

Module Catalogue

Bachelor of Arts

Journalism Studies

Information for Erasmus students:

- In case of questions about the contents and specific course offer within a module, please do not contact the module commissioners, but the Erasmus departmental office (erasmusj@post.uni-dortmund.de) instead
- Modules 6, 15, 16, 17, 18 are open for regularly-enrolled students only. Erasmus students cannot attend these modules.
- Erasmus students may choose courses from any other department at TU Dortmund University if the respective lecturer and the sending university approve their participation. However, 50 per cent of the credit points should be obtained at the Journalism department.
- Erasmus students are not obliged to fully complete a module. It is allowed to choose only one element within a specific module.
- As almost all classes are taught in German language, Erasmus students are obliged to obtain a German level of B1 prior to their semester in Dortmund. Module 11 (newsroom training) requires a German level of B2.

Explanations

Abbreviations

V	Lecture (dt.: Vorlesung)
S	Seminar
Kol	Colloquium
Ü	Tutorial (dt.: Übung)
PJ	Project
P	Compulsory internship (dt.: Verpflichtendes Praktikum)[REGULARLY-ENROLLED STUDENTS ONLY]
(P)	Compulsory course (dt.: Pflichtveranstaltung)
(WP)	Elective course (dt.: Wahlpflichtveranstaltung)

Form of examination

According to paragraph 6 of the examination regulations (winter semester 2017)

Written examination for the whole module (dt.: Modulprüfung, schriftlich)	Minimum: two hours Maximum: four hours
Oral examination for the whole module (dt.: Modulprüfung, mündlich)	For individual examinations: Minimum: 30 minutes Maximum 60 minutes
Written partial performance (dt.: Teilleistung, schriftlich)	For a written exam: Minimum: one hour Maximum: two hours
Written partial performance (dt.: Teilleistung, schriftlich)	Term papers and other written assignments are not to expand the maximum of 20 pages of text (DIN-A4). The average number of pages is according to the number of credit points: 3 CP: 10-12 pages 4 CP: 12-15 pages 5 CP: 15-20 pages
Oral partial performance (dt.: Teilleistung, mündlich)	For individual examinations: Minimum: 15 minutes Maximum: 45 minutes
Oral group performance (dt.: Gruppenprüfung, mündlich)	For group examinations: Maximum: 120 minutes

The exact duration of an examination depends on the workload of the module.

Module 1, Jo-BA1: Fundamentals of journalism studies

(Dt: Wissenschaftliche Grundlagen)

Bachelor Journalism Studies				
Each year	Duration: 1 semester	First semester	Credit points: 7	Workload: 210 hours
1	Module structure			
	No.	Course	Type	CP
	1	Introduction to Journalism studies (incl. a tutorial for the Introduction to academic writing) [Dt. Einführung in die Journalistik/ inkl. Tutorium zur Einführung in das wissenschaftliche Arbeiten]	V	4
	2	Media system in Germany [Dt. Mediensystem Deutschlands]	V	3
2	Teaching language German			
3	Course contents The module offers essential academic basics of journalism studies. Element 1 familiarizes the students with academic writing and gives an overview over the most important and fundamental approaches and methods in journalism studies. Element 2 offers an overview over the development, structure and functions of the media landscape in Germany.			
4	Competences The students... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gain an understanding of journalism studies as a scientific field and the skills for academic work • Learn the institutional, structural and political circumstances of the German media system. The knowledge offers a scientific and job-related orientation in the media system. 			
5	Examination Two graded components: Element 1: Term paper (participation at the tutorial is obligatory) Element 2: Written examination (duration: 2 hours)			
6	Examination: Form and assignments			
	No.	Assignments	Form	
	1	Graded	Term Paper (written)	
2	Graded	Examination (written)		
7	Acquirement for participation None			
8	Module type Obligatory [Does not apply for Erasmus students]			
9	Module commissioner Prof. Dr. Susanne Fengler [Erasmus students: Please contact the Erasmus departmental office instead of the Module commissioner]			

Module 2, Jo-BA2: Law and Politics

(Dt. Recht und Politik)

BA Journalism (also open to: BA Science Journalism, BA Politico-economic Journalism, MA Politico-economic Journalism, BA Music Journalism, Applied Linguistic and Cultural Studies)				
Each year	Duration: 2 semester	First and second semester	Credit points: 10	Workload: 300 hours
1	Module structure			
	No.	Course	Type	CP
	1	Public duties and responsibilities of journalism [Dt. Öffentliche Aufgabe des Journalismus]	V/S	3
	2	Media law (basic) [Dt. Medienrecht I (Grundlagen)]	V/S	3
3	Media law (advanced) [Dt. Medienrecht II (Entwicklungen)]	V/S	4	
2	Teaching language German			
3	Course contents Aims of this module are... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To acquire and reflect normative foundations of journalism (e.g. democracy, public responsibilities of journalism, models of the public sphere, the importance of the diversity of opinions, etc.) To acquire the relevant topics of media law (e.g. right to information, copyright, etc.). for working at the newsrooms at university, the journalism traineeship program and in the future to obtain reliable knowledge in these fields. To understand and apply developments towards a “digital media law”, in the fields that are relevant for journalists 			
4	Competences The students... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acquire the normative basics of journalism in a free democracy and present their results in teams (element 1) Understand the basics and developments of the fields of media law that are relevant for journalists and learn to implement and critically reflect these demands (elements 2-3) 			
5	Examination Module examination and two assignments			
6	Examination: Form and assignments			
	No.	Assignments	Form	
	1	Ungraded	Exact form and amount is to be announced by the lecturer at the beginning of the semester (oral or written)	
	2	Ungraded	Portfolio of max. four exercise sheets	
3	Graded	Examination (written)		
7	Acquirement for participation The successful completion of element 2 is mandatory for participating in element 3.			
8	Module type Obligatory [Does not apply for Erasmus students]			

9	Module commissioner Prof. Dr. Tobias Gostomzyk [Please contact the Erasmus departmental office instead of the Module commissioner]
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Module 3, Jo-BA3: Methodology and Methods

(Dt. Methodologie und Methodik)

Bachelor Journalism Studies (also open to BA Science Journalism, BA Politico-economic Journalism, BA Music Journalism, Applied Linguistic and Cultural Studies)				
Each year (winter semester)	Duration: 2 semesters	First & second semester	Credit points: 9	Workload: 270 hours
1	Module structure			
	No.	Course	Type	CP
	1	Philosophy of science and theories of social and communication studies [Dt. Wissenschaftstheorie und Theorien der Sozial- und Kommunikationswissenschaft]	V	3
	2	Methods of empirical communication research [Dt. Methoden der empirischen Kommunikationsforschung]	V	3
3	Statistics for journalists [Dt. Statistik für Journalistinnen und Journalisten]	S/V	3	
2	Teaching language German			
3	Course contents To practice their jobs in a responsible manner and to deal with the topics of research in journalism and reception studies, future journalists must gain an overview over the theoretical and methodical basics of the field and make an own attempt at researching. In this module, basics in the fields of philosophy of science and theories of social and communication studies (1), methods of empirical communication research (2) and statistics (3) are taught.			
4	Competences The students... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can use and apply basic theoretical approaches for the analysis of relations and contexts that are relevant in social and communication studies. • Acquire general knowledge of empirical methods and possess basic competences regarding the selection and application of empirical instruments of data collection and the interpretation of statistic numbers. 			
5	Examination Three graded components: Element 1: Term paper or written examination (The form of assignment is specified by the lecturer at the beginning of each semester) Element 2: Term paper or written examination (The form of assignment is specified by the lecturer at the beginning of each semester) Element 3: Written examination			
6	Examination: Form and assignments			
	No.	Assignments	Form	
	1	Graded	Term Paper or Examination (written)	
	2	Graded	Term Paper or Examination (written)	
3	Graded	Examination (written)		
7	Acquirement for participation None			

8	Module type Obligatory [Does not apply to Erasmus students]
9	Module commissioner Prof. Dr. Wiebke Möhring [Erasmus students: Please contact the Erasmus departmental office instead of the Module commissioner]

Module 4, Jo-BA4: Journalistic Research and Agency (basic module)

(Dt. Journalistische Recherche und Vermittlung – Basismodul)

Bachelor Journalism Studies (also open to BA Science Journalism, BA Politico-economic Journalism, BA Music Journalism, Applied Linguistic and Cultural Studies)				
Each year	Duration: 1 semester	First semester	Credit points: 7	Workload: 210 hours
1	Module structure			
	No.	Course	Type	CP
	1	Theory and practice of journalistic forms of expression: Introduction with a focus on fact-oriented forms [Dt. Theorie und Praxis der journalistischen Darstellungsformen: Einführung mit Schwerpunkt der tatsachenorientierten Darstellungsformen]	S/Ü (P)	4
	2	Research [Dt. Recherche]	S/Ü (P)	3
2	Teaching language German			
3	Course contents The basics of perception and conveyance explain media-specific job demands. Practical performances of research are central and are practiced with normative methods of communication. The characteristics and functions of fact-oriented forms of journalistic expression are explained. The students are to learn the professional application of job norms and their scientific tenability by practice and through critical reflection of their own work.			
4	Competences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The students acquire the systematics of journalistic investigation. • They manage the collection and arrangement of information according to the criteria of topicality and relevance. • They possess knowledge of the fact-oriented forms of journalistic expression along with their medial characteristics and communicative functions. 			
5	Examination Two graded components			
6	Examination: Form and assignments			
	No.	Assignments	Form	
	1	Graded	Portfolio (The form and length are specified by the lecturer at the beginning of each semester/ written)	
2	Graded	Portfolio (The form and length are specified by the lecturer at the beginning of each semester/ written)		
7	Acquirement for participation None			
8	Module type Obligatory [Does not apply for Erasmus students]			
9	Module commissioner Prof. Dr. Michael Steinbrecher Erasmus students: Please contact the Erasmus departmental office instead of the Module commissioner]			

Module 5, Jo-BA5: Media economics

(Dt. Medienökonomie)

Bachelor Journalism Studies (also open to BA Science Journalism, BA Politico-economic Journalism, BA Music Journalism, Applied Linguistic and Cultural Studies)				
Each year	Duration: 2 semesters	Second and third semester	Credit points: 9	Workload: 270 hours
1	Module structure			
	No.	Course	Type	CP
	1	Introduction to the media economics of journalism [Dt. Einführung in die Medienökonomie des Journalismus]	V+Ü	3
	2	Seminar: Media economics [Dt. Medienökonomisches Seminar (WP)]	S (VP)	3
3	Introduction to internet economy and the digital transformation of media [Dt. Einführung Internetökonomie und digitale Transformation der Medien]	V+Ü	3	
2	Teaching language German			
3	Course contents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Element 1 offers an introduction to the media economics of journalism. It shows the economic circumstances and restrictions of journalistic action, the consequences for journalism (through media policy) and the democratic functions. • In elements 2 and 3, the students acquire media economic backgrounds, causes and possible solutions for recent problems and challenges in journalism by applying modern studies, surveys and industry analyses. 			
4	Competences The students... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquire a critical understanding for the basic economic circumstances and restrictions of journalism. By this, they can apply strategies and action patterns for their own journalistic work. • Can analyse economic problems and challenges in journalism, critically evaluate possible solutions or develop own qualified approaches to solving them. • Practice representing complex economic circumstances of problematic developments in the media system comprehensible in media journalistic texts. • Know the basic concepts and theories of internet economy and can apply them for a qualified analysis of the digital transformation of media. 			
5	Examination Graded module examination, additionally: two ungraded elements			
6	Examination: Form and assignments			
	No.	Assignments	Form	
	1	Ungraded	Portfolio of max. four work sheets (written)	
	2	Ungraded	The form of this element is specified by the lecturer at the beginning of each semester (oral/ written)	
3	Graded	Examination (written)		
7	Acquirement for participation			

	The successful completion of element 1 (“Introduction to the media economics of journalism”) is mandatory for the participation in element 2 (“Seminar: Media economics”) and element 3 (“Introduction to Internet economy and the digital transformation of media”). [Does not apply for Erasmus students]
8	Module type Obligatory [Does not apply for Erasmus students]
9	Module commissioner Prof. Dr. Frank Lobigs Erasmus students: Please contact the Erasmus departmental office instead of the Module commissioner]

Module 6, Jo-BA6: Internship and preparation for praxis

(Dt. Praktikum und Praxisvorbereitung)

[FOR REGULARLY ENROLLED STUDENTS ONLY; NOT OPEN FOR ERASMUS STUDENTS]

Bachelor Journalism Studies				
Each year	Duration: 2 semesters	Second & third semester	Credit points: 7	Workload: 210 hours
1	Module structure			
	No.	Course	Type	CP
	1	Editorial internship [Dt. Redaktionelles Praktikum]	P	5
	2	Lecture series: Preparation for journalism traineeship [Dt. Volo-Ringvorlesung]	V	2
2	Teaching language German			
3	Course contents Concerning the practical experience, the BA involves two elements: the one-year journalism traineeship program (module 18) and the editorial internship (element 1 of this module). This obligatory internship is to be completed in the semester break for a duration of at least six weeks and five work days per week. Internships at daily newspapers, weekly newspapers or news magazines, daily-publishing radio- or television-stations or online media are accepted. The students must organise their internship independently. In the lecture series, trainers at the partner-institutions of the Institute of Journalism take part in podium interviews, moderated by students, and discuss recent developments and challenges in journalism training, the concept and the procedure of the up-coming traineeship program in the trainers' newsrooms and the demands the students will have to face.			
4	Competences The students... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn to apply and implement the skills taught at the university ("training on the job") • Practice the ability to work in teams and to deal with criticism under high time and success pressure. • Can prepare and implement professional podium moderations and discussions • Know the concept, procedure and demands of the journalism traineeships in the partner newsrooms. 			
5	Examination One ungraded, one graded component			
6	Examination: Form and assignments			
	No.	Assignments	Form	
	1	Ungraded	Completion of the mandatory internship (as described above). Documented by a confirmation or a certificate, signed by the editor-in-chief.	
2	Graded	Participation in a test about general knowledge, written preparation of questions for		

			the moderation or own moderation of the podium discussion. The exact form and volume of this examination is to be specified by the lecturer at the beginning of each semester.
7	Acquirement for participation None		
8	Module type Obligatory		
9	Module commissioner tbc (element 1) Dipl.-Journ. Judith Weber (element 2)		

Module 7, Jo-BA7: Journalistic praxis – technics and practices

(Dt. Journalistische Praxis – Technik und Übungen)

Bachelor Journalism Studies (also open to BA Science Journalism, BA Politico-economic Journalism, BA Music Journalism, Applied Linguistic and Cultural Studies)				
Each year	Duration: 1 semester	Second semester	Credit points: 9	Workload: 270 hours
1	Module structure			
	No.	Course	Type	CP
	1	Introduction to television journalism [Dt. Einführung in den Fernsehjournalismus]	S/Ü	3
	2	Introduction to radio journalism [Dt. Einführung in den Radiojournalismus]	S/Ü	3
3	Introduction to print and online journalism [Dt. Einführung in den Print- und Onlinejournalismus]	S/Ü	3	
2	Teaching language German			
3	Course contents This module teaches the technical, design and editorial basics for independently producing journalistic stories for television, radio, print and online media. The specific typical technics and software for each medium as well as their application for journalistic work are taught in the three individual elements.			
4	Competences The students... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possess basic editorial work skills and qualifications in working with software • Can produce own journalistic stories and reflect their own work critically. 			
5	Examination Three ungraded components			
6	Examination: Form and assignments			
	No.	Assignments	Form	
	1	Ungraded	Portfolio (The exact form and volume is to be specified by the lecturer at the beginning of each semester)	
	2	Ungraded	Portfolio (The exact form and volume is to be specified by the lecturer at the beginning of each semester)	
3	Ungraded	Portfolio (The exact form and volume is to be specified by the lecturer at the beginning of each semester)		
7	Acquirement for participation None			
8	Module type Obligatory [Does not apply for Erasmus students]			
9	Module commissioner			

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Module 8, Jo-BA8: International Journalism

(Dt. Internationaler Journalismus)

Bachelor Journalism Studies				
Each year	Duration: 2 semesters	Forth & fifth semester	Credit points: 8	Workload: 180 hours
1	Module structure			
	No.	Course	Type	CP
	1	Foreign reporting/ international journalism [Dt. Auslandsberichterstattung/ Internationaler Journalismus]	S	3
	2	Introduction to international media systems [Dt. Medienökonomisches Seminar]	S	3
2	Teaching language German			
3	Course contents Preparation for the challenges of globalisation in the media landscape. Element 1 deals with the theory and practice of patterns and forms of expression in foreign reporting. Element 2 explores the media-political circumstances of international media systems and their influence on the given journalistic culture.			
4	Competences The students... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possess basic knowledge for working as foreign correspondents, in internationally oriented journalism, in internationalised media organisations and in international media development and media politics. • Develop an understanding for the institutional, structural and political makings of international media systems as well as the various economic restrictions of journalistic operations in other cultures. • Gain knowledge of the methods of comparative journalism studies as well as basic knowledge about international media systems and journalism cultures. • Gain the journalistic expertise to research international topics and implement them into journalistic stories. 			
5	Examination Two graded components			
6	Examination: Form and assignments			
	No.	Assignments	Form	
	1	Graded	The exact form and volume of this examination is to be specified by the lecturer at the beginning of each semester (oral/ written).	
2	Graded	The exact form and volume of this examination is to be specified by the lecturer at the beginning of each semester (oral/ written).		
7	Acquirement for participation None			
8	Module type Obligatory [Does not apply for Erasmus students]			

9	Module commissioner Prof. Dr. Susanne Fengler [Erasmus students: Please contact the Erasmus departmental office instead of the Module commissioner]
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Module 9, Jo-BA9: Empirical communication studies

(Dt. Empirische Kommunikationswissenschaft)

Bachelor Journalism Studies (also open to BA Science Journalism, BA Politico-economic Journalism, BA Music Journalism, Applied Linguistic and Cultural Studies)				
Each year	Duration: 2 semesters	Third & forth semester	Credit points: 11	Workload: 330 hours
1	Module structure			
	No.	Course	Type	CP
	1	Introduction to data analysis [Dt. Einführung in die Datenanalyse]	S	3
	2	Project journalism studies: content analysis [Dt. Projekt Journalismusforschung: Inhaltsanalyseverfahren]	PJ	4
3	Project journalism studies: survey analysis [Dt. Projekt Journalismusforschung: Befragungsverfahren]	PJ	4	
2	Teaching language German			
3	Course contents Basics of the individual empirical research in fields that are relevant for journalism students, e.g. reception and journalism studies. At the example of selected research topics, students learn to acquire the current state of scientific literature and develop research questions. Every single step of empirical journalism research is implemented under supervision, from phrasing hypothesis over the operationalisation of research questions to data collection, analysis and interpretation of the results. The findings are to be presented orally and documented in a research report in written form.			
4	Competences The students are capable of... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executing empirical journalism research independently (developing research questions, appropriate usage of methods) • Critically evaluating research results in their journalistic work. • Presenting and discussing their results academically. • Understanding the process of empirical research and organising as a team. 			
5	Examination Three graded components: Element 1: exercises with subsequent group presentations Elements 2 + 3: written and optional oral documentation of results (research report); during the semester group presentations are possible. The exact form and extent of the assignment is specified by the lecturer at the beginning of each semester.			
6	Examination: Form and assignments			
	No.	Assignments	Form	
	1	Graded	Group presentation (oral)	
	2	Graded	Group presentations and research reports (oral/written)	
3	Graded	Group presentations and research reports (oral/written)		
7	Acquirement for participation			

	None
8	Module type Obligatory [Does not apply for Erasmus students]
9	Module commissioner Prof. Dr. Wiebke Möhring [Erasmus students: Please contact the Erasmus departmental office instead of the Module commissioner]

Module 10, Jo-BA10: Journalistic Research and Agency (advanced module)

(Journalistische Recherche und Vermittlung – Vertiefungsmodul)

Bachelor Journalism Studies (also open to BA Science Journalism, BA Politico-economic Journalism, BA Music Journalism, Applied Linguistic and Cultural Studies)				
Each year	Duration: 2 semesters	Third & forth semester	Credit points: 7	Workload: 210 hours
1	Module structure			
	No.	Course	Type	CP
	1	Narrative genres [Dt. Narrative Darstellungsformen]	S/Ü (P)	3
	2	Media workshop [Dt. Medienwerkstatt]	S/Ü (WP)	2
3	Research II [Dt. Recherche II]	S/Ü (P)	2	
2	Teaching language German			
3	Course contents The module deepens the understanding of journalistic investigation and different genres. It offers the possibility of specializing individually and media-specifically. The students are to learn the professional application of job norms and their scientific tenability by practice and critical reflection of their own work.			
4	Competences The students... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gain an overview over the narrative genres and their characteristics and communicative functions. • Gain deeper understanding for the usage of different genres and formats in different kinds of media. • Deepen the media specific knowledge and gain an individual professional profile in the context of the media workshop. • Possess deeper knowledge about journalistic research. 			
5	Examination Three graded components			
6	Examination: Form and assignments			
	No.	Assignments	Form	
	1	Graded	Portfolio (The form and length are specified by the lecturer at the beginning of each semester/ written)	
	2	Graded	Portfolio (The form and length are specified by the lecturer at the beginning of each semester/ written)	
3	Graded	Portfolio (The form and length are specified by the lecturer at the beginning of each semester/ written)		
7	Acquirement for participation None			
8	Module type			

	Obligatory [Does not apply for Erasmus students]
9	Module commissioner Prof. Dr. Michael Steinbrecher [Erasmus students: Please contact the Erasmus departmental office instead of the Module commissioner]

Module 11, Jo-BA11: Work in the newsroom

(Dt. Redaktionsarbeit)

Bachelor Journalism Studies (also open to BA Science Journalism, BA Politico-economic Journalism, BA Music Journalism, Applied Linguistic and Cultural Studies)				
Each year (winter semester)	Duration: 2 semesters	Third & forth semester	Credit points: 14	Workload: 420 hours
1	Module structure			
	No.	Course	Type	CP
	1	Lehrredaktion I (training newsroom I)	S/Ü (P)	7
	2	Lehrredaktion II (training newsroom II)	S/Ü (P)	7
2	Teaching language German			
3	Course contents The students work in different departments in a cross medial newsroom. They practise finding topics, researching and multimedia production of journalistic content. They deal with dynamic processes of production and researching techniques, especially in the field of social media. In the newsroom the students perform in different positions and fulfil the required tasks. In order to ensure a high quality, there are mandatory editorial staff conferences to critically reflect the product and the working processes.			
4	Competences The students... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know the procedures and structures of newsrooms. • Gain practice and certainty in the forms of journalistic expression by working in an up-to-date, cross media and user-oriented manner. • Possess research and production skills. • Convey facts comprehensible within the possibilities of the medium. • Know the criteria for evaluating journalistic work. • Deepen the ability to work in a team under realistic circumstances. • Can select and adapt an appropriate form for the given topic and medium. 			
5	Examination Two graded components. Basis for the grade is the successful journalistic work in the newsroom team and the journalistic stories documented in the portfolio.			
6	Examination: Form and assignments			
	No.	Assignments	Form	
	1	Graded	Portfolio (The form and length are specified by the lecturer at the beginning of each semester/ written)	
2	Graded	Portfolio (The form and length are specified by the lecturer at the beginning of each semester/ written)		
7	Acquirement for participation None [Erasmus students: German language level of B2!]			
8	Module type Obligatory [Does not apply for Erasmus students]			
9	Module commissioner Prof. Dr. Wiebke Möhring Prof. Dr. Michael Steinbrecher [Erasmus students: Please contact the Erasmus departmental			

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Module 12, Jo-BA12: Ethics of science and journalism

(Dt. Wissenschaftliche und journalistische Ethik)

Bachelor Journalism Studies				
Each year	Duration: 1 semester	Fifth semester	Credit points: 6	Workload: 180 hours
1	Module structure			
	No.	Course	Type	CP
	1	Introduction: Scientific and journalistic ethics [Dt. Einführung: Wissenschaftliche und journalistische Ethik]	V	3
	2	Advanced: Scientific and journalistic ethics [Dt. Vertiefendes Seminar: Wissenschaftliche und journalistische Ethik]	S	3
2	Teaching language German			
3	Course contents The lecture offers an overview over the foundations of scientific ethics and journalistic ethics based on an introduction to the basic principles of philosophical ethics (element 1). In the seminar, the theoretical concepts and explanations of ethical behaviour are applied to concrete typical examples in the daily work in science and journalism.			
4	Competences The students... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know the basic principles of philosophical ethics. • Are acquainted with the theory of specific work ethics in journalism and science, can reflect these theoretical demands and apply them in their future scientific (e.g. bachelor thesis) and journalistic work. 			
5	Examination Graded module examination			
6	Examination: Form and assignments			
	No.	Assignments	Form	
	1	Graded	Written Examination	
	2	Ungraded	The form and length of this assignment are specified by the lecturer at the beginning of each semester (oral/ written).	
7	Acquirement for participation The successful completion of modules 1 to 4 is mandatory for participating. [Does not apply for Erasmus students]			
8	Module type Obligatory [Does not apply for Erasmus students]			
9	Module commissioner Tbc [Erasmus students: Please contact the Erasmus departmental office instead of the Module commissioner]			

Module 13, Jo-BA13: Journalism seminars

(Dt. Journalismus Seminare)

Bachelor Journalism Studies (also open to BA Science Journalism, BA Politico-economic Journalism, BA Music Journalism, Applied Linguistic and Cultural Studies)				
Each year	Duration: 2 semesters	Fifth & sixth semester	Credit points: 14	Workload: 420 hours
1	Module structure			
	No.	Course	Type	CP
	1	Journalism seminars [Dt. Journalismus Seminare]	V/ S	3-5
2	Teaching language German			
3	Course contents Objectives are... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The conveyance of content-based and professional expertise in all areas of journalism • Giving the opportunity of getting an insight into different occupational fields in the media business 			
4	Competences The students... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gain, under the intense supervision of lecturers, advanced skills and capabilities for the journalistic treatment of complex topics. This happens especially in the context of a specific field and/or department and a specific medium. • Acquire basic knowledge in certain fields and/or learn using the characteristics of certain media to convey content appropriately. 			
5	Examination Graded components. By participating in three or four courses, 14 CP have to be earned.			
6	Examination: Form and assignments			
	No.	Assignments	Form	
	1	Graded	The form and length of the assignments are specified by the lecturer at the beginning of each semester (oral/ written)	
7	Acquirement for participation None			
8	Module type Compulsory optional [Does not apply for Erasmus students]			
9	Module commissioner Prof. Dr. Frank Lobigs Prof. Dr. Tobias Gostomzyk [Erasmus students: Please contact the Erasmus departmental office instead of the Module commissioner]			

Module 14, Jo-BA14: Current fields of research in journalism studies and innovations in journalism

(Dt. Aktuelle Forschungsfelder der Journalistik und Innovationen im Journalismus)

Bachelor Journalism Studies (also open to BA Science Journalism, BA Politico-economic Journalism, BA Music Journalism, Applied Linguistic and Cultural Studies)				
Each year	Duration: 2 semesters	Forth & fifth semester	Credit points: 14	Workload: 420 hours
1	Module structure			
	No.	Course	Type	CP
	1	3-5 seminars: Current fields of research in journalism studies and innovations in journalism [Dt. 3 bis 5 WP-Seminare: Aktuelle Forschungsfelder der Journalistik sowie Innovationen im Journalismus]	S (WP)	3-5
2	Teaching language German			
3	Course contents In these seminars, current fields of research in journalism studies are acquired or. current innovations in journalism are analysed and/or tested.			
4	Competences The students... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Obtain knowledge about questions and problems as well as specific theoretical and methodical approaches in current relevant fields of journalism studies. Based on this knowledge, they can implement a bachelor thesis (module 16) independently in the context of current fields of research. Understand innovations in journalism, can describe, methodically research and appropriately apply them. 			
5	Examination Graded components. By participating in three or four courses, 14 CP have to be earned.			
6	Examination: Form and assignments			
	No.	Assignments	Form	
	1	Graded	The form and length of the assignments are specified by the lecturer at the beginning of each semester (oral/ written)	
7	Acquirement for participation The successful completion of modules 1 to 4 is mandatory for participating [Does not apply for Erasmus students]			
8	Module type Obligatory [Does not apply for Erasmus students]			
9	Module commissioner Prof. Dr. Tobias Gostomzyk Prof. Dr. Frank Lobigs [Erasmus students: Please contact the Erasmus departmental office instead of the Module commissioner]			

Module 15, Jo-BA15: Journalistic praxis – advanced

(Dt. Journalistische Praxis – Vertiefungsmodul)

[FOR REGULARLY ENROLLED STUDENTS ONLY; NOT OPEN FOR ERASMUS STUDENTS]

Bachelor Journalism Studies				
Each year	Duration: 1 semester	Fifth semester	Credit points: 8	Workload: 240 hours
1	Module structure			
	No.	Course	Type	CP
	1	Journalistic project [Dt. Journalistisches Projekt]	S/Ü (P)	8
2	Teaching language German (optional: English)			
3	Course contents In this module the students create a journalistic project, based on the expertise they acquired in their studies. They deepen their media specific competences and apply their technical knowledge. As a completion of the project, the students reflect on their own learning progress, the aimed professional profile and classify the project under a guiding research question.			
4	Competences The students... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possess the ability to organise and implement a journalistic project in a team and manage the project independently. • Deepen their practical journalistic skills by combining established forms of journalistic expression or by developing new ones. 			
5	Examination Graded components: The students document their work in max. two portfolios or present their projects.			
6	Examination: Form and assignments			
	No.	Assignments	Form	
	1	Graded	Portfolio and/or project presentation. (The exact form and length are specified by the lecturer at the beginning of each semester/ oral/ written)	
7	Acquirement for participation None			
8	Module type Obligatory			
9	Module commissioner Prof. Dr. Wiebke Möhring Prof. Dr. Michael Steinbrecher			

Module 16, Jo-BA16: Bachelor thesis

(Dt. Bachelorarbeit)

[REGULARLY ENROLLED STUDENTS ONLY, NOT OPEN FOR ERASMUS STUDENTS]

Bachelor Journalism Studies				
Each year	Duration: 1 semester	Sixth semester	Credit points: 12	Workload: 360 hours
1	Module structure			
	No.	Course	Type	CP
	1	Bachelor thesis [Dt. Bachelorarbeit]	BA thesis	12
2	Teaching language German (optional: English)			
3	Course contents The module consists of the bachelor thesis. The aim of the Bachelor thesis can be the scientific assessment of an issue of journalism studies (scientific Bachelor thesis) or the production of an applied Bachelor thesis (e.g. conception, reflection and production of a TV- or radio broadcast). A scientific Bachelor thesis is not to extent the amount of 60 pages. An applied Bachelor thesis must contain at least one detailed additional text, scientifically exploring the target audience, the relevance of the chosen topic and the methodical approach in research as well as in production of the product.			
4	Competences The students can work independently and in a limited time frame on a complex task in the field of journalism or journalism studies by choosing and applying appropriate scientific methods.			
5	Examination Graded			
6	Examination: Form and assignments			
	No.	Assignments	Form	
	1	Graded Bachelor thesis	Normally: 60 pages (written)	
7	Acquirement for participation The successful completion of modules 1-4 is mandatory for participating.			
8	Module type Obligatory			
9	Module commissioner All professors at the IJ			

Module 17, Jo-BA17: Electives

(Dt. Wahlbereich)

[For regularly enrolled students only. Erasmus students may choose classes from any other department at TU Dortmund University as long as the respective lecturer and the sending university approve their participation. However, 50 per cent of the credit points should be obtained at the Journalism department].

Bachelor Journalism Studies				
Each year	Duration: 6 semesters	First until sixth semester	Credit points: 30	Workload: 900 hours
1	Module structure			
	No.	Course	Type	CP
	1	Electives: English & American studies	V/S	30
	2	Electives: German studies	V/S	30
	3	Electives: sociology	V/S	30
	4	Electives: musicology	V/S	30
	5	Electives: sports science	V/S	30
	6	Electives: political science	V/S	30
	7	Electives: history	V/S	30
	8	Electives: philosophy	V/S	30
	9	Electives: law	V/S	30
	10	Electives: economy	V/S	30
	11	Electives: religious studies	V/S	30
	12	Electives: Catholic theology	V/S	30
13	Electives: French studies	V/S	30	
2	Teaching language German (optional: English)			
3	Course contents The students acquire content-based expertise for their journalistic work in the elective subjects. The chosen field is to give a broad overview and an orientation in the specific subject. Concerning the topics, the module catalogues of the given subjects are to be examined.			
4	Competences The students... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get an overview over the basics in another scientific field. • Possess basic knowledge for reporting about certain social topics appropriately – and therefore, fulfil the public responsibility of journalists. • Earn credit points in regard of a possible specialization in future studies (e.g. MA Political Science, etc.) 			
5	Examination At least three graded components: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This module offers the possibility of choosing an individual focus from a variety of courses. By participating in at least three modules, 30 CP are earned. • One of the modules must be an introductory one to the given field of studies. • The responsible professors of journalism studies provide advice for the students, concerning the composition of the given modules. The responsibilities can be found on the homepage of the journalism institute: Studies → Degree programs → Journalism studies. 			

6	Examination: Form and assignments		
	No.	Assignments	Form
	1	Graded	The modules and the associated examinations depend on the range of modules offered by the given elective fields. They have to be examined further. Additionally, the information is provided at Studies → Degree programs → Journalism studies.
7	Acquirement for participation None		
8	Module type Compulsory optional		
9	Module commissioner Module commissioners in the given field All professors of the IJ		

Module 18, Jo-BA18: Integrated journalism traineeship program

(Dt. Integriertes Volontariat)

[For regularly enrolled students only. Not open for Erasmus students].

Bachelor Journalism Studies (also open to BA Science Journalism, BA Politico-economic Journalism, BA Music Journalism, Applied Linguistic and Cultural Studies)				
Each year	Duration: 2 semesters	Seventh & eighth semester	Credit points: 60	Workload: 1800 hours
1	Module structure			
	No.	Course	Type	CP
	1	Integrated journalism traineeship program [Dt. Integriertes Volontariat]	-	55
	2	Tutorial: quality & ethics [Dt. Begleitseminar: Qualität und Ethik]	S	2
3	Reflexion: quality & ethics [Dt. Reflexionsseminar: Qualität und Ethik]	S	3	
2	Teaching language German (optional: English)			
3	Course contents The journalism traineeship program is a permanent element of the BA. Therefore, the institute has a network of partners in regional and national media companies with established reputations. Additionally to working in the newsrooms and in the different departments of the given medium, the students take part in the medium's internal professional trainings. This program is accompanied by two seminars at the university, for which the students are excused from their work in the newsrooms. These seminars are to ensure the critical reflection of the practical training. They revolve around concrete questions about the journalistic job, occupational ethics and quality the students face in their traineeship program. Additionally, the students can exchange their experiences to give a valuable overview over various positions in the journalistic field.			
4	Competences The students... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can apply and implement the skills taught at the university ("training on the job") • Possess advanced skills in the fields of research, production and the application of journalistic craft • Expand their ability to work in teams and to deal with criticism • Show their ability to work under high time and success pressure. • Can reflect their own journalistic work and the relation between science and praxis. 			
5	Examination Traineeship program, two ungraded components <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The individual requirements during the traineeship program are provided by the newsrooms. • The seminars are ungraded assignments. 			
6	Examination: Form and assignments			
	No.	Assignments	Form	
	1		Report/ Traineeship program evaluation	
2	Ungraded	Report and/or presentation. (The exact form and length are specified by the lecturer)		

			at the beginning of each semester/ oral/ written)
	3	Ungraded	Report and/or presentation. (The exact form and length are specified by the lecturer at the beginning of each semester/ oral/ written)
7	Acquirement for participation The successful completion of the modules 1 to 5, 7 to 12 and 15 to 16 are mandatory for participating.		
8	Module type Obligatory		
9	Module commissioner Prof. Dr. Wiebke Möhring Prof. Dr. Henrik Müller Prof. Dr. Michael Steinbrecher Prof. Dr. Holger Wormer		