

Rochester INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Minor Program proposal form

name of college

**Name of Certifying Academic Unit**

**Name of Minor:** Journalism

**Brief description of the minor to be used in university publications**

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| The journalism minor provides students with a foundation in the professional study and practice of journalism. It provides a broad perspective that includes, historical, legal, and ethical issues of specific concern to journalism. It also includes learning and practice in writing in a journalistic style for delivery across multiple media platforms. This minor is closed to students enrolled in the journalism degree program. |

**1.0 Minor Program Approvals**

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|  | Approval request date: | Approval granted date: |
| Academic Unit Curriculum Committee |  |  |
| College Curriculum Committee | 2/10/12 | 2/10/12 |
| Inter-College Curriculum Committee |  |  |

**2.0 Rationale:**

A minor at RIT is a related set of academic courses consisting of no fewer than 15 semester credit hours leading to a formal designation on a student's baccalaureate transcript

How is this set of academic courses related?

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| All of these courses provide information and experience in journalism. Many include elements of communication technologies central to the evolving profession of journalism. |

**3.0 Multidisciplinary involvement:**

If this is a multidisciplinary minor spanning two or more academic units, list the units and their role in offering and managing this minor.

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| N/A |

**4.0 Students ineligible to pursue this minor:**

The purpose of the minor is both to broaden a student's college education and deepen it in an area outside the student’s major program. A minor may be related to and complement a student’s major, or it may be in a completely different academic/professional area.   It is the responsibility of the academic unit proposing a minor and the unit’s curriculum committee to indicate any home programs for which the minor is not a broadening experience.

Please list below any home programs whose students will not be allowed to pursue this minor, provide the reasoning, and indicate if this exclusion has been discussed with the affected programs:

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| This minor is closed to students enrolled in the journalism degree program. |

**5.0 Minor Program Structure, Sequence and Course Offering Schedule:**

Describe the structure of the proposed minor and list all courses, their anticipated offering schedule, and any prerequisites.

* All minors must contain at least fifteen semester credit hours;
* Minors may be discipline-based or interdisciplinary;
* In most cases, minors shall consist of a minimum of two upper division courses (300 or above) to provide reasonable breadth and depth within the minor;
* As per New York State requirements, courses within the minor must be offered with sufficient frequency to allow students to complete the minor within the same time frame allowed for the completion of the baccalaureate degree;
* Provide a program mask showing how students will complete the minor.

Narrative of Minor Program Structure:

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| Students are required to take Introduction to Journalism and Mass Communications to acquire a broad-based view of the discipline and how media operate. They can then take three classes best suited for their personal interests in the field. This minor includes semester credit hour (SCH) courses equivalent to currently existing quarter credit hour (QCH) courses. Changes in course numbers from QCH to SCH were made prior to the creation of the new semester minor policy. The proposed minor represents an approach typical of best practices in the discipline.  See the Minor Course Conversion Table for details. |

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| Course Number & Title | SCH | Required | Optional | Fall | Spring | Annual or Biennial | Prerequisites |
| COLA-COMM-161 Introduction to Journalism | 3 | X |  | X |  | A |  |
| COLA-COMM-202 Mass Communications | 3 | X |  | X | X | A |  |
| COLA-COMM-162 Reporting and Writing I | 3 |  | X | X |  | A |  |
| COLA-COMM-163 Reporting and Writing II | 3 |  | X |  | X | A | COLA-COMM-162 |
| COLA-COMM-261 History of Journalism | 3 |  | X |  | X | A |  |
| COLA-COMM-262 News Editing | 3 |  | X | X |  | A |  |
| COLA-COMM-263 Computer-Assisted Reporting | 3 |  | X |  | X | A |  |
| COLA-COMM-361 Reporting in Specialized Fields | 3 |  | X | X |  | A | Junior Status |
| COLA-COMM-362 Law and Ethics of the Press | 3 |  | X |  | X | A |  |
| COLA-COMM-461 Multiplatform Journalism | 3 |  | X | X |  | A |  |
| COLA-COMM-442 Professional Writing | 3 |  | X |  | X | A |  |

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| Total credit hours: | 15 |

**Minor Course Conversion Table: Quarter Calendar and Semester Calendar Comparison**

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| **Directions: The tables on this page will be used by the registrar’s office to aid student’s transitioning from the quarter calendar to the semester calendar.**  **If this minor existed in the quarter calendar and is being converted to the semester calendar please complete the following tables.**  **If this is a new minor that did not exist under the quarter calendar do not complete the following tables.**  Use the following tables to show minor course comparison in quarter and semester calendar formats. Use courses in the (2011-12) minor mask for this table. Display all required and elective minor courses. If necessary clarify how course sequences in the quarter calendar convert to semesters by either bracketing or using some other notation. |

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| Name of Minor in Semester Calendar: | Journalism |
| Name of Minor in Quarter Calendar: | Journalism |
| Name of Certifying Academic Unit: | Department of Communication |

| **QUARTER: Current Minor Courses** | | | **SEMESTER: Converted Minor Courses** | | |  |
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| Course # | Course Title | QCH | Course # | Course Title | SCH | **Comments** | |
| 0535-201 | Introduction to Journalism | 4 | COLA-COMM-161 | Introduction to Journalism | 3 |  | |
| 0535-472 | News Editing | 4 | COLA-COMM-262 | News Editing | 3 |  | |
| 0535-416 | Newswriting | 4 | COLA-COMM-162 | Reporting and Writing I | 3 |  | |
| 0535-417 | Newswriting II | 4 | COLA-COMM-163 | Reporting and Writing II | 3 |  | |
| 0535-470 | Law and Ethics of the Press | 4 | COLA-COMM-362 | Law and Ethics of the Press | 3 |  | |
| 0535-471 | History of Journalism | 4 | COLA-COMM-261 | History of Journalism | 3 |  | |
| 0535-482 | Mass Communications | 4 | COLA-COMM-202 | Mass Communications | 3 |  | |
| 0535-532 | Professional Writing | 4 | COLA-COMM-442 | Professional Writing | 3 |  | |

Policy Name: **D1.1 MINORS POLICY**

 1. Definition

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2. Institutional parameters

1. Minors may be discipline-based or interdisciplinary;
2. Only matriculated students may enroll in a minor;
3. At least nine semester credit hours of the minor must consist of courses not required by the student's home program;
4. Students may pursue multiple minors.  A minimum of nine semester credit hours must be designated towards each minor; these courses may not be counted towards other minors;
5. The residency requirement for a minor is a minimum of nine semester credit hours consisting of RIT courses (excluding "X" graded courses);
6. Posting of the minor on the student's academic transcript requires a minimum GPA of 2.0 in each of the minor courses;
7. Minors may not be added to the student's academic record after the granting of the bachelor's degree.

3. Development/approval/administration processes

* 1. Minors may be developed by faculty at the departmental, inter-departmental, college, or inter-college level. As part of the minor development process:
     1. students ineligible for the proposed minor will be identified;
     2. prerequisites, if any, will be identified;
  2. Minor proposals must be approved by the appropriate academic unit(s) curriculum committee, and college curriculum committee(s), before being sent to the Inter-College Curriculum Committee (ICC) for final consideration and approval.
  3. The academic unit offering the minor (in the case of interdisciplinary minors, the designated college/department) is responsible for the following:
     1. enrolling students in the minor (as space permits);
     2. monitoring students progress toward completion of the minor;
     3. authorizing the recording of the minor's completion on student's academic records;
     4. granting of transfer credit, credit by exam, credit by experience, course substitutions, and advanced placement;
     5. responding to student requests for removal from the minor.
  4. As per New York State requirements, courses within the minor must be offered with sufficient frequency to allow students to complete the minor within the same time frame allowed for the completion of the baccalaureate degree.

4. Procedures for Minor revision

It is the duty of the college curriculum committee(s) involved with a minor to maintain the program’s structure and coherence.  Once a minor is approved by the ICC, changes to the minor that do not have a significant effect on its focus may be completed with the approval of the involved academic unit(s) and the college curriculum committee(s).  Significant changes in the focus of the minor must be approved by the appropriate academic unit(s) curriculum committee(s), the college curriculum committee(s) and be resubmitted to the ICC for final consideration and approval.