Cleveland State University Levin College of Public Affairs & Education

Bachelor of Arts in Journalism & Public Relations - Journalism Sequence

EFFECTIVE FALL 2025

First Year

Fall Semester	Credits	Major	Core	Spring Semester cr	credits	Major	Core
Inquiry Launch Elective	3		IL	Research & Professional Writing Elective	3		RPW
African-American History & Culture Elective	3		AAHC	Quantitative & Formal Reasoning Elective	3		QFR
Finding Your Voice Elective	3		FYV	Scientific Inquiry Elective	3		SI
COM 101 Principles of Communication	3		SHB	Human Culture & Creativity Elective	3		HCC
COM 102 Adobe CC: Digital Content Creation in Com	3	Χ	DDL	Com 224 Fundamentals of Journalism & Promotion	3	Χ	<u> </u>
Semester Total	15			Semester Total	15		

Second Year										
Fall Semester	Credits	Major	Core	Spring Semester	Credits	Major	Core			
Scientific Inquiry Elective with Lab	4		SI	General Elective*	3					
Global Human Perspectives Elective	3		GHP	General Elective*	3					
Diversity in Society Elective	3		DiS	COM 226 Mass Media and Society	3	Х				
General Elective*	3			COM 303 Communication Inquiry	3	Х				
Com 225 Media Writing	3	Х	WAC	COM 326 Advanced Reporting	3	Χ	WAC			
Semester Total	16			Semester Total	15					

Third Year										
Fall Semester	Credits	Major	Core	Spring Semester	Credits	Major	Core			
General Elective* WAC/SPAC	3		WAC	COM 358 Media Law & Ethics	3	Х				
Com 335 Multimedia Story Telling	3	Х		COM 425 Publication Design	3	Х				
Com 347 Political Communication	3	Х		COM Journalism Elective	3	Х				
COM Journalism Elective	3	Х		General Elective*	3					
General Elective* 300/400	3			General Elective* 300/400	3					
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Fourth Year														
Fall Semester	Credits	Major	Core	Spring Semester Credits Major Core										
COM 427 Laboratory News Media I	3	Х		COM 427 Laboratory News Media II 3 X										
General Elective* 300/400	3			Com 363 Communication Production 1 X										
General Elective*	3			General Elective* 300/400										
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Apply for Spring graduation prior to Sep 9th														
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Assumptions: college-level readiness in MTH & ENG

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General Elective* WAC/SPAC	3		WAC	Com 464 Media Metrics & Analytics	3	Х				
COM 350 Persuasion and Attitude Change	3	Х		COM 425 Publication Design	3	Х				
COM 303 Communication Inquiry	3	Х		General Elective*	3					
Com 335 Multimedia Storytelling	3	Х		General Elective*	3					
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Public Relations Elective	3	Х		COM 447 Promotional Production (Capstone)	3	Χ				
COM 455 Communication Campaigns	3	Х		Com 363 Communication Production	1	Х				
General Elective* 300/400	3			General Elective* 300/400	3					
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