

BA in English: Journalism 4-year Plan

Typically, students in the **BA in English: Journalism** should be taking four to five major classes in their first year, mixing core requirements with lower-division electives.

The following plan is SUGGESTED for students who come to Chapman with no transfer credits, so adjust this plan to your particular situation, depending on your choice of minor themed inquiry, second major, or if you are in the honors program.

Year 1: (30 credits)

- **English Core** Take the Journalism Core courses: **ENG 215 & ENG 210** and at least 2 of these courses: **ENG 221: Literature I, ENG 222: Literature II, ENG 223: Literature III, ENG 256: Introduction to Literary Theory and Criticism, or ENG 270: Foundations of Rhetorical Studies.**
- **General Education (GE)**
 - Take **FFC (First-year Focus Course)**
 - Take **1 or 2 Global Focus** courses, which includes a **language course** other than English at the 200-level. (You may need to take 100-level courses in that language first)
 - Take **1 or 2 Liberal Arts and Sciences Focus Courses** you have not fulfilled (artistic, natural science, quantitative, social, values and ethics, and written inquiry)
 - Take a **1 or 2 Exploration Focus** courses, which is fulfilled by a second major, a minor, the honors program, or a themed inquiry

SAMPLE SCHEDULE

YEAR 1 FALL	YEAR 1 SPRING
ENG 215 Theory and Practice of Journalism	ENG 210 Reporting Workshop (may be repeated for credit.)
ENG 256 or 270 (Introduction to Literary Theory and Criticism or Foundations of Rhetorical Studies)	ENG 221, 222, or 223 (Literature I, II, or III in any order)
FFC 100	Language course 102
Language course 101	GE course
GE course	GE course

Year 2: (30 Credits)

- Complete 2 more **English Core** classes
- Take ENG 210 Reporting Workshop (may be repeated for credit), ENG 211 Digital Media Workshop (elective), ENG 308: Public Affairs Reporting (pre-req ENG 215; ENG 210), ENG 214 Digital Newsroom Workshop (1-unit elective)

- Take 3 or 4 more courses to fulfil the various **General Education** requirements
- Take 2 or 3 courses in your **Exploration Focus** (second major, minor, honors, themed inquiry). *You must declare this exploration focus before you complete 60 credits, so probably early in your second year.*

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YEAR 2 FALL	YEAR 2 SPRING
ENG 221, 222, or 223 (Literature I, II, or III in any order)	ENG 221, 222, or 223 (Literature I, II, or III in any order)
ENG 211 Digital Media Workshop (elective)	ENG 210 Reporting Workshop (may be repeated for credit.)
ENG 214 Digital Newsroom Workshop (1-unit elective)	ENG 214 Digital Newsroom Workshop (1-unit elective)
Language course 201 or GE course	ENG 308 Public Affairs Reporting (pre-req ENG 215; ENG 210)
GE course	GE course
GE course	GE course

Year 3: (30 Credits)

- Complete the English core courses
- Take ENG 414: Narrative Nonfiction, ENG 410 Advanced Reporting Workshop (pre-req ENG 210, ENG 308)
- Take **at least 2 Journalism electives**
- Continue to take 2-3 courses in your **Exploration Focus** (second major, minor, honors, themed inquiry) or other GE courses you need

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YEAR 3 FALL	YEAR 3 SPRING
ENG 256 or 270 (Introduction to Literary Theory and Criticism or Foundations of Rhetorical Studies)	ENG 414 Narrative Nonfiction
ENG 410 Advanced Reporting Workshop (pre-req ENG 210, ENG 308)	Journalism Elective
GE course	Journalism Elective
GE course	GE course
GE course	GE course

Year 4: (30 Credits)

- Take **ENG 496 in the fall**
- Take **498B in the spring**

- Take 3 or 4 upper-division Journalism electives

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YEAR 4 FALL	YEAR 4 SPRING
ENG 496 Research Methodologies for Senior Seminar in Journalism	ENG 498B Senior Seminar in Journalism (pre-req ENG 496)
Journalism Upper-division elective	Journalism Upper-division elective
GE or Journalism Elective	GE or Journalism Elective
GE	GE
GE	GE

Important notes:

- **Upper Division:** At least 18 of the 27 elective credits must be at the upper-division level and at least six credits must be at the 400-level.
- **Shared Credits:** You may share credits between GE requirements and the BA in English requirements in the following ways:
 1. Up to 9 credits in the English major with GE Liberal Arts and Sciences Focus and Global Focus courses, even if they are not being used in the major.
 2. Up to 6 credits from a minor. Courses in the minor's primary discipline are included in this limit even if they are not being used in the minor.
- **Language:** You must take a **200-level language to receive the GE credit.** There are possible hidden credits here depending on your competency in the language you are studying. You can test into a 201 language course through AP exam scores or a test taken through the Department of World Languages, but more likely you will need to take the three-course sequence: 101, 102, 201. Plan accordingly, and try to take these courses early and in sequential semesters.
- **Study Abroad:** a semester abroad can be an amazing experience, but try to find a program that has courses that will fulfil your requirements.
- **Course load:** remember that the threshold for graduating is 120 credits, regardless of majors and minors. This comes out to an average of 5 classes a semester. If you are double-majoring, or double minoring, you could easily go above 120 credits. Keep this in mind if you have a semester where you only take 4 classes; you'll need to make those credits up somewhere, either in Interterm or by taking 6 classes (18 credits) during a different semester.