

Economics and Journalism, BS (Boston)

The combined major in economics and journalism integrates the analytical and critical thinking skills from economics with the versatile and dynamic world of journalism. Combined with studying the principles, practices, and responsibilities of journalism, students have an opportunity to develop analytical skills that are useful to understand today's current economic events and debates. The skill sets students acquire allow them to better communicate information in areas such as public policy, business, law, and the media. The combined major highlights the important role journalism plays in shaping how economic issues are conveyed to the public.

Program Requirements

Complete all courses listed below unless otherwise indicated. Also complete any corequisite labs, recitations, clinicals, or tools courses where specified and complete any additional courses needed beyond specific college and major requirements to satisfy graduation credit requirements.

Universitywide Requirements

All undergraduate students are required to complete the Universitywide Requirements (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/university-wide-requirements/>).

NUPath Requirements

All undergraduate students are required to complete the NUPath Requirements (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/nupath/>).

Introduction

Code	Title	Hours
JRNL 1000	Journalism at Northeastern	1
or ECON 1000	Economics at Northeastern	

Co-op Course

Code	Title	Hours
EESH 2000	Professional Development for Co-op	1
or EEAM 2000	Professional Development for Co-op	

Economics Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Required Economics Courses		
ECON 1115	Principles of Macroeconomics	4
ECON 1116	Principles of Microeconomics	4
ECON 2315	Macroeconomic Theory	4
ECON 2316	Microeconomic Theory	4
ECON 2350	Statistics for Economists	4
ECON 2560	Applied Econometrics	4

Economics Electives

Complete three electives from the following ranges with one of those courses, at most, at the 1000 level. Unless otherwise noted in specific combined majors, required core economics courses cannot be counted as electives by students completing Department of Economics programs: 12

ECON 1200 to ECON 1999
ECON 2990 to ECON 3559
ECON 3561 to ECON 4689
ECON 4900 to ECON 4999
ECON 5200 to ECON 5999

Journalism Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Introductory		
JRNL 1150	Understanding Today's News	4

Foundation Courses

A grade of C or higher is required:

JRNL 1101 and JRNL 1102	Journalism 1: Fundamentals of Reporting and Writing and Journalist's Toolbox	5
JRNL 2201	Journalism 2: Intermediate Reporting	4
JRNL 2301	Visual Storytelling in Journalism	4
JRNL 3610	Digital Storytelling and Social Media	4

Law and Ethics

Taking either course fulfills both the capstone requirement and the journalism law and ethics requirement:

JRNL 3550 or JRNL 4650	The First Amendment and the Media Ethics and Diversity in the News Media	4
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Journalism Electives

Complete three JRNL electives. 12

Supporting Courses

Code	Title	Hours
Calculus		
MATH 1231 or MATH 1241 or MATH 1245 or MATH 1251 or MATH 1340 or MATH 1341	Calculus for Business and Economics (It is highly recommended that students who take MATH 1231 take sections devoted to ECON students only.) Calculus 1 Calculus with Applications Calculus and Differential Equations for Biology 1 Intensive Calculus for Engineers Calculus 1 for Science and Engineering	4

Computer Science

Complete one of the following: 4-5

CS 1100 and CS 1101	Computer Science and Its Applications and Lab for CS 1100	
CS 2000 and CS 2001	Introduction to Program Design and Implementation and Lab for CS 2000	
MISM 2510	Fundamentals of Information Analytics	

Integrative Courses

Code	Title	Hours
Complete one of the following (may not overlap with courses used for electives):		
JRNL 3680	Advanced Reporting	4
JRNL 3700	Data Storytelling	
Complete one of the following (may not overlap with courses used for electives):		
ECON 1260	Contested Issues in the U.S. Economy	4
ECON 3423	Environmental Economics	
ECON 3440	Public Finance	
ECON 3635	International Economics	
ECON 4640	Financial Economics	

Capstone

Fulfilled by the journalism law and ethics requirement.

Economics GPA/Credit Requirements

Grades in the following four economics courses must average to a minimum of C (2.000):

Code	Title	Hours
ECON 2315	Macroeconomic Theory	
ECON 2316	Microeconomic Theory	
ECON 2350	Statistics for Economists	
ECON 2560	Applied Econometrics	

Program Requirements

89 semester hours in the major

129 overall semester hours required

Plan of Study**Sample Plan of Study****FOUR YEARS, TWO CO-OPS IN SUMMER SECOND HALF/FALL**

Year 1							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
ECON 1115		4 CS 1100, <i>and</i> CS 1101, CS 2000 <i>and</i> CS 2001, or MISM 2510		4 Elective		4 Elective	4
ENGW 1111 or 1102		4 ECON 1116		4 Elective		4 Elective	4
JRNL 1000 or ECON 1000		1 JRNL 1101 and JRNL 1102		5			
JRNL 1150		4 Elective		4			
MATH 1231, 1241, 1245, 1251, 1340, or 1341		4 EEAM 2000 (For CAMD students)		1			
	17		18		8		8
Year 2							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
ECON 2315		4 ECON 2316		4 Elective		4 Co-op	0
JRNL 2201		4 ECON 2350		4 Elective		4	
ECON elective 1		4 EESH 2000 (For CSSH students)		1			
JRNL elective 1		4 JRNL 2301		4			
		JRNL elective 2		4			
	16		17		8		0
Year 3							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
Co-op		0 ECON 2560		4 ECON 1260, 3423, 3440, 3635, or 4640		4 Co-op	0
		JRNL 3700 or 3680		4 Elective		4	
		JRNL 3610		4			
		ECON elective 2		4			
	0		16		8		0
Year 4							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours				
Co-op		0 ECON 4692 or 4997		4			
		JRNL 3550 or 4650		4			
		ECON elective 3		4			
		JRNL elective 3		4			
	0		16				

Total Hours: 132