

# BSED/BSJ IN EDUCATION AND SOCIAL POLICY AND IN JOURNALISM

## BSED/BSJ Course Requirements

The dual degree program in education and social policy and journalism offers students the opportunity to earn a bachelor of science in education and social policy and a bachelor of science in journalism in five years, allowing students the unique opportunity to pursue two academic programs in preparation to understand and demonstrate the principles and practices of journalism and media in the context of education and social policy. Students develop their passion for media as a tool for creating change in learning environments, human relationships, organizations, and the field of social policy. The program capitalizes on the strengths of both schools and allows students combine writing with their desire to improve the world. Students may select any of SESP's undergraduate majors.

Dual degree students must complete all requirements for both degrees (see the double counting allowances in the chart below) and the Undergraduate Registration Requirement (<https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/requirements-policies/undergraduate-registration-requirement/>). Each school enforces all of its policies regarding requirements.

Current students interested in pursuing the dual degree in journalism and education and social policy should contact Medill Academic Advising and the SESP Student Affairs Office.

### Course Title

#### Joint Requirements (23 units)

##### Foundational Disciplines (11 units)

2 units in Natural Sciences

2 units in Empirical and Deductive Reasoning, including one unit of statistics

2 units in History

2 units in Ethical and Evaluative Thinking, including one philosophy or religious studies course

2 units in Literature and Arts

1 unit in economics or business understanding, allowed to double count with SESP requirements

##### Global Engagement-Language Requirement (3 units)

3 units in a language other than English, demonstrated proficiency as defined by Weinberg College, or articulated credit from an AP/IB exam in a language other than English

##### Diverse Cultures and Social Inequalities – Heterogeneities, Systems, and Inequalities (2 units)

One course from the Medill approved list and one course from the SESP approved list. Courses are considered overlays and count towards major requirements

##### Experiential Education (8 units)

In their second year, students choose 1 experiential education requirement – either the SESP Practicum, Student Teaching, or Medill Journalism Residency for 4 units of credit. The students participate in the Community Colloquium Workshop Series during the year they complete their experiential education requirement.

JOUR 347-0 Journalism Residency

& JOUR 348-0 and Journalism Residency

or JOUR 345-SA Journalism Residency: Argentina

& JOUR 346-SA and Journalism Residency: Argentina

or JOUR 365-SA Journalism Residency: South Africa  
& JOUR 366-SA and Journalism Residency: South Africa

OR

SESP 392-0 Experiential Learning: Practicum

or SESP 392-SA Experiential Learning: Practicum Study Abroad

OR

TEACH\_ED 387-0 Student Teaching in Multilingual and Multicultural Contexts: Elementary \*\*

or TEACH\_ED 388-0 Student Teaching in Multilingual & Multicultural Contexts: Secondary Humanities

or TEACH\_ED 385-0 Student Teaching in Multilingual and Multicultural Contexts: Secondary Math

or TEACH\_ED 386-0 Student Teaching in Multilingual and Multicultural Contexts: Secondary Science

AND

Complementary courses (4 units)

Students will work with their advisors to select 4 units of complementary classes. For example, a dual degree student who selects the JR route for their experiential education requirement would work with their advisor to balance that experience with additional SESP coursework. A student who selects the Practicum route for their experiential education requirement will work with their advisor to balance that experience with additional Medill coursework.

Credit for Dual Degree Experiential Education is a total of 4 credit hours taken through either 1 quarter of the JR, Practicum, or Student Teaching experiences. Satisfactory participation in the Dual Degree Community Colloquium Workshop series (non-graded) is also required for all students seeking completion of this Dual Degree program.

\*\* If the student is an Elementary or Secondary Teaching major, they must select Student Teaching to fulfill their Experiential Education requirement.