

# 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
<b>Joint Requirements (23 units)</b>	
<i>Foundational Disciplines (11 units)</i>	
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	
<i>Global Engagement-Language Requirement (3 units)</i>	
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	
<i>Diverse Cultures and Social Inequalities – Heterogeneities, Systems, and Inequalities (2 units)</i>	
One course from the Medill approved list and one course from the SESP approved list. Courses are considered overlays and count towards major requirements	
<i>Experiential Education (8 units)</i>	
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 Workshop Series during the year they complete their experiential education requirement.	
JOUR 347-0 & JOUR 348-0 & JOUR 388-1	Journalism Residency and Journalism Residency and BSED/BSJ Dual-Degree Experiential Learning Workshop *

or JOUR 345-SA & JOUR 346-SA & JOUR 388-1	Journalism Residency: Argentina and Journalism Residency: Argentina and BSED/BSJ Dual-Degree Experiential Learning Workshop
or JOUR 355-SA & JOUR 356-SA & JOUR 388-1	Journalism Residency: Qatar and Journalism Residency: Qatar and BSED/BSJ Dual-Degree Experiential Learning Workshop
or JOUR 365-SA & JOUR 366-SA & JOUR 388-1	Journalism Residency: South Africa and Journalism Residency: South Africa and BSED/BSJ Dual-Degree Experiential Learning Workshop
OR	
SESP 392-0 & SESP 381-0	Experiential Learning: Practicum and BSED/BSJ Experiential Learning Community Workshop Series
or SESP 392-SA & SESP 381-0	Experiential Learning: Practicum Study Abroad and BSED/BSJ Experiential Learning Community Workshop Series
OR	
TEACH_ED 387-0 & TEACH_ED 381-0	Student Teaching: Elementary and BSED/BSJ Experiential Learning Community Workshop Series **
or TEACH_ED 388-0 & TEACH_ED 381-0	Student Teaching in Multilingual & Multicultural Contexts: Secondary Humanities and BSED/BSJ Experiential Learning Community Workshop Series

**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, split up with 3 for JR/Practicum/Student Teaching and 1 for Dual Degree Community Workshop participation (non-graded).

- \* Students may not complete this requirement with a pre-approved noncredit professional experience. Requirements for the professional experience/internship option include 4 courses, 3 of which must be 300-level journalism courses.
- \*\* If the student is an Elementary or Secondary Teaching major, they must select Student Teaching to fulfill their Experiential Education requirement.