

# JOURNALISM BS-MS

for the degree of Bachelor of Science in Journalism and the Master of Science in Journalism

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## Programs in Journalism

### Undergraduate Programs:

- majors:
  - Journalism, BS (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/media/journalism-bs/>)
- minors:
  - Journalism (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/media/minors/journalism/>)
  - Media (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/media/minors/media/>)
  - Public Relations (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/media/minors/public-relations/>)
- 4 + 1 joint program: Journalism, BS/MS (p. 1)

### Graduate Programs:

- degrees:
  - Journalism, MS (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/media/journalism-ms/>)
- joint degree:
  - Journalism, MS and Law, JD ([http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/law\\_media/journalism-ms-law-juris-doctor/](http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/law_media/journalism-ms-law-juris-doctor/))

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## Choose one of two sequences:

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Journalism – and who do not qualify for the deep knowledge or Sequence 2 track – will be required to take JOUR 501 as an elective. **Total: 32 hours.**

### First Year

Fall Semester	Hours	Spring Semester	Hours
JOUR 505		4 JOUR 500	4
JOUR 515 (Section A)		4 JOUR 515 (Section B: Master's Project: Part 2)	4
Electives – minimum of two JOUR 4xx courses, or other approved 400- and 500-level courses		8	
		<b>16</b>	<b>8</b>

### Total Hours 24

**Students cannot repeat journalism electives at the 400-level taken as undergraduates. The Director of Journalism Graduate Studies must approve any non-Journalism courses that are chosen.**

**Sequence 2: Deep Knowledge.** The Department of Journalism offers a 12- month program leading to the Master of Science in Journalism for applicants who possess or are working toward advanced degrees in such fields as, but not limited to, the sciences, engineering, mathematics, health and medical fields, and technology. Mid-career professional journalists interested in advanced journalism courses are also encouraged to apply. **Total: 32 hours.**

### First Year

Fall Semester	Hours	Spring Semester	Hours	Summer Semester	Hours
JOUR 501		4 JOUR 500		4 JOUR 515 (Section B: Master's Project: Part 2)	4
JOUR 505		4 JOUR 515 (Section A)		4	
Electives – minimum of 4 hours at the JOUR 4xx level		4 Electives – minimum of two JOUR 4xx courses		8	
		<b>12</b>			<b>4</b>

### Total Hours 32

## Other Requirements

Requirement	Description
Other requirements may overlap	
Minimum 500-level Hours Required	16
Overall:	
Minimum GPA:	3.0

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Student Learning Outcomes are adapted from requirements of the accrediting body for the Department of Journalism (ACEJMC)

for the degree of Bachelor of Science in Journalism:

1. Understand and apply principles and laws related to media and freedom of information
2. Write correctly and clearly in appropriate forms and styles
3. Apply basic numerical and statistical concepts
4. Apply current tools and technologies appropriate for the communications profession and to understand the digital world.
5. Demonstrate understanding of the history of journalism development and the role of professionals and institutions in shaping communications
6. Demonstrate an understanding of journalism ethical principles
7. Demonstrate understanding of diversity, both domestic and global
8. Understand concepts and apply theories in the use and presentation of images
9. Conduct research and evaluate information by methods appropriate to the profession
10. Demonstrate an ability to think critically and evaluate their own work and that of others
11. Document professional practice through internships, student media and other publication of student work.

for the degree Master of Science in Journalism:

1. Knowledge of principles of journalism and its history and trends.
2. Expertise in news gathering through documents and data, interviews, and field observation.
3. Expertise in one of the major presentations methods in journalism, choosing among text, audio or video presentation, with an understanding of all of these presentation methods include the use of mobile devices.
4. An understanding of professional journalism, including its changing business models, job descriptions and increasing cross-disciplinary collaborations.
5. An understanding of various qualitative and quantitative methods in data journalism.

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