

SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION

Certificate Program in Journalism

The School of Communication Certificate Program in Journalism provides college undergraduates and professionals with an educational program that exposes students to an array of skills characterizing modern media: writing in various journalistic forms and styles, reporting principles and strategies, ethics, and expertise appropriate to various media, including basic photography, computer design and layout, and the Internet; and editing. The program introduces students to contemporary practices and theories while integrating traditional skills with emerging technologies such as computer graphics and design, and the Internet.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CERTIFICATE IN JOURNALISM

The Certificate requires 16 semester hours of core courses in journalism. A list of recommended optional electives allows those who wish to specialize to also focus their program in broadcast journalism. The following courses make up the certificate program.

NAME:	CSU ID#:
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PREREQUISITE:	<i>Instructor</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Semester</i>
COM 225 - Media Writing			

REQUIRED COURSES:	<i>Instructor</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Semester</i>
COM 326 - Advanced Reporting and Specialized Writing for the Media*			
COM 425 - Editing and Graphics			
COM 426 - Lab Newspaper I *			

OPTIONS: STUDENTS MUST CHOOSE ONE	<i>Instructor</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Semester</i>
COM 405 - Electronic Journalism*			
COM 427 - Lab Newspaper II*			
COM 490 - Internship in Communication*			

SUGGESTED ELECTIVES (not included in the certificate courses:)	<i>Instructor</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Semester</i>
COM 347 - Political Communication			
COM 359 - International Communication			
COM 447 - Public Relations Writing*			
COM 493 - Special Topics in Communication* (when appropriate)			

* **Prerequisite required: check with the department.**

Each student is responsible for maintaining his/her own records and ensuring that college requirements are met. To Do this, students should keep a file which includes grade reports, a copy of this checklist, and other pertinent materials. The student should have this file available when seeking program advice from a faculty advisor.

Student must see advisor each semester prior to registration. Please make an appointment when your advisor will be available. Certificate will be mailed to students once requirements are met and proper signatures provided.

Student Signature: _____ Date of Completion: _____

Advisor Signature: _____ Date: _____