

DOCUMENTS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY

**PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE JOURNALISM DEGREE PROGRAM IN THE MOODY COLLEGE
OF COMMUNICATION CHAPTER IN THE *UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG 2016-2018***

Interim Dean Jay M. Bernhardt, in the Moody College of Communication has filed with the secretary of the Faculty Council the following changes to the *Undergraduate Catalog, 2016-2018*. The secretary has classified this proposal as legislation of *exclusive* application and of primary interest only to a single college or school.

The Committee on Undergraduate Degree Program Review recommended approval of the changes on January 20, 2016, and forwarded the proposal to the Office of the General Faculty. The Faculty Council has the authority to approve this legislation on behalf of the General Faculty. The authority to grant final approval on this legislation resides with UT System.

If no objection is filed with the Office of the General Faculty by the date specified below, the legislation will be held to have been approved by the Faculty Council. If an objection is filed within the prescribed period, the legislation will be presented to the Faculty Council at its next meeting. The objection, with reasons, must be signed by a member of the Faculty Council.

To be counted, a protest must be received in the Office of the General Faculty by February 8, 2016.



Hillary Hart, Secretary
General Faculty and Faculty Council

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Course in the core curriculum | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change in course sequencing for an existing program | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Courses that have to be added to the inventory |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Change in admission requirements (external or internal) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Requirements not explicit in the catalog language (e.g., lists of acceptable courses maintained by department office) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

4. SCOPE OF PROPOSED CHANGE

- a. Does this proposal impact other colleges/schools? Yes No
If yes, then how?
- b. Do you anticipate a net change in the number of students in your college? Yes No
If yes, how many more (or fewer) students do you expect?
- c. Do you anticipate a net increase (or decrease) in the number of students from outside of your college taking classes in your college? Yes No
If yes, please indicate the number of students and/or class seats involved.
- d. Do you anticipate a net increase (or decrease) in the number of students from your college taking courses in other colleges? Yes No
If yes, please indicate the number of students and/or class seats involved.

If 4 a, b, c, or d was answered with yes, please answer the following questions. If the proposal has potential budgetary impacts for another college/school, such as requiring new sections or a non-negligible increase in the number of seats offered, at least one contact must be at the college-level.

How many students do you expect to be impacted?

Impacted schools must be contacted and their response(s) included:

Person communicated with:

Date of communication:

Response:

- e. Does this proposal involve changes to the core curriculum or other basic education requirements (42-hour core, signature courses, flags)? If yes, explain: **No**

If yes, undergraduate studies must be informed of the proposed changes and their response included:

Person communicated with:

Date of communication:

Response:

- f. Will this proposal change the number of hours required for degree completion? If yes, explain: **No**

5. COLLEGE/SCHOOL APPROVAL PROCESS

Department approval date: September 9, 2015 Approved by: Full School of Journalism faculty

College approval date: September 15, 2015 Approved by: Chairs, Directors, Assoc. & Asst. Deans

Dean approval date: September 30, 2015 & October 13, 2015 Approved by Interim Dean Jay Bernhardt

PROPOSED NEW CATALOG TEXT:

On page 84 of the Moody College of Communication under the Graduation section, please make the following changes:

Special Requirements of the College

All students must fulfill the General Requirements (p. 17) for graduation given in The University section. Students in the Moody College of Communication must also fulfill the following requirements.

1. All University students must have a grade point average of at least

2.00 to graduate. In the Moody College of Communication, a student who fails to achieve this grade point average in the normal 120 hours required for a degree may register for up to forty additional hours in order to do so.

2. All communication majors must have a grade of at least *C* in each course taken in the College of Communication that is counted toward the degree; if the course is offered on the pass/fail basis only, the student must have the symbol *CR*.
3. No more than 60 hours of communication coursework may count towards the degree.
- ~~34.~~ The University requires that the student complete in residence at least sixty semester hours of the coursework counted toward the degree. In the Moody College of Communication, these sixty hours must include at least eighteen hours of upper-division coursework and at least six hours of upper-division coursework in the major.
- ~~45.~~ A candidate for a degree must be registered in the Moody College of Communication either in residence or in absentia the semester or summer session the degree is to be awarded and must apply to the dean for the degree no later than the date specified in the official academic calendar. Information about applying for graduation is given below.
- ~~56.~~ An Air Force, Army, or Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps student who elects the basic and/or advanced program in air force science, military science, or naval science will not be approved for graduation until the student's government contract is completed or the student is released from the ROTC.
- ~~67.~~ Each degree program is arranged to provide for the orderly progress of the student's coursework. A beginning student (including a transfer student with fewer than forty-eight semester hours of transferable credit) who registers for twelve semester hours or more must take at least nine semester hours, in at least three courses, of the coursework listed as prescribed work for one of the degrees in the Moody College of Communication. The student must continue to take at least nine semester hours of the prescribed work each long-session semester until he or she has completed forty-eight semester hours of credit. The dean may adjust this rule in exceptional circumstances, or when the student has earned credit by examination, or when the student registers for fewer than twelve hours in a long-session semester.
- ~~78.~~ No student in the Moody College of Communication may repeat for credit a course in which he or she has earned a grade of *C* or better.

On page 94 of the Moody College of Communication, Bachelor of Journalism section, under the Level III and Level V of the 2014-2016 catalog, please make the following changes:

Bachelor of Journalism

To be awarded the degree of Bachelor of Journalism, the candidate must complete 120 semester hours of coursework and must fulfill the University's General Requirements (p. 17) for graduation and the Core Curriculum (p. 20) requirements, the college graduation requirements given in Special Requirements of the College (p. 81), and the requirements given in Special Requirements, Prescribed Work, and Major Requirements below.

Journalism courses are divided into five levels of coursework and more narrowly within the levels according to their skill set and writing content. Not all courses are offered every semester; and additional courses are likely to be offered in the future to reflect trends in journalism.

Level I, Foundations: Journalism 301F and 302F

Level II, Applications: Journalism 310F and 311F

Level III, Specialized Issues and Skills:

- *Category 1-Public Affairs Reporting: Journalism* 327D, 328D, 320F, 321F, 322F, 323F, 324F, 325F, 326F
- *Category 2-Specialized Journalistic Skills: Journalism* 330C, 332D, 334D, 340D, ~~330F~~, 331F, 332F, 333F, 334F, 335F, 336F, 336D, 338F, 339F, 330G, 331G, 332G, 333G, 334G, 335G, 336G, 337G, 335J, 336J, 339J, 339T Topics 1, 2, 3, and 4, 349T Topic 23.
- *Category 3-Understanding and Reporting Social Issues: Journalism* 340F, 341F, 342F, 343F, 344F, 346F, 347F, 348F, 349F, 340G, 341G, 342G, 343G, 344G, 345G, 346G, 347G, 348G, ~~349G~~, 340J, 341J, 342J

Level IV, Professional Principles: Journalism 350F, 351F, 352F, 353F

Level V, Professional Practices: Journalism J 332J, 333J, 360F, 160G, 361F, 362F, ~~379~~,

On page 96 of the Moody College of Communication, Bachelor of Journalism section, under Special Requirements of the 2014-2016 catalog, please make the following changes:

Special Requirements

All students in the journalism program are strongly encouraged to have a laptop computer meeting certain specifications as they enter Level II courses. Computer parameters will be designated by the School of Journalism on the department Web site at <http://journalism.utexas.edu>.

Students will be required to take Journalism 302F, 310F, and 311F in residence. In addition, Journalism 310F and 311F require a grade of at least *B-*.

Students who are interested in completing advanced photojournalism courses are required to take Communication 316, *Photographic Communication*, as part of their required six hours of coursework in communication.

To enroll in upper-division journalism courses, a student must have a University grade point average of at least 2.25, a grade point average in courses in the Moody College of at least 2.00, and credit for Journalism 310F and 311F with a grade of at least *B-*. Students who do not fulfill this requirement will be unable to register for upper-division journalism courses. The 2.25 grade point average requirement is waived for the transfer student during the first semester of coursework, while he or she is establishing a University grade point average.

~~Journalism majors must complete Journalism 360F or Journalism 361F in order to graduate. In order to graduate, Journalism majors must complete six hours chosen from J 360F, J 362F or J 361F. In place of J 361F, a student may substitute either J 332J or J 333J.~~ Internships can be taken for course credit as soon as a student completes the two Level II courses with a grade of at least *B* in each.

The student must complete at least eighty-four semester hours outside journalism. At least sixty-five hours must be in liberal arts and natural sciences.

A student majoring in journalism may not register for more than nine semester hours in journalism in one semester or summer session. The director or associate director may make exceptions to this rule for students who need additional journalism courses in order to graduate on time.

A student with a major in journalism must have a grade of at least *C* in each course taken in the Moody College of Communication that is counted toward the degree; if the course is offered on the pass/fail basis only, the student must have the symbol *CR*.

Additional information about the preceding requirements is available from the School of Journalism at <http://journalism.utexas.edu/> or (512)471-1845.

On page 97 of the Moody College of Communication, Bachelor of Journalism section, under Major Requirements of the 2014-2016 catalog, please make the following changes:

Major Requirements

1. Journalism students must complete thirty-six semester hours in journalism and no more than thirty-six journalism hours may be counted toward the degree.
2. The following courses are required: Journalism 301F, 302F, 310F, 311F, 350F, and six hours to be chosen from 360F, 361F, ~~or and 362F~~; Journalism 332J and 333J may substitute for 361F. Journalism 302F, 310F, and 311F must be taken in residence and a grade of at least *B-* is required for 310F and 311F.
3. At least nine semester hours but not more than fifteen semester hours from Level III, Specialized Issues and Skills, as follows:
 - a. at least three semester hours to be chosen from Journalism 327D, 328D, 320F, 321F, 322F, 323F, 324F, 325F, 326F
 - b. at least three semester hours to be chosen from Journalism 330C, 332D, 334D, 340D, ~~330F, 331F, 332F, 333F, 334F, 335F, 336F, 337F, 338F, 339F, 330G, 331G, 332G, 333G, 334G, 335G, 336G, 337G, 335J, 336J, 339J, 339T~~ Topics 1, 2, 3, and 4, 349T Topic 23
 - c. at least three semester hours to be chosen from Journalism 340F, 341F, 342F, 343F, 344F, 345F, 346F, 347F, 348F, 349F, 340G, 341G, 343G, 344G, 345G, 346G, 347G, 348G, ~~349G~~, 340J, 341J, 342J
4. At least six semester hours of coursework must be taken in the Moody College of Communication but outside the School of Journalism. ~~No more than forty two hours (including transfer credit) in College of Communication coursework may be counted toward the degree.~~
5. No Moody College of ~~Communication~~ course to be counted toward the degree may be taken on the pass/fail basis, unless the course is offered only on that basis.