



CURRICULUM GUIDE 2025-2026*

JOURNALISM MINOR

SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION & JOURNALISM
EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

The Journalism minor introduces students to the skills necessary to practice news writing and editing for multiple platforms. Students learn how to report breaking news and examine the role news media plays in a healthy democracy. Students learn to think critically, produce creatively, process information quickly, interview thoughtfully, and write precisely.

TOTAL HOURS FOR MINOR: 18 HRS

REQUIRED COURSEWORK: 9 HRS

JOU 2000 - Fundamentals in News Gathering

JOU 2001G - Journalism & Democracy

JOU 2101 - News Reporting & Writing

Pre-req: JOU 2000 and grade of "B" or better in ENG 1001G or a grade of "C" in both ENG 1001G and ENG 1002G

ELECTIVES OPTIONS: 9 HRS

Journalism minors need to complete 9 semester hours of journalism coursework. Students may select any JOU prefix course as an elective, except for JOU 1000G.

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*IMPORTANT: This Curriculum Guide applies to students whose Catalog Year is 2025-2026. Curriculum Guides for past years can be accessed on the department website. Please see your advisor if you are uncertain of your Catalog Year.

