



Semester 1	Credits	Success Marker
ENGL 103	3	
Math or Science (B.S. requirement)	3-4	
Knowledge Domain	3	
Knowledge Domain	3	
COMS 100	3	
UNIV 101 (optional)	1	
Total hours	15-16	
Notes/Comments:		

Semester 2	Credits	Success Marker
ENGL 203	3	
Knowledge Domain	3	
Math or Science (B.S. requirement)	3-4	
Knowledge Domain	3	
Knowledge Domain	3	
Total hours	15-16	
Notes/Comments:		

Semester 3	Credits	Success Marker
Math or Science (B.S. requirement)	3-4	
Knowledge Domain	3-4	
Knowledge Domain	3	
Minor Requirement or Elective	3	
JOUR 200 or 200B	3	
Total hours	15-17	
Notes/Comments: Journalism majors must complete the requirements of a minor or second major		

Semester 4	Credits	Success Marker
COMS 455	3	• Journalism majors and minors must earn a grade of "C" or higher in all required journalism courses.
Math or Science (B.S. requirement)	3-4	
Knowledge Domain	3	
Minor Requirement	3	
JOUR Media Narratives block	3	
Total hours	15-16	
Notes/Comments: See NIU Catalog, your major advisor, or departmental major advising sheets for major course options		

Semester 5	Credits	Success Marker
Elective	3	• Journalism majors must complete the requirements of a minor or second major.
JOUR Media Narratives block	3	
JOUR News in Society block	3	
Minor Requirement 300/400 Level	3	
Elective	3	
Total hours	15	
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Semester 6	Credits	Success Marker
JOUR Media Narratives block	3	• At least 80 Semester hours of the total hours required for a bachelor's degree must be taken in subjects other than journalism, with at least 65 of those hours in the liberal arts.
JOUR Media Narratives block	3	
JOUR News in Society block	3	
Minor Requirement 300/400 Level	3	
Elective	3	
Total hours	15	
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Semester 7	Credits	Success Marker
JOUR News in Society block	3	• Apply for graduation (2/1 for May, 6/15 for August, or 9/1 for December)
JOUR News in Society block	3	
JOUR Media Narratives block	3	
Minor Requirement 300/400 Level	3	
Elective or Minor Requirement	3	
Total hours	15	
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Semester 8	Credits	Success Marker
JOUR News in Society block	3	
Elective	3	
Minor Requirement 300/400 Level	3	
Elective	3	
Elective	3	
Total hours	15	
Notes/Comments: See NIU Catalog, your major advisor, or departmental major advising sheets for major course options		

Notes/Comments: This plan is an example of what a four year plan could look like for a typical student. Placement exam scores in math as well as the completion of coursework may change the plan. It should not be used in the place of regular academic advising appointments. All students are encouraged to meet with their advisor each Semester to discuss course scheduling. All requirements are subject to change by NIU.