



**Major in Photojournalism**  
 School of Journalism & Broadcasting  
 Potter College of Arts & Letters  
 Western Kentucky University

**Four-Year Academic Degree Path**  
**Catalog year 2018**

The following four-year plan is an example of how to map your program in consultation with your photojournalism faculty advisor. Every student will finish with a unique plan of his/her own depending on the minor area of study and electives selected.

**Admission:** Students wishing to enter the major in photojournalism are initially admitted as majors "Seeking Admission" (reference 750P). Prospective majors may take no more than 15 hours in the major before admission. Students must meet the following requirements before they can be admitted:

1. Completion of a minimum of 24 hours of course work applicable to a baccalaureate degree;
2. A minimum overall grade point average of 2.5;
3. Completion of ENG 100 with a grade of 'C' or better and nine additional hours in the Colonnade Program;
4. Completion of the following courses with a grade of 'C' or better: SJB 101, SJB 102, PJ 231, and PJ 233.

Students not meeting the above admission requirements will not be admitted to the photojournalism major and cannot register for any additional courses in the major.

**CURRICULUM:** The major in photojournalism (reference number 750) requires 45 semester hours and leads to the Bachelor of Arts degree. No course with a grade of "D" or below may be counted toward the major or fulfill prerequisite requirements. One-half of the hours in the major must be at the 300- or 400-level. Students must take a minimum of 72 semester hours in courses outside of the School of Journalism & Broadcasting unit including the University's general education requirements. In addition to meeting institutional requirements for graduation, the photojournalism major must have a minor or second major outside of the School of Journalism & Broadcasting and Film Studies that is approved by the major faculty advisor. Students may not select a minor in film studies, or those offered within the School, unless taken as a second minor. Refer to the University Undergraduate Catalog for additional information.

**Success Markers**

{prerequisite courses in brackets}

	FALL SEMESTER		SPRING SEMESTER	
	<b>FIRST YEAR</b> <i>Join the National Press Photographers Association - NPPA</i>	<b>SJB 101</b> <i>Understanding Media Content, Ethics and Tech.</i>	3	<b>PJ 233</b> Intermediate Photojournalism
<b>SJB 102</b> <i>Media Content, Collaboration, Community</i>		3	<i>PS 110</i>	3
<b>PJ 231</b> Intro to Photojournalism		3	<i>Colonnade</i>	3
<i>ENG 100</i>		3	<i>Colonnade</i>	3
<i>COMM 145</i>		3	Minor	3
<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>

<b>SECOND YEAR</b> <i>Join College Heights Herald staff</i>  <i>*Students need to show proficiency for a foreign language at the novice high level by the time they have earned 60 hours.</i> <a href="http://www.wku.edu/modernlanguages/placement/colonnade.pdf">http://www.wku.edu/modernlanguages/placement/colonnade.pdf</a>	FALL SEMESTER		SPRING SEMESTER	
	<b>PJ 330</b>	3	<b>PJ 333</b>	3
	<b>JOUR 202</b>	3	<b>PJ Diversity Elective</b>	3
	<i>Colonnade</i>	3	<i>Colonnade</i>	3
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	General Elective or Foreign Language*	3	Minor	3
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>SUMMER TERM</b>				
<i>Consider a study abroad experience this summer.</i>				
		<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>		

<b>THIRD YEAR</b> <i>File application for graduation at 90 hours. (on-line form in Topnet)</i>	FALL SEMESTER		SPRING SEMESTER	
	<b>JOUR 301 or BCOM 301</b> Press Law and Ethics	3	<b>JOUR 302</b>	3
	<b>PJ 334</b>	3	<i>Colonnade</i>	3
	<i>Colonnade</i>	3	Minor	3
	<i>Colonnade</i>	3	General Elective	3
	Minor	3	General Elective	3
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>SUMMER TERM</b>				
		<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>		

<b>FOURTH YEAR</b>  <i>Visit Center for Career and Professional Development for resume consultation, practice interviews. (DSU - Rm 2001)</i>  <i>Begin job search!</i>  * 50% of credit hours in the major must be at the 300/400 level.	FALL SEMESTER		SPRING SEMESTER	
	PJ 433	3	PJ 436	3
	PJ Elective	3	PJ Elective	3
	Colonnade	3	Minor	3
	Minor	3	General Elective	3
	Minor	3	General Elective	3
<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>	
<b>Total Credit Hours: 120</b>				

*PLEASE NOTE: Prerequisites, Course Numbers, and Course Titles are subject to change.*

*Consult your advisor each semester.*

*Course Descriptions may be viewed at <http://www.wku.edu/undergraduatecatalog>*

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:**

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