COURSE SELECTION

FRESHMAN
- To enter Journalism you must make a B or better in JRNL 1100, a rigorous introduction to Associated Press style and a refresher on writing skills.
- Once completed, make an appointment with an advisor in the School of Communications and Journalism.
- The journalism program is tightly structured and most courses have strict prerequisites, so it is imperative for you to plan ahead.

SOPHOMORE
- Take the 2000 level courses that are prerequisites for the required skills courses you will be taking your junior year.
- Complete 3000 level courses, in which you will learn to produce news and features.
- Much of this work is done outside the classroom and you should take classes across all platforms - print, multimedia, and broadcast.

JUNIOR
- Take either Advanced Reporting in the fall or Advanced Magazine and Feature Writing in the spring.
- You should take another 4000 level course to polish and improve on the skills you’ve acquired.

SENIOR
- Take the 2000 level courses that are prerequisites for the required skills courses you will be taking your junior year.
- Update your resume with help from the Career Center [auburn.edu/career] to use in graduate school and job applications.

ASK FOR ASSISTANCE

- Be sure that you start your time at Auburn well by regularly meeting with your academic advisor.

GAIN EXPERIENCE

- Use LinkedIn [linkedin.com/alumni] to identify past graduates in your major and contact them to set up informational interviews and shadowing opportunities.
- Academic Support provides several free resources to improve performance including Study Partners, Supplemental Instruction and academic coaching. [auburn.edu/academicsupport]
- Internships are required for graduation and have numerous prerequisites and strict requirements.
- It is important to start thinking about internships early in your academic career so that you can properly plan ahead.
- Meet with someone in the Career Center to explore career options and receive individualized assistance.

GET INVOLVED

- Utilize AUinvolve [auburn.edu/auinvolve] to identify organizations of interest to attend meetings and enhance your resume.
- Career counselors can help you search and prepare for your internship.
- Consider joining the student chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists.
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Journalism is a rapidly evolving field, therefore be open to new areas of journalistic expression. You will need to be able to demonstrate a strong portfolio of work. Seek and gain a variety of experiences as you are able.