

Media and Journalism

Bachelor of Arts (BA)

This degree map is based on the 2026-27 Academic Catalog and is subject to change. Students should meet with their academic advisor each semester and use Degree Works to monitor their individual progress toward degree completion. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on several factors including summer/winter enrollment, dual enrollment and number of courses successfully completed each semester. We recommend taking a minimum of 15 credits each fall and spring semester.

Sample 4-Year Plan

First Year

Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits
MEDJ 110 Intro to Mass Communications	3	MEDJ 190 Writing for the Mass Media	3
General Education Course – First Year Seminar	3	MEDJ 120 Intro to Emergent Media	3
General Education Course – Writing	3	General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3	General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3	General Education Course	3
		MEDJ 298 Practicum	1
Semester Total	15	Semester Total	16

Second Year

Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits
MEDJ 240 News and Democracy	3	MEDJ 270 Intro to Video Production	3
MEDJ 250 Public Relations Theory and Practice	3	MEDJ Elective	3
General Education Course	3	General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3	General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3	General Education Course	3
MEDJ 298 Practicum	1	MEDJ 298 Practicum	1
Semester Total	16	Semester Total	16

Third Year

Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits
MEDJ 390 Media Law & Ethics	3	MEDJ 391 Research Methods in Mass Communications	3
MEDJ Elective	3	MEDJ Elective	3
Free Elective	3	Free Elective	3
Free Elective	3	Free Elective	3
Free Elective	3	Free Elective	3
Semester Total	15	Semester Total	15

Fourth Year

Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits
MEDJ 497 Capstone (Senior Seminar)	3	MEDJ 498 Internship	3
MEDJ Elective	3	Free Elective	3
Free Elective	3	Free Elective	3
Free Elective	3	Free Elective	3
Free Elective	3		
Semester Total	15	Semester Total	12

Winter/Summer College - Optional

While not required, Winter and Summer sessions are offered each year and may help you stay on track or get ahead. You may take up to seven (7) credits during Winter College and up to 14 credits during Summer College.

Curriculum Checklist

Foundation (24 credits)

- ___ MEDJ 120 Introduction to Emergent Media (3)
- ___ MEDJ 190 Writing for the Mass Media (3)
- ___ MEDJ 240 News & Democracy (3)
- ___ MEDJ 250 Public Relations Theory and Practice (3)
- ___ MEDJ 270 Intro to Video Production (3)
- ___ MEDJ 390 Media Law & Ethics (3)*
- ___ MEDJ 391 Research Methods in Mass Communications (3)*
- ___ MEDJ 497 Capstone (Senior Seminar) (3)*

Practical Experience (6 credits)

- ___ MEDJ 298 Practicum (1)* (take 3 times over 3 semesters)
- ___ MEDJ 498 Internship (3)*
(Students who do not meet the GPA requirement for internship will work with their advisor to find an appropriate substitute class, subject to department chair/dean approval.)

Electives (12 credits, with at least 6 credits as advanced)

Additional MEDJ courses, with at least 6 credits (2 courses) with advanced status.

- ___ MEDJ _____ (3)
- ___ MEDJ _____ (3)
- ___ MEDJ _____ (3)*
- ___ MEDJ _____ (3)*

Total Credits Required for the Major (42 credits)

*Denotes advanced coursework

Students must take a minimum of 42 credits of advanced coursework to complete their undergraduate degree. Advanced coursework can be met in major courses, minor courses, free elective courses, and general education courses. Courses that meet this requirement are designated in Banner.

General Education Requirements (45 credits)

Note: Some requirements may be fulfilled by coursework in your major program including directed Gen Ed courses noted below

- Foundations (15 credits)
- Interconnections (9 credits)
- Citizenship & Responsibility (at least 6 credits)
 - Citizenship and Society (3)
 - Ethical Reasoning (3)
 - Critical Analysis and Reasoning (3)
 - MEDJ 110: Introduction to Mass Communications
- Natural World & Technologies (9 credits)
- Creativity & Expression (6 credits)

Degree Requirements

All students must obtain a minimum of 120 credits (a minimum of 42 credits must be advanced coursework), complete all General Education requirements, and all requirements for the selected major. Meet with your advisor and consult Degree Works to monitor your progress and for all graduation requirements.

A minimum GPA of 2.0 in the major and overall are required.

Campus Locations

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| Bloomsburg | <input type="checkbox"/> Online; <input type="checkbox"/> In-person; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Blended |
| Lock Haven | <input type="checkbox"/> Online; <input type="checkbox"/> In-person; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Blended |
| Mansfield | <input type="checkbox"/> Online; <input type="checkbox"/> In-person; <input type="checkbox"/> Blended |