

# MULTIMEDIA JOURNALISM (BA)

Loyola's multimedia journalism major engages students in the issues shaping today's media landscape, from the decline of newspapers, the rise of apps, virtual reality, and fake news. As part of Loyola's mission-based education, students learn to stand on Jesuit values and ethics in an uncertain and ever-changing world.

Multimedia journalism students practice the skills that every journalist must master, including researching, interviewing, reporting, and writing. Students also gain exposure to the latest technology, equipment, and software through Loyola's Convergence Studio, Owl Lab, and on-site radio station, WLUW.

Courses are offered at Loyola's Water Tower Campus, located in the heart of downtown Chicago. In addition to Loyola's on-campus media outlets, such as our student newspaper, *The Phoenix*, students can gain experience through professional internships at renowned media outlets like the *Chicago Tribune*, *Sun-Times*, WLS, and WMAQ, as well as major corporations, nonprofits, and agencies.

## Curriculum

Code	Title	Hours
<b>School of Communication Foundation Courses</b>		
COMM 100	SOC Career Prep Seminar	1
COMM 175	Introduction to Communication	3
COMM 200	Digital Communication and Society	3
COMM 215	Ethics & Communication	3
<b>Journalism Foundation Courses</b>		
COMM 205	Reporting Basics I: Writing and Interviewing <sup>1</sup>	3
COMM 208	Reporting Basics II: Technology for Journalists	3
COMM 145	Video for Journalists	3
<b>Research Methods</b>		
COMM 362	Multimedia Journalism Research Methods	3
<b>Values</b>		
COMM 279	Critical Issues in Journalism	3
COMM 282	Media Law	3
<b>Intermediate Courses</b>		
Select three of the following:		9
COMM 207	Photojournalism	
COMM 256	Broadcast Newswriting <sup>1</sup>	
COMM 259	News Editing	
COMM 260	Environmental Journalism <sup>1</sup>	
COMM 262	Feature & Opinion Writing <sup>1</sup>	
COMM 263	Editorial Design I: Newspaper & Online	
COMM 265	Sports Broadcasting	
COMM 275	Web Design and Usability	
COMM 311	Health Communication	
COMM 372	Special Topics: Multimedia Journalism	
<b>Advanced Courses</b>		
Select two of the following:		6
COMM 315	Advanced Reporting Topics <sup>1,2</sup>	
COMM 327	Video Storytelling	

COMM 328	Editorial Design II: Magazine & Interactive	
COMM 332	Investigative & Public Affairs Reporting	
COMM 339	Video Documentary <sup>2</sup>	
COMM 358	Newscasting and Producing	
COMM 373	Digital Storytelling Abroad <sup>2</sup>	
COMM 398	Directed Study	
<b>Internship</b>		
COMM 392	Multimedia Journalism Internship <sup>2</sup>	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>46</b>

<sup>1</sup> Writing Intensive (<https://catalog.luc.edu/undergraduate/communication/#wissections>)

<sup>2</sup> Satisfies Engaged Learning (<https://catalog.luc.edu/undergraduate/university-requirements/engaged-learning/>) requirement

## Suggested Sequence of Courses

The below sequence of courses is meant to be used as a suggested path for completing coursework. An individual student's completion of requirements depends on course offerings in a given term as well as the start term for a major or graduate study. Students should consult their advisor for assistance with course selection.

Course	Title	Hours
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
COMM 145	Video for Journalists	3
COMM 175	Introduction to Communication	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
COMM 200	Digital Communication and Society	3
COMM 205	Reporting Basics I: Writing and Interviewing	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
COMM 208	Reporting Basics II: Technology for Journalists	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
COMM 279	Critical Issues in Journalism	3
Major Intermediate Course		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Third Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
COMM 100	SOC Career Prep Seminar	1
COMM 215	Ethics & Communication	3
Major Intermediate Course		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>7</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
COMM 282	Media Law	3
COMM 362	Multimedia Journalism Research Methods	3
Major Advanced Course		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>9</b>

**Fourth Year****Fall**

COMM 392	Multimedia Journalism Internship	3
Major Advanced Course		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>6</b>

**Spring**

Major Intermediate Course		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>46</b>

## School of Communication Graduation Requirements

All Undergraduate students in the School of Communication are required to take two Writing Intensive courses (6 credit hours) as well as complete a foreign language requirement at 102-level or higher (3 credit hours) or a language competency test. More information can be found here (<https://www.luc.edu/soc/undergrad/soclanguage requirement/>).

## Additional Undergraduate Graduation Requirements

All Undergraduate students are required to complete the University Core, at least one Engaged Learning course, and UNIV 101. SPCS students are not required to take UNIV 101. Nursing students in the Accelerated BSN program are not required to take core or UNIV 101. You can find more information in the University Requirements (<https://catalog.luc.edu/undergraduate/university-requirements/>) area.

## Learning Outcomes

Despite all of the changes in the news industry over the last decade, one thing has stayed the same - journalism is an essential part of democracy.

At Loyola University Chicago, we're committed to ensuring journalism survives and thrives in the future. We teach students the skills every journalist must master, including:

- Researching
- Interviewing
- Reporting
- Writing
- A commitment to ethics and social justice

We know technology has changed the way the public consumes journalism. So we also teach our students the *other* skills storytellers must excel at, including:

- Shooting and editing photos and video
- Recording and editing audio
- Designing web sites and other types of content
- Promoting content and understanding metrics
- A willingness to explore emerging media