

JOURNALISM - 5-YEAR BACHELOR OF ARTS AND MASTER OF ARTS IN COMMUNICATION

This combination program provides a direct pathway for BA JOUR majors to transition seamlessly into the MA COMM program thereby earning both degrees in five or fewer years.

Program Requirements

First Year

Fall		Semester Credit Hours
ENGL 104	Composition and Rhetoric ¹	3
JOUR 102	American Mass Media ¹	3
POLS 206	American National Government	3
Select one of the following:		3
MATH 140	Mathematics for Business and Social Sciences	
MATH 142	Business Calculus	
MATH 151	Engineering Mathematics I	
MATH 152	Engineering Mathematics II	
PHIL 240	Introduction to Logic	
STAT 201	Elementary Statistical Inference	
Creative arts (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#creative-arts)		3
Semester Credit Hours		15
Spring		
JOUR 200	Mass Media Information ¹	3
POLS 207	State and Local Government	3
Select one of the following:		3
COMM 203	Public Speaking	
COMM 205	Communication for Technical Professions	
COMM 243	Argumentation and Debate	
ENGL 103	Introduction to Rhetoric and Composition	
ENGL 203	Writing about Literature	
ENGL 210	Technical and Professional Writing	
Select one of the following:		3
MATH 140	Mathematics for Business and Social Sciences	
MATH 142	Business Calculus	
MATH 151	Engineering Mathematics I	
MATH 152	Engineering Mathematics II	
PHIL 240	Introduction to Logic	
STAT 201	Elementary Statistical Inference	
Language, philosophy and culture (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#language-philosophy-culture)		3
Semester Credit Hours		15

Second Year

Fall

JOUR 203	Media Writing I ¹	3
JOUR 200-499 (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/jour/) ¹		3
American history (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history)		3
Social and behavioral sciences (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#social-behavioral-sciences) ²		3
General elective ³		3
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Semester Credit Hours

18

Spring

JOUR 200-499 (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/jour/) ¹		3
JOUR 200-499 (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/jour/) ¹		3
Life and physical sciences (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)		3
Focus area ^{1,4}		3
Minor ⁵		3
General elective ³		3

Semester Credit Hours

18

Third Year

Fall

COMM 308	Research Methods in Communication ^{1,6}	3
JOUR 300-499 (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/jour/) ¹		3
JOUR 300-499 (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/jour/) ¹		3
Life and physical sciences (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)		3
Focus area ^{1,4}		3

Semester Credit Hours

15

Spring

JOUR 484	Internship ¹	3
American history (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history)		3
Life and physical sciences (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)		3
Focus area ^{1,4}		3
General elective ³		3

Semester Credit Hours

15

Fourth Year

Fall

COMM 681	Professional Seminar	0
COMM 600-699 (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/comm/) ⁷		3

JOUR 300-499 (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/jour/) ¹	3
Focus area ^{1,4}	3
Minor ⁵	3
Minor ⁵	3
Semester Credit Hours	15
Spring	
COMM 600-699 (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/comm/) ⁷	3
JOUR 490 Journalism as a Profession ^{1,6}	3
Minor ⁵	3
Minor ⁵	3
General elective ³	3
Semester Credit Hours	15
Fifth Year	
Fall	
COMM 600-699 (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/comm/) ⁷	3
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COMM 600-699 (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/comm/) ⁷	3
Semester Credit Hours	12
Spring	
COMM 600-699 (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/comm/) ⁷	3
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COMM 600-699 (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/comm/) ⁷	3
Semester Credit Hours	12
Total Semester Credit Hours	150

⁷ Student will select coursework in consultation with the Graduate Director.

Graduation requirements include 3 hours of International and Cultural Diversity (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/degree-information/international-cultural-diversity-requirements/>) courses and 3 hours of Cultural Discourse (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/degree-information/cultural-discourse-requirements/>) courses. A course satisfying a core category, a college/department requirement, or a free elective can be used to satisfy this requirement. The required 6 hours may be met by courses satisfying other areas of a degree program. See your academic advisor for further information.

The program includes a total of 156 hours which up to 6 hours may be applied toward both the Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and the Master of Arts in Communication (non-thesis).

¹ Must make a grade of C or better.

² JOUR 100-499 (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/jour/>) may not be used to fulfill this requirement.

³ Select an 100-499 course not used elsewhere. Only 14 hours of KINE 199, AERS 100-499 (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/aers/>), MLSC 100-499 (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/mlsc/>), NVSC 100-499 (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/nvsc/>), SOMS 100-499 (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/soms/>) may be used toward the general electives.

⁴ In consultation with the program director or designee, select from JOUR 100-499 (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/jour/>) and/or other courses to form a supporting focus area. Obtain required, written approval of focus area courses.

⁵ Minor to be selected from among approved university minors. Consult with advisor regarding how to declare desired minor. Courses fulfilling core curriculum requirements may apply to the minor and therefore some of these courses may become electives. Minors will range between 15 and 18 hours.

⁶ Course will count toward undergraduate degree and graduate degree.