

# JOURNALISM, MINOR

Requirements for a minor may be completed at any campus location offering the specified courses for the minor. Students may not change from a campus that offers their major to a campus that does not offer their major for the purpose of completing a minor.

## Program Description

The Journalism minor will offer students the skills required to practice journalism, including researching, writing, interviewing, and using equipment and technology necessary to tell non-fiction stories. Students will also learn journalism theory - the reason journalism and the First Amendment are critical to a functioning democracy as well as the ethics that shape news media decision-making. Courses on the "skills" side of the minor will include COMM 160 and COMM 260W, the foundational journalistic reporting and writing courses that can be followed by upper-division courses in print/digital and broadcast. In addition, students will be able to pursue visual story-telling via photojournalism and multimedia/video courses. At the same time, theory courses such as COMM 271 will introduce students to the history of journalism in this country and show how the news media has reacted to changes in the industry.

## What is Journalism?

Journalism matters. The core skill set of journalism, gathering information and organizing it to tell a story in a compelling fashion, matters more than ever. While consumption and delivery methods change almost daily for information, journalism exists in more forms than ever before. Broadcast, digital, online, multimedia, print ... journalism matters. For audiences old and young, for audiences interested in a mix of information, for audiences interested in niche or specific information ... journalism matters. Journalism matters because the fact-based approach to information serves the public interest.

## Program Requirements

Requirement	Credits
Requirements for the Minor	19

### Requirements for the Minor

A grade of C or better is required for all courses in the minor, as specified by Senate Policy 59-10 (<http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/59-00-minors-and-certificates/#59-10>).

Some prerequisites may be required to meet the requirements for this minor.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Prescribed Courses</b>		
<i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
COMM 160	Basic News Writing Skills	1
COMM 260W	News Writing and Reporting	3
COMM 271	Principles of Journalism	3
COMM 403	Law of Mass Communications	3
COMM 409	News Media Ethics	3
<b>Additional Courses</b>		
<i>Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
Select 6 credits from the following:		6
COMM 261	The Literature of Journalism	

COMM 269	Photojournalism
COMM 360	Radio Reporting
COMM 362	Podcasting
COMM 364	Data Visualization for Journalists
COMM 460	Reporting Methods
COMM 461	Magazine Writing
COMM 462	Feature Writing
COMM 463	Newspaper Design
COMM 464W	Editorial, Opinion and Commentary Writing
COMM 465	Television Reporting