
  - GEP  3 hrs
  - GEP  3 hrs
  - GEP  3 hrs
  - Elective-Minor  3 hrs

#### Sophomore Year - Spring
- **15 hrs**
  - Apply for admission by Feb 1
  - JOU 2100C  News Reporting  3 hrs
  - GEP  3 hrs
  - GEP  3 hrs
  - GEP  3 hrs
  - Elective-Minor  3 hrs

#### Junior Year - Fall
- **16 hrs**
  - If admitted, take...
  - JOU 3004  History of American Journalism  3 hrs
  - MMC 3200  Mass Communication Law  3 hrs
  - RTV 3321  Electronic News Gathering  4 hrs
  - Elective-Minor - Literature  3 hrs
  - Elective-take outside of NSC  3 hrs

#### Junior Year - Spring
- **15 hrs**
  - JOU 3015  Principles of Journalism  3 hrs
  - Select 1:
    - MMC 4300  International Media or  3 hrs
    - MMC 4303  Hispanics in Media in the US  3 hrs
    - Restricted Elective  3 hrs
    - Restricted Elective  3 hrs
    - Elective-Minor  3 hrs

#### Program Academic Learning Compacts
- Program Academic Learning Compacts (student learning outcomes) for undergraduate programs are located at: [http://www.oeas.ucf.edu/alc/academic_learning_compacts.htm](http://www.oeas.ucf.edu/alc/academic_learning_compacts.htm)

#### Equipment Fees
- Part-Time Student: $22 per term
- Full-Time Student: $44 per term