# Bachelor of Arts in Journalism: Concentration in Photojournalism Roadmap

**Last Admit:** Fall 2024  
**120 Total Units Required**  
**Minimum Number of Units in the Major:** 43  

This roadmap is a suggested plan of study and does not replace meeting with an advisor. Please note that students may need to adjust the actual sequence of courses based on course availability. Please consult an advisor in your major program for further guidance.

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| Select One (Major Concentration):  
  JOUR 395 Online Journalism |                             | 3     |
| JOUR 400 Video Journalism |                                               | 3     |
| JOUR 435 Photojournalism III: Editorial Photography and Business Practices (Major Concentration) | | 3 |
| Minor (12-28 units) - Take One 5 |                                                      | 3 |
| Major Elective - Take One 7 |                                                          | 3     |
| Complementary Studies or SF State Studies or University Elective or Minor 4,5 | | 3 |
| **Units** |                                                                      | 15    |
| **Seventh Semester**                                                                            |       |
| Select One (Major Practicum):  
  JOUR 605 Magazine Publication Lab |                              | 3     |
| JOUR 607 | Newspaper Publication Laboratory                                     |       |
| Minor (12-28 units) - Take One 5 |                                                      | 3     |
| GE Area UD-D: Upper-Division Social Sciences |                                                    | 3     |
| Complementary Studies or SF State Studies or University Elective or Minor - Take Two 4,5 | | 6 |
| **Units** |                                                                      | 15    |
Eighth Semester

JOUR 535  
Photojournalism  
IV. Documentary Capstone (Major Capstone)  
3

Minor (12-28 units) - Take Two  
6

Complementary Studies or SF State Studies or University Elective or Minor - Take Two  
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1. ENG 114 can only be taken if you complete Directed Self-Placement (DSP) and select ENG 114; if you choose ENG 104/ENG 105 through DSP you will satisfy A2 upon successful completion of ENG 105 in the second semester; multilingual students may be advised into alternative English courses.

2. To avoid taking additional units, it is recommended that you meet the SF State Studies (AERM, GP, ES, SJ) requirements within your GE or major.

3. To determine the best B4 course option, students should complete the online advising activity at mathadvising.sfsu.edu (https://mathadvising.sfsu.edu/). Questions? Contact Gator Smart Start.

4. Complementary Studies

12 units of Complementary Studies are required of all candidates for the Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism. Students completing the Bachelor of Arts in Journalism must complete a minor that has been approved by the department. The minor fulfills the Complementary Studies Requirement.

Students who have earned AA-T or AS-T degrees and are pursuing a similar B.A. degree at SF State are required to fulfill the Complementary Studies requirement as defined by the major department. Students should consult with a major advisor about how transfer units and/or SF State units can best be applied to this requirement in order to ensure degree completion within 60 units.

5. List of Approved Minors (12-28 units)

A Journalism major must complete a minor in one of the areas of study approved by faculty advisers. Completion requires students to maintain a GPA of 2.0 or higher. Approved disciplines for this requirement are listed below. Students should consult with an academic adviser in Journalism to determine the minor that best meets their interests and professional goals. Please see the specific minor page in this bulletin for information about requirements.

- African Studies (24-25 units)
- Africana Studies (18 units)
- American Indian Studies (24 units)
- American Studies (18 units)
- Anthropology (18-19 units)
- Asian American Studies (24 units)
- Astronomy (19-23 units)
- Biology (Impacted, 23 units)
- Business Administration (24 units)
- California Studies (21-21 units)
- Chemistry (23 units)
- Chinese Language (19 units)
- Chinese Literature and Linguistics (24 units)
- Civil Engineering (21 minor units, 21 prerequisite units)
- Classics (15 units)
- Comparative and World Literature (18 units)
- Computer Engineering (21 units)
- Computer Science (21 units)
- Decision Sciences (18 units)
- Earth Sciences (15 units)
- Economics (22 units)
- Education (12 units)
- Electrical Engineering (22 minor units, 23 prerequisite units)
- English and American Literature (21 units)
- European Studies (18-23 units, plus foreign language requirements)
- French (21 units)
- Geography (21 units)
- German (17 units)
- Global Peace, Human Rights, and Justice Studies (21-26)
- Health Education (18 units)
- History (15 units)
- Holistic Health (22 units)
- Humanities (21 units)
- Human Sexuality Studies (18-20 units)
- Information Systems (24 units)
- International Business (24 units)
- International Relations (20 units)
- Italian (17 units)
- Japanese (24 units)
- Jewish Studies (12 units)
- Labor and Employment Studies (12 units)
- Latin American Studies (21-24 units)
- Latina/Latino Studies (24 units)
- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies (18-19 units)
- Linguistics (15 units)
- Management (21 units)
- Mathematics (24 units)
- Mechanical Engineering (21 minor units, 32 prerequisite units)
- Middle East and Islamic Studies (18-21 units)
- Modern Greek Studies (temporarily suspended)
- Museum Studies (18 units)
- Pacific Asian Studies (21-24 units)
- Persian Studies (18-21 units)
- Philosophy (21 units)
- Philosophy and Religion (21 units)
- Physics (20-24 units)
- Political Science (21 units)
- Psychology (temporarily suspended)
- Race and Resistance Studies (19-21 units)
- Religious Studies (21 units)
- Russian (22 units)
- Sociology (14-15 units)
- South Asian Studies (18 units)
- Spanish (21 units)
- Urban Studies and Planning (20-23 units)
- Women and Gender Studies (18 units)
- Women's Health Issues (21 units)
- World Development Studies (22-28 units)

6. Consider taking a class combined with a laboratory or a separate lab to fulfill B3 if not already satisfied.

7. Elective (3-4 units)

Advanced Writing

- JOUR 320 Investigative Reporting (3 units)
- JOUR 321 Feature Writing (3 units)
- JOUR 570 Opinion Writing (3 units)
- JOUR 575 Community Media (3 units)
- JOUR 580 Environmental Journalism (3 units)
JOUR 595 Magazine and Feature Writing (3 units)
Seminar
JOUR 667 Seminar: Topics in Journalism (3 units)
JOUR 685 (units)
JOUR 699 Independent Study (1-3 units)

Photojournalism/Visual
JOUR 328/ANTH 328 Anthropology and Photography (3 units)
JOUR 450 Publication Design and Graphics (3 units)

Multimedia/Digital
JOUR 395 Online Journalism (3 units)
JOUR 400 Video Journalism (3 units)
JOUR 495 Profiles (3 units)
JOUR 582 Social Media Journalism (3 units)

Project-Based Electives
JOUR 426 Data Journalism (3 units)
JOUR 427/BECA 427 Media Entrepreneurship (3 units)
JOUR 500 Contemporary Magazines (3 units)
JOUR 617 Advanced Journalism Internship (3 units)
JOUR 650 (units)
JOUR 680 Advanced Multimedia Journalism (3 units)

Cross-Disciplinary
JOUR 328/ANTH 328 Anthropology and Photography (3 units)
JOUR 410/CHIN 410 Building Chinese Media Literacy (3 units)
JOUR 411/CHIN 411/I R 413 Media Chinese (3 units) (GP)
JOUR 452/I R 452/BECA 451 International Media Politics (4 units) (SJ)
JOUR 536/LTNS 536 Latina/o Journalism (3 units)

± Given catalog rights, fall 2023 transfer students do not need to complete an Area F course.