

School of Media

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Journalism Writing Minor
21 hours (Ref. # 403)

The minor in Journalism Writing requires a minimum of 21 hours. Students pursuing the minor can gain valuable knowledge and skills in professional news writing and journalistic storytelling. Half the hours in the minor must be 300- or 400-level courses.

Required Courses (*prerequisite courses in parenthesis*)

SJB 101 Understanding Media Content, Ethics and Technology (3)[fall]
JOUR 202 Introduction to News Writing (3)
JOUR 301 Press Law & Ethics (3) (*PS 110, SJB 101, JOUR 202, 60 earned hours or permission of instructor*)
JOUR 302 Intermediate Reporting (3) (*SJB 101, JOUR 202*)
JOUR 325 Feature Writing (3) (*JOUR 302*)

Restricted Electives (*prerequisite courses in parenthesis*)

Select the remaining six hours in consultation with an assigned faculty adviser. **Note:** At least one course must have a JOUR prefix.

JOUR 323 Multiplatform News (3) (*JOUR 202*)
JOUR 426 Advanced Reporting (3) (*JOUR 323, JOUR 325*)
JOUR 467 Journalism Practicum (1) (*Internship taken three times; requires permission of coordinator*)
JOUR 481 Problems in Mass Communication (3) (*Requires permission of coordinator*)
JOUR 491 Internship (3) (*Internship; requires permission of coordinator*)
ENG 311 Creative Nonfiction (3) (*ENG 200 and 203 or permission*)
ENG 402 Editing/Publishing (3) (*ENG 306 or ENG 307 & one upper-level professional writing class*)
ENG 403 Writing Memoir and Autobiography (3) (*ENG 203 and 300*)
FLK 373 Folklore and the Media (3)
SJB 310 Media Diversity (3) (*or an approved diversity class*)
SJB 421 American Press History
BCOM 325 Writing TV/Radio (3) (*permission of instructor*)

For more information on the Journalism Writing Minor, contact Mac McKerral at mac.mckerral@wku.edu in the School of Media.