

The Liberal Arts Ideal

With Terence, the journalist must ultimately come to believe that nothing that relates to man is alien to him. Journalism thus requires of its practitioners the broadest as well as the deepest education possible.

At St. Bonaventure, the journalism major pursues a pure liberal arts course which includes 15 credit hours of philosophy, 24 hours of social science (sociology, economics, political science, psychology, education, and other courses, but in particular history), 12 hours of natural sciences (biology, chemistry, physics, mathematics and others), 12 hours of English, 6-12 hours of modern language (French, Spanish, German, or Russian), and, both in its original form and in translation, 12-18 hours of classical language study (Greek or Latin). This curriculum leads, along with the major, to a degree of Bachelor of Arts.

The program in journalism consists of 30 hours of required and elective courses chosen from 18 three-hour offerings. Emphasis is placed on the integration of journalism with the social sciences as well as with the humanities and the natural sciences.

Students may concentrate on news-editorial work allowing for prescribed programs of study for newspaper editorial work, magazine editing and writing, radio and television news and documentary writing and editing, and advertising and public relations. A special course for teachers and prospective teachers of journalism is offered in the Summer.

Perhaps the fundamental requirement for journalism is a passion for truth, determining firsthand what goes on about oneself; this, after all, is the mark of the educated man. The student contemplating journalism as a career, therefore, should be especially curious of the world around him, particularly about people. He should possess the imagination and the enthusiasm for seeking out the underlying background of events as they transpire, and the intelligence to ask pertinent questions and understand the answers he receives. He should like to read widely and, more than this, to write on a variety of subjects. This is the liberal arts ideal and it is the ideal for the journalism student.

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