Journalism

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ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Journalism – BS

The Journalism Department offers a professional program leading to the Bachelor of Science degree in Journalism. All majors must complete the basic journalism core courses in addition to a sequence of courses selected from an identified track and a list of restricted electives from which they must choose in consultation with an academic advisor.

Of the 180 units required for a bachelor's degree, 116 quarter units must be taken in courses outside the major area of journalism/mass communication/communication. Each student is strongly encouraged to take a modern language to satisfy his or her elective units. For media-related courses offered outside the major, students are required to consult with their academic advisor before enrolling in these classes.

All journalism majors are expected to serve as staff members of departmental communications media, including Mustang Daily, the student newspaper; CCPR, the student-run public relations firm; KCPR, the FM-stereo radio station; or the news and programming operations of CPTV, Cal Poly's TV station. They are also expected to participate in professional and scholarly organizations in their interests, in addition to applying acquired skills and developing professional abilities in an approved media internship. The department sponsors student chapters of the Society of Professional Journalists, Radio-Television News Directors Association, and the Public Relations Student Society of America.