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ENGLISH JOURNALISM MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (B.A.)

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

Required:

Course

Grade

- A. English 501, Intro to Creative Nonfiction
(minimum grade: B) _____
- B. English 419, Intro to Literary Analysis
(minimum grade: C)
(Please note: Engl 419 was previously numbered Engl 519. You cannot earn credit for both 419 and 519; they are identical courses.) _____
- C. Two pre-1800 literature courses
Either two advanced courses (600-level and above) or one advanced course and either English 512 or 513. Choose from: 512, 513, 657, 713, 741, 751, 753, 754, 755, 756, 758, 759, 763, 764, 765, 767, 768, 780, 781, 783. *(Please see your advisor if you have questions about other courses that might fulfill this requirement.)* _____
- D. Two post-1800 literature courses
Either two advanced courses, or one advanced course and one of the following: English 514, 515, or 516. Choose from: 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. **If topic is appropriate. (Please see your advisor if you have questions about other courses that might fulfill this requirement.)* _____
- E. One course that addresses race, the construction of race, and racial theories. Choose from: 517, 540, 609, 690, 738, 739, 740, 693R, 797R. *(Other courses may count. Please see your advisor if you have questions about other courses that might fulfill this requirement). Note: the course used to fulfill this requirement may be double counted as one of the four pre-1800 and post-1800 literature courses required for this major.* _____
- F. English 621, Newswriting
(minimum grade: B. You must take this course **BEFORE** taking any other journalism course.) _____
- G. English 622, Advanced Newswriting
(You must take this course before doing an internship or before taking English 722.) _____
- H. Two other on-campus journalism courses
(Choose from 623, 711, 721, 722, 723, 703, 704, 708) _____
- I. English 720, Journalism Internship
(May be taken more than once for credit with permission of Internship Director. Students can earn no more than a total of 16 credits for ENGL 720 internships.) _____
- J. Three course concentration in another area
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. Please discuss your area of concentration with your advisor.

	<u>Courses/Semester Taken</u>
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.**

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: You must receive at least a B in English 621 Newswriting and English 622 Advanced Newswriting before doing a reporting internship. English 722 Feature Writing is also strongly recommended. If you want to do an editing internship, you'll need to be doing A work in English 711 Editing. You may apply for the internship while you are taking 622, 722 or 711. You will need *published stories* to bring to your internship interview.

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.