JOURNALISM

Journalism is a 41-credit major offered by the Department of Communication. Undergraduate majors may choose from professional emphases in print journalism or broadcasting.

The Program

Students interested in pursuing an undergraduate degree offered by the Department of Communication must first complete all courses and requirements associated with the pre-communication preparation designation. Once all pre-communication preparation courses and requirements are met, the student completes and submits the transition form, available on the department's Blackboard site, to the department's academic advisor. After verification of accuracy, the student is accepted into the professional program and can continue pursuing a degree in the Department of Communication.

Pre-Communication Preparation

Students must complete 18 credits of selected courses with a 3.0 cumulative GPA or above to become a journalism major. The courses are COMM 110; COMM 112; COMM 114; COMM 212; COMM 214; ENGL 110 (unless exempt); and ENGL 120. Pre-communication preparation courses may be retaken only once.

Journalism Major

Students majoring in journalism may earn a Bachelor of Science degree (includes an approved minor) or a Bachelor of Arts degree (includes a modern language proficiency) upon completion of all pre-communication preparation courses and requirements. Students will select one of two tracks. The print track will orient students to the principles and practices of news reporting and writing as both a practice and field of study. The broadcasting track will introduce students to the principles and practices of TV production and broadcasting.

Career Opportunities

Course work in the journalism major prepares students for careers in news reporting, media writing, broadcast writing, and broadcast production. The courses in each track emphasize written and oral communication skills and prepare students to communicate in meaningful and effective ways.

Journalism Minor

Many other majors offered at North Dakota State University can be greatly enhanced by a journalism minor. The 21-credit minor includes a nine-credit core and 12 credits of communication professional specialization.

Internship Program

Internships offer practical experience for students. Students must propose an internship, gain approval from the departmental internship coordinator, have an on-site evaluation and report on the internship experience. Internships are taken for credit, and a student may have more than one. Internships often lead to recommendations and jobs.

Scholarships

The Department of Communication awards a number of scholarships to juniors and seniors who excel in academics and who have demonstrated career potential and commitment. Applications are available in March for awards in May. Visit the department website for information.

Extra-Curricular Activities

NDSU has two honoraries for top students majoring in a degree program offered by the Department of Communication. Pi Kappa Delta is a national honor fraternity for students involved in human communication activities. Lambda Pi Eta is a national honorary for communication majors with high grades. Students can gain additional experience through participation in the Bison Information Network (television), KNDS-96.9 (radio), or The Spectrum (print).

High School Preparation

A well-rounded high school education with some experiences in high school music, forensics, theater, journalism, FFA and scouting often serves as good preparation for a major in the Department of Communication. Students with interests in science and art, business and service, and publicity and promotion will find a major in this department very compatible.

The Faculty

Faculty members in the Department of Communication are all committed teachers, researchers, scholars and practitioners. The faculty earned doctorates at the Universities of Illinois, Kansas, Minnesota, Nebraska, Southern California, Tennessee, Utah, Arizona State University, Michigan State University, North Dakota State University, Pennsylvania State, Southern Illinois University and University of Cambridge (UK).

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Sample Curriculum

Credits	General Education Requirements
	Communication
3	COMM 110 - Fundamentals of Public Speaking
3	ENGL 110 - College Composition I
3	ENGL 120 - College Composition II
3	Upper Division Writing
3	Quantitative Reasoning
10	Science & Technology
6	Humanities & Fine Arts
6	Social & Behavioral Sciences
2	Wellness
	Cultural Diversity
-	COMM 216 - Intercultural Communication
-	Global Perspective
39	**TOTAL**
Credits	**College/Department Requirements**
3	Humanities Elective(s)
3	Social Science Elective
3	Fine Arts Elective(s)
9	**TOTAL**
Credits	**Major Requirements**
3	COMM 112 - Understanding Media and Social Change
3	COMM 114 - Human Communication
3	COMM 212 - Interpersonal Communication
3	COMM 216 - Intercultural Communication
3	Pre-Communication Elective
	Journalism Core:
3	COMM 200 - Introduction to Media Writing
3	COMM 301 - Rhetorical Traditions or COMM 321 - Introduction to Communication Theory
3	COMM 310 - Advanced Media Writing
3	COMM 320 - Communication Analysis
3	COMM 431 - Communication Ethics and Law
3	COMM 496 - Field Experience
9	Major Electives
28	Electives
70	**TOTAL**
Credits	**Print Track**
3	COMM 313 - Editorial Processes
3	COMM 330 - Photography for the Media
3	COMM 465 - Convergence Media
9	**TOTAL**
Credits	**Broadcasting Track**
3	COMM 245 - Principles of Broadcast Production
3	COMM 442 - Digital Media and Society
3	COMM 445 - Advanced Broadcast Production (Capstone)
9	**TOTAL**
122	**Minimum Degree Credits to Graduate**

An academic minor or foreign language is required.

This sample curriculum is not intended to serve as a curriculum guide for current students, but rather an example of course offerings for prospective students. For the curriculum requirements in effect at the time of entrance into a program, consult with an academic advisor or with the Office of Registration and Records.
https://bulletin.ndsu.edu/undergraduate/programs/

Transferring Credits

View NDSU equivalencies of transfer courses at:
www.ndsu.edu/transfer/equivalencies

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