

**ENGLISH JOURNALISM MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (B.A.)**

(Except where otherwise noted, minimum acceptable grade is a C-. Minimum overall UNH average is 2.0)

<b><u>Required:</u></b>	<b><u>Course</u></b>	<b><u>Grade</u></b>
A. English 534, 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Journalism: How the News Works (minimum grade: B. <i>Prerequisite: ENGL 401 with a grade of 'B' or better</i> ) <i>*English majors may <u>not</u> use ENGL 534 to fulfill the ETS Discovery requirement.</i>	_____	_____
B. English 419, Introduction to Literary Analysis (minimum grade: C)	_____	_____
C. One pre-1800 literature course Choose from: 512, 513, 657, 713, 741, 751, 753, 754, 755, 756, 758, 759, 763, 764, 765, 767, 768, 780, 781, 783. <i>(Please see your advisor if you have questions about other courses that might fulfill this requirement.)</i>	_____	_____
D. One post-1800 literature course Choose from: 514, 515, 516, 608, 609, 650*, 681, 690, 714, 739, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 777, 782, 784, 786. <i>*If topic is appropriate. (Please see your advisor if you have questions about other courses that might fulfill this requirement.)</i>	_____	_____
E. One course that addresses race, the construction of race, and racial theories. Choose from: 517, 540, 550, 609, 690, 738, 739, 740, 693R, 797R. <i>(Other courses may count. Please see your advisor if you have questions about other courses that might fulfill this requirement). Note: depending on topic, the lit course used to fulfill this requirement may be double counted as either the pre-1800 or post-1800 literature course required for this major.</i>	_____	_____
F. English 621, Writing & Reporting the News I (minimum grade: B. <i>Prerequisites: ENGL 401 with a grade of 'B' or better and ENGL 534 with a grade of 'B' or better.</i> ) <i>*NOTE: previously titled 'Newswriting'</i>	_____	_____
G. English 622, Writing & Reporting the News II <i>(Prerequisite: ENGL 621 with a grade of 'B' or better.) *NOTE: previously titled 'Advanced Newswriting'</i>	_____	_____
H. English 631, Introduction to Digital Journalism <i>(Prerequisite: ENGL 621 with a grade of 'B' or better)</i>	_____	_____
I. Two other on-campus journalism courses (Choose from: 623, 708, 711, 712, 721, 722, 724, 735)	_____	_____
J. English 720, Journalism Internship <i>(Prerequisites: ENGL 621 with a grade of 'B' or better, plus permission of instructor for ENGL 622 or ENGL 631.)</i> <i>Students can earn no more than a total of 16 credits for ENGL 720 internships.)</i>	_____	_____
K. Three course concentration in another area <i>This could mean three courses in fields such as Sociology, German, Criminal Justice, Environmental Science or other English disciplines, such as African American Studies or Linguistics. <u>Please discuss your area of concentration with your advisor.</u></i>	<b><u>Courses/Semester Taken</u></b>	
	1. _____	
	2. _____	
	3. _____	

(Important note: To be safe, you should take EIGHT courses numbered 600 and above. That way, if you do not do an internship, you can graduate with a straight English major. Please talk to your advisor about this option. **NOTE: English Department majors may NOT take ENGL 515 to satisfy a group 4 Gen. Ed. requirement (Historical Perspectives). To graduate, a student must earn a total of 128 credits. E-COURSE RULE:** E/J majors entering the department in Fall 2012 and beyond may only count one online course towards their major requirements.

# English/Journalism Majors Capstone Experience – the Internship

The English/Journalism major at UNH requires that you do an internship, often as a full-time reporter or editor at a newspaper -- though students have done internships at TV and radio stations and at magazines and for online publications -- for one semester or a summer. The experience will improve your writing and help you decide whether you want to be a journalist. You'll also come away with lots of clips -- published stories -- which are essential in looking for a job. And you'll have a blast.

It's difficult to get a job in journalism unless you've done an internship. The UNH journalism program is unusual because we often find the internship for you; we don't just say, "Go get experience." Better still, we send interns to the same newspapers every semester. That means you can be confident that you're going to a newsroom where the editors will consider you a full-fledged staff member, with as much chance as any other reporter to make the front page each day. Because these newspapers take UNH students each semester, they have a good sense of students' abilities. They won't think you're a dummy who can do nothing more than answer the phone or make photocopies (and believe us, this happens at some internships elsewhere), and they won't expect you to be ready to win the Pulitzer Prize tomorrow. They'll give you the support you need to do the best job you can.

An internship is NOT easy. The newspaper internships are full-time journalism work (some of the other types of internships are only part-time), which means it's demanding work that never runs only from 9 to 5. On the other hand, it's interesting and important work that changes every day, which is more than you can say for many things you might spend your life doing after college. Some of the papers where we send interns are not within commuting distance of campus. You'll be expected to have a car, to move to the newspaper's community and find a place to live (most of the papers will try to help you, or you may be able to take over the apartment of the previous intern), and to be available for work whenever the paper needs you. Part of the experience is becoming an independent professional, and it's hard to do that if you're returning each night to your parents or your partying roommates.

**Requirements:** Students must complete ENGL 621: Newswriting with a 'B' or better and get permission of their ENGL 622: Advanced Newswriting or ENGL 631: Introduction to Digital Journalism instructor before doing an internship. If you want to do an editing internship, you need to be doing 'A' work in ENGL 711: Editing. You can apply for an internship while taking ENGL 622, 631 or 711. You will need *published stories* to bring to your internship.

**Applying for an internship:** The internship coordinator takes applications in October for spring internships and in March for summer and fall internships. You'll hear frequent announcements in journalism classes and receive them by e-mail, plus we post notices around the English building as the application deadline approaches.

To apply, submit the following to the internship coordinator: a letter with your contact information, list of classes you've taken and grades you received, and first and second choices of internship; and three clips of stories you've had published. If you have questions about applying, contact Prof. Miller in Ham Smith 104, lc.miller@unh.edu.

You need clips (published stories) to apply for an internship, so start publishing in the student newspaper -- or anywhere else -- as early as you can. College is the easiest place on earth to get your work published, so "Yeah, I like to write, but I've never actually done it except for classes" is not going to cut it in an internship interview.

**Setting up your own internship:** If you want to go to a newspaper or other organization that UNH doesn't usually work with, you can set up your own internship. Most news organizations do take interns, though some do it only in the summer.

Our course, English 720, is titled Journalism Internship. We can give credit under that number only for real journalistic work. Some students have received partial credit for work at magazines, broadcast stations and Web sites. Full credit for internships at such organizations is sometimes difficult because they rarely want interns to do full-time writing or editing (for instance, magazine interns often do primarily research and fact-checking), but partial credit is enough to graduate with a journalism major. Note, however, that most UNH grads who have gone on to magazine or broadcasting careers started by doing a newspaper internship, which broadcaster John Chancellor has called the world's best graduate school.

As long as you have the internship course, English 720, on your transcript for any number of credits, you can graduate as an English/Journalism major.

For more information about the internship and the Journalism Program, go to [www.unh.edu/journalism](http://www.unh.edu/journalism).