

Print and Digital Journalism Major (PRDJ)

Recommended Four-Year Course Sequence







Freshman		Sophomore		Junior		Senior	
Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring
WRIT 150	JOUR 201	JOUR 202**	JOUR 302**	JOUR 308**	JOUR 310	PRDJ Elective	JOUR 462
GE III or IV	GE V	JOUR 203**	JOUR 303**	JOUR 309**	PRDJ Elective	JOUR Elective	JOUR Elective*
GE I, II or VI	GE III or IV	GE I, II or VI	GE I, II or VI	WRIT 340	Elective/Double Major/Minor	Elective/Double Major/Minor	Elective/Double Major/Minor
Foreign Language I	Foreign Language II	Foreign Language III	Diversity	Elective/Double Major/Minor	Elective/Double Major/Minor	Elective/Double Major/Minor	Elective/Double Major/Minor
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This chart represents a standard four-year plan (16 units per semester). Each student's course plan may differ according to courses completed prior to admission. Unless otherwise indicated, each course is four units.

Notes:

*Two-unit course.

**Three-unit course.

-  Print Journalism Major Courses
-  General Education Courses
-  Foreign Language Requirements
-  Writing Requirements
-  Diversity
-  Elective/Double Major/Minor

Print and Digital Journalism Major Course Descriptions

PRDJ Major Requirements:

JOUR 201 Culture of Journalism: Past, Present and Future (4, FaSp) The goal of this course is to introduce students to key moments, debates and ideas that have shaped U.S. journalism. Covering from the Revolutionary War period through today, the class will examine social, cultural, political and technological aspects of U.S. journalism, getting a sense of its overarching history as a profession and public service.

JOUR 202 Newswriting: Print (3, Fa) Introduction to basic skills of print newswriting, news judgment, construction of print news stories. Social responsibility and ethical framework for print journalists. Typing ability required. *Concurrent enrollment:* JOUR 203.

JOUR 203 Newswriting: Broadcast (3, Fa) Introduction to broadcast newswriting with emphasis on the ear and eye. News judgment. Social responsibility and ethical framework for broadcast journalists. Typing ability required. *Concurrent enrollment:* JOUR 202.

JOUR 302 Reporting: Print (3, Sp) Introduction to basic reporting techniques, public records reporting and beginning investigative journalism. Social responsibility and ethical framework for print journalists. *Prerequisite:* JOUR 202, JOUR 203; *concurrent enrollment:* JOUR 303.

JOUR 303 Reporting: Broadcast (3, Sp) Introduction to field reporting, audio and visual media. Social responsibility and ethical framework for broadcast journalists. *Prerequisite:* JOUR 202, JOUR 203; *concurrent enrollment:* JOUR 302.

JOUR 308 Newspaper Editing and Design (3, Fa) Copyediting and newspaper production layout. Headline and caption writing. Design. Social responsibility and ethical framework involving print production. *Prerequisite:* JOUR 302, JOUR 303.

JOUR 309 Introduction to Online Media (3, FaSp) Convergence journalism and online skill sets. Blogs and Web content production. Social responsibility and ethical framework in digital information technology. *Prerequisite:* JOUR 302, JOUR 303.

JOUR 310 Investigative Reporting (4, FaSp) Reportorial and analytical skills and techniques required for portraying and evaluating contemporary newsworthy events; lectures, discussions. *Prerequisite:* JOUR 302, JOUR 303.

JOUR 462 Law of Mass Communication (4, FaSp) Press law; government controls on the news media; legal responsibilities of the journalist.

PRDJ Electives*:

Select **TWO** of the following courses to meet this requirement:

JOUR 400 Interpretive Writing

JOUR 431 Feature Writing

JOUR 435 Writing Magazine Non-Fiction

JOUR 440 Environmental Journalism

JOUR 448 Government and Public Affairs Reporting

JOUR 476 Reporting Urban Affairs

*For the PRDJ elective course descriptions, please read the PRDJ Elective Course Descriptions handout [<http://annenberg.usc.edu/CurrentStudents/UGStudentSvcs/Jour/CourseDescriptions.aspx>] for the most up-to-date descriptions.

Journalism Electives:

PRDJ majors must fulfill six upper division JOUR elective units approved by an adviser (300-400 level).

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