

Journalism and Media Studies Minor

The journalism and media studies minor provides students with an opportunity to explore the role of journalism and media in society. The skills of journalism (asking questions, discovering answers, evaluating the quality and trustworthiness of news sources, and sharing that information with the public) are valuable in nearly every profession. A minor in journalism and media studies is an effective way to improve media literacy skills and enhance the experiences gained from other degree programs.

Students are advised to take the foundations course before or concurrently with other courses. Students should work with an advisor to select additional courses that are most appropriate to meet their educational goals.

Courses used to satisfy the requirements of the bachelor's degree in communication or another minor in communication may be used to satisfy the foundation requirements of this minor. However, 15 total credit hours beyond the bachelor's degree in communication or another minor in communication must be completed to earn this minor. Courses may be used concurrently to fulfill other university requirements, where appropriate. Students may take COM courses on a credit/no credit basis to meet the requirements of the minor only at the program's discretion.

Requirements

Foundation Courses: Students must complete the following foundational course in communication

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| COM 203 | Introduction to Mass Media | 3 |
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Elective Courses: ¹

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| Any 200-level, 300-level, or 400-level COM courses (from the approved list) | 12 |
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| Total Hours | 15 |
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¹ Students must complete 12 additional credit hours of electives in communication. These electives courses can be any 200-level, 300-level, or 400-level COM Courses from the approved list of courses for journalism and media studies. A maximum of 3 credit hours of electives may come from 200-level course COM courses.