

Journalism and Interaction Design, BS

The School of Journalism and the Department of Art + Design offer an interdisciplinary combined major in journalism and interaction design. Broadly speaking, students in the combined major in journalism and interaction design at Northeastern University integrate the study of journalism with the study of art and design.

Program Requirements

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/>).

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), Interpreting Culture (IC), Societies and Institutions (SI), Difference and Diversity (DD), and Ethical Reasoning (ER) are met through the major course requirements.

NUpath requirement Analyzing and Using Data (AD) 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.

Introduction to College

Code	Title	Hours
JRNL 1000	Journalism at Northeastern	1
or ARTF 1000	Art and Design at Northeastern	

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 Issues in Journalism	4
Journalism Electives		
Complete three JRNL courses.		12

Art and Design Core

Code	Title	Hours
Art and Design Fundamentals		
ARTF 1122	Color and Composition (with optional ARTF 1123)	4
ARTF 2223	Experience and Interaction (with optional ARTF 2224)	4
Art and Design History		
Complete two of the following:		8
ARTH 1111	Global Art and Design History: Renaissance to Modern	

ARTH 2210 Modern Art and Design History

ARTH 2215 History of Graphic Design

Design Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Design Courses		
ARTG 1250	Design Process Context and Systems	4
ARTG 2250	Typography 1 (with optional ARTG 2251)	4
ARTG 2260	Programming Basics	4
ARTG 2400	Interaction Design Principles (with optional ARTG 2401)	4
ARTG 3350	Typography 2	4
ARTG 3451	Information Design 1	4
ARTG 3700	Interaction Design 2: Mobile	4
Degree Capstone Project		
ARTG 4550	Design Degree Project	4

Design Elective

Code	Title	Hours
Complete one of the following:		4-5
ARTD 2360 and ARTD 2361	Introduction to Photography and Photo Tools	
ARTD 2380	Video Basics (with optional ARTD 2381)	
ARTF 1120	Observational Drawing	
ARTF 1121	Conceptual Drawing	
ARTF 1124	Form and Structure	
ARTF 2220	Movement and Time	
ARTG 2252	Graphic Design Principles	
ARTG 3250	Physical Computing	
ARTG 3450	Graphic Design 2	
ARTG 3460	Identity and Brand Design	
ARTG 4554	Typography 3	

Integrative Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Note: ARTG 4550 counts in the design requirements above and is also an integrative course.		
ARTG 4550	Design Degree Project	4
JRNL 5311	Design for Storytelling	4

Program Requirement

131 total semester hours required

Plan of Study**Sample Four Years, Two Co-ops**

Year 1								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	Hours
JRNL 1000 or ARTF 1000		1 JRNL 1101 and JRNL 1102		5 ARTG 2250 (with optional ARTG 2251)		4 Elective		4
JRNL 1150		4 ARTF 2223 (with optional ARTF 2224)		4 Elective		4 Elective		4
ARTF 1122 (with optional ARTF 1123)		4 ARTG 1250		4				
ARTH elective 1		4 ARTG 2260		4				
ENGW 1111		4 MATH elective		4				
		17			21			8
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Year 2								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	Hours
JRNL 2201		4 Co-op		0 Co-op		0 Elective		4
JRNL 5311		4				Elective		4
EEAM 2000		1						
ARTG 2400 (with optional ARTG 2401)		4						
ARTG 3350		4						
		17		0		0		8
Year 3								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	Hours
JRNL 2301		4 Co-op		0 Co-op		0 Elective		4
JRNL elective 1		4				Elective		4
ARTG 3700		4						
Art and design elective		4						
		16		0		0		8
Year 4								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	Hours
JRNL 3610		4 JRNL 3550 or 4650		4				
JRNL elective 2		4 JRNL elective 3		4				
ARTG 3451		4 ARTH elective 2		4				
ARTG 4550		4						
		16		12				

Total Hours: 131

Sample Five Years, Three Co-ops

Year 1								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	Hours
JRNL 1000 or ARTF 1000		1 JRNL 1101 and JRNL 1102		5 Elective		4 Vacation		
JRNL 1150		4 ARTG 1250		4 Elective		4		
ENGW 1111		4 ARTH elective 1		4				
ARTF 1143		4 Elective		4				
ARTF 1122 (with optional ARTF 1123)		4						
		17		17		8		0
Year 2								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	Hours
JRNL 2201		4 Co-op		Co-op		Vacation		
EEAM 2000		1						
ARTG 2250		4						
ARTG 2260		4						
Elective		4						
		17		0		0		0
Year 3								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	Hours
JRNL 2301		4 Co-op		Co-op		Elective		4
JRNL elective 1		4				ENGW 3302		4
ARTG 2400 (with optional ARTG 2401)		4						
ARTG 3350		4						
		16		0		0		8

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Year 4							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
JRNL 3610		4 Co-op		Co-op		Vacation	0
JRNL elective 2		4					
ARTH elective 2		4					
ARTG 3700		4					
		16		0		0	0

Year 5			
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
JRNL 5311		4 JRNL 3550 or 4650	4
JRNL 3550 or 4650		4 JRNL elective 3	4
ARTG 3451		4 Art and design elective	4
ARTG 4550		4 Elective	4
		16	16

Total Hours: 131