

Journalism and English, BA

The School of Journalism and the Department of English offer an interdisciplinary combined major in Journalism and English. Broadly speaking, students in the Combined Major in Journalism and English at Northeastern integrate the study of journalism with the study of language, literature and writing.

Program Requirements

- Concentrations and course offerings may vary by campus and/or by program modality. Please consult with your advisor or admissions coach for the course availability each term at your campus or within your program modality.
- Certain options within the program may be *required* at certain campuses or for certain program modalities. Please consult with your advisor or admissions coach for requirements at your campus or for your program modality.

Complete all courses listed below unless otherwise indicated. Also complete any corequisite labs, recitations, clinicals, or tools courses where specified and complete any additional courses needed beyond specific college and major requirements to satisfy graduation credit requirements.

Universitywide Requirements

All undergraduate students are required to complete the Universitywide Requirements (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/university-wide-requirements/>).

BA Language Requirements

All BA students are required to complete the BA degree language requirements, for a total of 12 semester hours of language study or demonstrated equivalent proficiency, as described in Additional Requirements for BA students (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/nupath/ba-requirements/>). Successful demonstration of proficiency does not reduce total minimum semester hours of study required to earn the BA degree.

NUpath Requirements

All undergraduate students are required to complete the NUpath Requirements (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/nupath/>).

NUpath requirements Creative Expression/Innovation (EI), Societies and Institutions (SI), and Difference and Diversity (DD) are met through the major course requirements.

NUpath requirements Interpreting Culture (IC), Analyzing and Using Data (AD), and Ethical Reasoning (ER) may be met through electives in the major.

NUpath requirements Natural and Designed World (ND) and Formal and Quantitative Reasoning (FQ) must be met through general electives.

Journalism Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Journalism Introductory Course		
JRNL 1150	Understanding Today's News	4
Journalism Foundations		
Must receive a C or better in the following:		
JRNL 1101 and JRNL 1102	Journalism 1: Fundamentals of Reporting and Writing and Journalist's Toolbox	5
JRNL 2201	Journalism 2: Intermediate Reporting	4
JRNL 2301	Visual Storytelling in Journalism	4
JRNL 3610	Digital Storytelling and Social Media	4
Law and Ethics		
JRNL 3550 or JRNL 4650	The First Amendment and the Media Ethics and Diversity in the News Media	4
Journalism Electives		
Complete three JRNL courses		12

English Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Foundational Courses		
ENGL 1400	Introduction to Literary Studies	4
ENGL 1160 or ENGL 1410	Introduction to Rhetoric Introduction to Research on Writing	4
ENGL 1700 or ENGL 1701	Global Literatures 1 Global Literatures 2	4

English Electives

Two of the courses chosen from the lists below must be at the 3000 or 4000 level.

Code	Title	Hours
Diversity		
Complete one course from the following. You may reuse this course to fulfill an additional English requirement below:		4
ENGL 2296	Early African-American Literature	
ENGL 2450	Postcolonial Literature	
ENGL 2455	American Women Writers	
ENGL 2470	Asian-American Literature	
ENGL 2760	Writing in Global Contexts	
ENGL 3678	Bedrooms and Battlefields: Hebrew Bible and the Origins of Sex, Gender, and Ethnicity	
ENGL 3685	Modern and Contemporary Jewish Literature	
Literary Periods		
<i>Pre-1850</i>		
Complete one course from the following:		4
ENGL 1500	British Literature to 1800	
ENGL 1502	American Literature to 1865	
ENGL 1600	Introduction to Shakespeare	
ENGL 2296	Early African-American Literature	
ENGL 2330	The American Renaissance	
ENGL 3101	Early Literatures	
ENGL 3120	17th- and 18th-Century Literatures	
ENGL 3160	Topics in 17th- and 18th-Century British Literatures	
ENGL 3619	Emerson and Thoreau	
ENGL 3678	Bedrooms and Battlefields: Hebrew Bible and the Origins of Sex, Gender, and Ethnicity	
or JWSS 3678	Bedrooms and Battlefields: Hebrew Bible and the Origins of Sex, Gender, and Ethnicity	
ENGL 4010	Topics in Shakespeare	
<i>Post-1850</i>		
Complete one of the following courses:		4
ENGL 2301	The Graphic Novel	
ENGL 2420	Contemporary Poetry	
ENGL 2430	Contemporary Fiction	
ENGL 2440	The Modern Bestseller	
ENGL 2450	Postcolonial Literature	
ENGL 2451	Postcolonial Women Writers	
ENGL 2455	American Women Writers	
ENGL 2470	Asian-American Literature	
ENGL 2600	Irish Literary Culture (Abroad)	
ENGL 3161	20th- and 21st-Century Literatures	
ENGL 3685	Modern and Contemporary Jewish Literature	
or JWSS 3685	Modern and Contemporary Jewish Literature	
ENGL 3730	20th- and 21st-Century Major Figure	
Theories and Methods		

Complete one of the following: 4

ENGL 1140	Grammar: The Architecture of English
ENGL 1160	Introduction to Rhetoric
ENGL 1410	Introduction to Research on Writing
ENGL 1450	Reading and Writing in the Digital Age
ENGL 2510	Horror Fiction
ENGL 2520	Science Fiction
ENGL 2620	What Is Nature?
ENGL 2690	Boston in Literature
ENGL 3070	Literary Genres
ENGL 3325	Rhetoric of Law
ENGL 3381	The Practice and Theory of Teaching Writing
ENGL 3400	Opening the Archive
ENGL 3487	Film and Text (Abroad)
ENGL 3700	Narrative Medicine
ENGL 4100	Topics in Literary Criticism (reactivating for Fall 24)
LING 1150	Introduction to Language and Linguistics
LING 2350	Linguistic Analysis
LING 3450	Syntax
LING 3452	Semantics
LING 3454	History of English
LING 3456	Language and Gender
LING 3458	Topics in Linguistics

Major Seminar

ENGL 3710	Major Seminar	4
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Writing

Complete one of the following: 4

ENGL 2700	Creative Writing
ENGL 2710	Style and Editing
ENGL 2730	Digital Writing
ENGL 2740	Writing and Community Engagement
ENGL 2760	Writing in Global Contexts
ENGL 2770	Writing to Heal
ENGL 2850	Writing for Social Media: Theory and Practice
ENGL 3375	Writing Boston
ENGL 3376	Creative Nonfiction
ENGL 3377	Poetry Workshop
ENGL 3378	Fiction Workshop
ENGL 3380	Writing Seminar
ENGL 3384	The Writer's Marketplace

English Electives

Complete any two ENGL courses that have not already been used to fulfill another requirement. 8

Capstone

Code	Title	Hours
English Capstone Requirement		
ENGL 4710	Capstone Seminar	4

Integrative Requirement

Code	Title	Hours
ENGL 2740	Writing and Community Engagement	4
or ENGL 2850	Writing for Social Media: Theory and Practice	
JRNL 3630	Magazine Writing	4

Program Requirement

129 total semester hours required

Plan of Study**Sample Four Years, Two Co-ops****SPRING/SUMMER 1**

Year 1							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
ENGL 1400		4 ENGL 1160 or 1410		4 Foreign language		4 Foreign language	4
ENGW 1111		4 JRNL 1101 and JRNL 1102		5 Elective		4 Elective	4
JRNL 1000 or ENGL 1000		1 English diversity requirement		4			
JRNL 1150		4 Elective		4			
Pre-1850 literature requirement		4					
		17		17		8	8
Year 2							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
EEAM 2000 or EESH 2000		1 Co-op		0 Co-op		0 Elective	4
JRNL 2201		4				Elective	4
Post-1850 requirement		4					
Theories and methods requirement		4					
Elective		4					
		17		0		0	8
Year 3							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
JRNL 2301		4 Co-op		0 Co-op		0 English elective 1	4
English writing requirement		4				Elective	4
ENGL 3710		4					
Journalism elective 1		4					
		16		0		0	8
Year 4							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours				
ENGL 2740 or 2850		4 ENGL 4710		4			
JRNL 3610		4 JRNL 3550 or 4650		4			
English elective 2		4 JRNL 3630		4			
Journalism elective 2		4 Journalism elective 3		4			
		16		16			
Total Hours: 131							