

# JOURNALISM-BA or BS

THIS IS A **GENERAL** CURRICULUM GUIDE AND IS NOT APPLICABLE TO EVERY STUDENT. IT IS IMPORTANT TO MEET WITH YOUR ADVISOR.

Journalism major (54 credits)	
School of Communications Core (9 credits)	Capstone (3 credits)
— <b>COM 101 Concepts of Communication</b> (3) — <b>COM 295 Communication Theory</b> (3) Prerequisite: COM 101 — <b>COM 201 Speech</b> (3) <b>OR</b> <b>COM 215 SWS Story Making</b> Prerequisite: WRT 150	— <b>COM 495 Issues in Communications</b> Prerequisite: Senior Standing
Journalism Core (24 credits)	
— <b>CJR 236 News in Society</b> (3)  — <b>CJR 256 News Reporting I</b> (3) Prerequisite: WRT 150 — <b>CJR 270 News Reporting II</b> (3) Prerequisite: CJR 256 or permission of instructor — <b>CJR 290 Journalism History</b> (3)	— <b>CJR 316 Editing</b> (3) Prerequisite: CJR 256 or permission of instructor — <b>CJR 454 Community Reporting</b> (3) Prerequisite: CJR 270 — <b>CJR 465 Issues in Journalism</b> (3) Prerequisite: Junior standing — <b>COM 203 SWS Argument &amp; Analysis</b> (3)
Emphasis: select one (9 or 13 credits)	
Print Journalism	Electronic Journalism (See faculty advisor to determine appropriate courses)
— <b>CJR 364 Article Writing</b> (3) Prerequisite: CJR 256 or permission of instructor — <b>CJR 365 Advanced Editing</b> (3) Prerequisite: CJR 316 or permission of instructor — <b>CJR 481 Investigative Reporting</b> (3) Prerequisite: CJR 316 or permission of instructor	— <b>CBR 368 Broadcast News I</b> (3) (W) Prerequisite: CJR 256 — <b>CFV 125 Media Production I</b> (3) Prerequisite: Restricted to Film/Video, Broadcasting, Communication Studies, Health Communications, and Journalism majors — <b>CBR 468 Broadcast News II</b> (3) (F) Prerequisites: CBR 368 and CFV 125 — <b>CFV 226 Media Production II</b> (3) Prerequisite: Admission to major and Co-requisite: CFV 227 — <b>CFV 227 Digital Media Lab</b> (1) Prerequisite: Admission to major and Co-requisite: CFV 226
Outside Electives (9 credits)	
Choose at least 9 credits from outside the School of Communications discipline at the 200 level or above; consult with your faculty advisor	
— <b>Elective</b> _____ (3)	— <b>Elective</b> _____ (3)
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Degree: choose one (B.A. or B.S.)	
Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)	Bachelor of Science (B.S.)
Third semester proficiency (201 level) is required for the B.A. degree. This may be fulfilled through language placement ( <a href="http://www.gvsu.edu/ml/language-placement-the-opi-108.htm">http://www.gvsu.edu/ml/language-placement-the-opi-108.htm</a> ) or by completing the courses listed below — <b>Language 101*</b> (4) — <b>Language 102*</b> (4) (*150 is a hybrid of 101 & 102 and is recommended for students with previous language background; students may move into Language 201 after completing Language 150) — <b>Language 201</b> (4)	— <b>STA 215 Introduction to Statistics</b> (3) Prerequisite: MTH 110 or equivalent — <b>COM 300 Foundations of Communication Research</b> (3) Prerequisites: COM 101 and STA 215 — <b>COM 375 Communication Research</b> (3) Prerequisite: STA 215

It is imperative to meet with your faculty advisor or and advisor in the CLAS Academic Advising Center regularly.

The CLAS Academic Advising Center is located in C-1-140 MAK, 616-331-8585.

Online at: <http://www.gvsu.edu/clasadvising>

### Sample Plan

<b>Year One</b> COM 101 (3) BA or BS Course (3-4) WRT 150 <sup>1</sup> (4) MTH 110 (4) COM 201 or 215 (3)	<b>Year Three</b> BA or BS Course (3-4) Outside Elective (3) Emphasis area course (3) Emphasis area course (3) CJR 316 (3) COM 203 (3)	*Students must complete a total of two courses with an SWS attribute *Students should complete an average of 30 credits per year to earn the required 120 credits to graduate within a 4 year time span * Outside electives must be approved by a faculty advisor *The block tuition rate is for 12-15 credits. You will pay additional tuition for any credits over 15
<b>Year Two</b> CJR 236 (3) CJR 256 (3) CJR 270 (3) CJR 290 (3) COM 295 (3) BA or BS Course (3-4)	<b>Year Four</b> COM 495 (3) CJR 465 (3) CJR 454 (3) Emphasis area course (3) Emphasis area course (3) Outside Elective (3) Outside Elective (3)	

<sup>1</sup> Students who self-place into WRT 098 should take this course in the fall semester and then take WRT 150 in the winter semester of their first year. Students who self-place into WRT 150 should normally take this course in the winter semester of their first year.

Students will not need to take WRT 150 if they have earned credit for the course through AP/Dual Enrollment. A grade of C or better is required in WRT 150 in order to satisfy the WRT 150 requirement at GVSU.

Credits earned for WRT 098 or ESL 098 do not count toward the required 120 credits for graduation, however they do count for GPA, financial aid, and full time status

### Guide for Declaring the Journalism Major

1. Log into myBanner from the GVSU homepage
2. Once logged in select "Student", "Student Records", and then, "Change Major"
3. Click on the "Change Major 1/Program" box
4. Click on the down arrow in the box next to "New Major 1/Program," from here scroll down and choose "Journalism-BA" **OR** "Journalism-BS" depending on your degree
5. Click "Submit" and then "Change to New Program"

### General Education Overlap

<b>General Education Categories fulfilled by the Journalism major:</b>
Mathematical Sciences: STA 215 if selecting the B.S. Degree