



University of Montana - Four-Year Academic Plan 2023-24

School of Journalism

B.A. in Journalism

This is an example of a four year graduation plan for a degree in Journalism.

This is a sample academic plan. Students should meet with an academic advisor prior to registration to formulate their own plan.

Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4	
Fall		Fall		Fall		Fall	
JRNL 100HY-Media History and Literacy	3	JRNL270-Reporting (intermediate writing course)	3	Upper-Division JRNL Elective (advanced writing course)	3	JRNL 400-Ethics and Trends in News Media	3
*WRIT 101-College Writing 1	3	General Education Requirements	6	Upper-Division Elective Outside JRLN	3	Upper-Division JRNL Elective [Student may choose to complete the capstone this semester and take the elective and 400 in the spring]	3
Foreign Language	4	Elective Outside JRNL	6	Electives Outside JRNL	9	Upper-Division Elective Outside JRLN	3
General Education Requirements	3					Electives Outside JRNL	6
JRNL 194-Freshman Seminar	1						
Credits	14	Credits	15	Credits	15	Credit	15
Spring		Spring		Spring		Spring	
JRNL 170-Elements of News Writing	3	Upper-Division JRNL Elective	3	JRNL 300-First Amendment and JRNL Law	3	JRNL-Capstone + lab	6
*JRNL 257-Beginning Visual Journalism	3	Elective Outside JRLN	6	Upper-Division JRNL Elective	3	Upper-Division JRNL Elective	3
Foreign Language	4	General Education Requirements	6	Upper-Division Elective Outside JRLN	3	Upper-Division Elective Outside JRLN	3
General Education Requirements	6			Elective Outside JRNL	6		
Credits	16	Credits	15	Credits	15	Credits	12
Summer		Summer		Summer		Summer	
				JRNL 498-Supervised Internship**	3		
Credits	0	Credits	0	Credits	3	Credits	0
Total Credits	30	Total Credits	60	Total Credits	93	Total Credits	120

Notes:

*Students who can't take WRIT 101 until spring should take JRNL 257 instead of WRIT 101. Students who take WRIT 101 in spring should add it in place of JRNL 257.

** Students may sign up in fall or spring semester for internships, as well, even if those internships are completed or beg

ElevateU Career Readiness Plan

GRADUATE CAREER-READY BY GETTING INVOLVED IN THE BELOW ACTIVITIES WHILE AT UM.

Discover how your strengths, values, and interests relate to career and education pathways.

- Take the [Strong Interest Inventory](#) or other [career assessments](#) to see what careers may be a good fit for you.*
- Download the [Handshake](#) app and activate your account to explore jobs*
- Attend “[careers and opportunities](#)” fairs and join a [First Time at the Fair](#) tour*
- Join student groups that align with your interests*
- Explore career options at [What Can I Do With This Major?](#) (click on “Major Exploration”)*
- Learn about specific occupations on [O*Net Online](#)
- [Schedule an appointment](#) for Career Planning and Major Exploration

EXPLORE
Pathways for you

Participate in experiential (hands-on) learning to refine your interests and goals.

- Seek and apply for internships or part-time jobs on [Handshake](#)*
- Participate in [Volunteer Programs](#)*
- Consider [studying abroad](#) or at [another US university](#) for a semester or year*
- Consider an [internship abroad](#)*
- Conduct [undergraduate research](#) at UM*
 - Secure a paid [micro-internship](#)
 - Participate in the [Griz Career Skills Program](#)
 - [Schedule an appointment](#) for Internship Search, International Internship Search, National Student Exchange, Job Search Strategies, and Handshake How-To

EXPERIENCE
and Grow

- Meet employers at [career fairs and events](#)*
- Develop a stellar [resume](#) and [cover letter](#)*
- Practice [interview skills](#)
- Learn how to [negotiate your salary](#) and benefits package
- Fine-tune your [LinkedIn](#) profile
- Apply for jobs, graduate/professional school, or national service
- [Schedule an appointment](#) for Resume, Cover letter, Interview Prep, Personal Statement, LinkedIn, Graduate School Planning

ELEVATE
to Your Career

Refine your personal brand and develop stand-out application materials to achieve your goals

EMBRACE
Your Goals

- Strengthen relationships with faculty and supervisors who can guide and recommend you*
 - Connect with alumni in fields or companies of interest through the [Griz Career Network](#)
 - Expand your network to gain insights and support through [LinkedIn](#)
 - Conduct [career conversations](#) with professionals in fields of interest
 - Gain industry and company-specific skills through free [Forage](#) job simulations
 - [Schedule an appointment](#) to discuss Networking Strategies, LinkedIn, Graduate School Planning
- Develop skills and network to help you pursue your goals**

YOUR CAREER SUPPORT OFFICES AT UM

[Experiential Learning & Career Success \(ELCS\)](#) is for all UM students!

Students in the following Schools and Colleges have additional access to the following career services:

- [College of Business Career Development Center](#)
- [Career Trailhead professional readiness program](#)
- [College of Humanities and Sciences Career Planning Center](#)
- [Davidson Honors College Career Development Program](#)
- [School of Law Career Development Office](#)
- [Missoula College Career Services](#)

