

JOURNALISM

Catalog Year: Fall 2025

NAME: _____

ENNUMBER: _____



GENERAL EDUCATION

LANGUAGE: 9 HRS

Course	Hours	Grade	Semester
ENG 1001G: Comp & Lang	3		
ENG 1002G: Comp & Lit	3		
CMN 1310G: Intro to Speech	3		

MATH: 3 HRS

Course	Hours	Grade	Semester

CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Course	Hours	Grade	Semester

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Exempt?	Yes	No	
Course	Hours	Grade	Semester

FINE ARTS/HUMANITIES: 9 HRS

Type	Course	Hours	Grade	Semester
Fine Art				
Humanity				
Fine Art/ Humanity				

SCIENTIFIC AWARENESS: 7 HRS

Type	Course	Hours	Grade	Semester
Bio Science				
Phys Science				
Lab				

SOCIAL/BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES: 9 HRS

Course	Hours	Grade	Semester
JOU 2001G: Journalism & Democracy	3		

SENIOR SEM: Requirement met by major capstone class

JOURNALISM MAJOR (FA25)

JOURNALISM CORE: 40 HRS

Course	Hours	Grade	Semester
JOU 2000: Fundamentals of News Gathering	3		
JOU 2001G: Journalism & Democracy	3		
JOU 2101: News Reporting & Writing*	3		
JOU 2902: Copy Editing & Design	3		
JOU 2950: Intro to Visual Communication	3		
JOU 3000: Advanced Reporting*	3		
JOU 3002: Intro to Multimedia JOU	3		
JOU 3610: Broadcast News*	3		
JOU 3750: Social Media Engagement	3		
JOU 3940: History of American JOU	3		
JOU 3970: Race, Gender, & the Media*	3		
JOU 4401: Journalism Portfolio*	1		
JOU 4420: Communication Law & Ethics	3		
JOU 4730: Journalism Capstone Seminar*	3		

JOURNALISM OPTION ELECTIVES: 15 HRS

Students may select any JOU course as an elective, except JOU 1000G.

Elective Course	Hours	Grade	Semester

LIBERAL ARTS REQUIRED COURSEWORK: 6 HRS

Elective Course	Hours	Grade	Semester
PLS 3603: State and Local Government	3		
Any ECON or SOC:	3		

*Course has pre-reqs. Please see catalog for details.

A minimum grade of "C" is required for all JOU courses and a minimum GPA of 2.5 is required for all JOU coursework.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

The Journalism major teaches students the skills necessary to be successful regardless of which branch of the profession they choose to enter. Journalism students learn and practice news writing and editing for multiple platforms, multimedia production, design, and photojournalism. They also learn to navigate the ever-changing social media landscape to promote their own work or crowd source a story. Students are able to cover sports, design publications, report breaking news and complete longer investigative projects for print, broadcast and online media.

Students learn to think critically, produce creatively, write precisely, process information quickly, interview thoughtfully, manage people, and develop an excellent work ethic.

WHAT CAREERS CAN I PURSUE?

The skills required of a journalist are the foundation for any job that requires researching, talking to people, asking questions and synthesizing what is learned into a cohesive, coherent article or report.

Our alumni have won Pulitzer Prizes and Emmy Awards, among other kinds of recognition for their work. You will find our alumni working in traditional journalism fields of broadcast, multimedia and print, but they have also parlayed their skills into other fields.

You can find Eastern Journalism alumni working in the movie industry, lobbying, social media marketing, political campaigns, public relations, law enforcement, the legal profession, and book editing and publishing. What can you do with a Journalism degree? In short, just about anything you put your mind to.

RESOURCES

School of Communication & Journalism
www.eiu.edu/cmnpjou/

Journalism Homepage
www.eiu.edu/journalism/

Department Honors
www.eiu.edu/journalism/honors.php

Internship Information
www.eiu.edu/journalism/internships.php

Student Media
www.eiu.edu/journalism/media.php

Scholarship Information
www.eiu.edu/journalism/scholarships.php

Accreditation Council
www.acejmc.org/

The Daily Eastern News
www.dailyeasternnews.com/

News Watch
www.weiu.net/news_watch/index.php

SAMPLE COURSE SEQUENCE

FRESHMAN	
FALL	SPRING
ENG 1001G CMN 1310G BIO GEN ED JOU 2000 JOU 2001G	ENG1002G MAT GEN ED PHYSICAL SCI GEN ED ART/HUM GEN ED SOC/BEH GEN ED
SOPHOMORE	
FALL	SPRING
JOU 2101 JOU 2950 SOC/BEH GEN ED ART/HUM GEN ED PLS 3603	JOU 2902 JOU 3750 JOU elective ART/HUM GEN ED SOC/ECON
JUNIOR	
FALL	SPRING
JOU 3002 JOU 3610 JOU elective ELEC/MINOR ELEC/MINOR	JOU 3000 JOU 3970 JOU elective JOU elective ELEC/MINOR
SENIOR	
FALL	SPRING
JOU 3940 JOU elective ELEC/MINOR ELEC/MINOR ELEC/MINOR/INTERNSHIP	JOU 4401 JOU 4420 JOU 4730 ELEC/MINOR ELEC/MINOR/INTERNSHIP