JOURNALISM

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Major: Journalism
Degrees Offered: M.S.

Joint Degree Program: the Master of Science in Journalism can be earned jointly with the following Degrees Offered:
J.D. in Law (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/law)
M.B.A. in Business Administration (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/bus-admin-mba)

Graduate Degree Program

The Department of Journalism offers a graduate program leading to the Master of Science degree. The department does not offer a Ph.D. degree. For the program leading to the Doctor of Philosophy in Communications, see Communications and Media (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/communication).

The Department of Journalism offers a 4+1 program leading to the Master of Science in Journalism for undergraduates enrolled in the Bachelor of Science in Journalism program at the University of Illinois. Students can apply for this program in the first semester of their junior year and will be encouraged to select their remaining undergraduate journalism elective courses at the 200- and 300-level from courses listed in the professional option other than the one they elected to follow in completing their undergraduate degree. As graduate students, they will enroll in a minimum of four advanced electives at the 400 and 500 levels, in addition to required graduate courses. Electives may be in areas inside or outside Journalism to allow them to pursue a topical specialization. Those electives would require the approval of the Director of Graduate Studies. Students with approved undergraduate journalism degrees from other institutions also are eligible to apply for this sequence. Those without undergraduate degrees in Journalism – and who do not qualify for the deep knowledge track – will be required to take JOUR 501 as an elective.

The Department of Journalism also offers a deep knowledge track to a limited number of applicants who already possess or are working on advanced degrees in selected fields such as, but not limited to, the sciences, technology, engineering, health and medical fields, and mathematics. Limited fellowships would be available for applicants in the deep knowledge sequence. Either sequence would be open to mid-career journalists wishing to do advanced work as multimedia, investigative, deep knowledge sequence. Either sequence would be open to mid-career journalists wishing to do advanced work as multimedia, investigative, deep knowledge, or outside Journalism to allow them to pursue a topical specialization. Those electives would require the approval of the Director of Graduate Studies. Students with approved undergraduate journalism degrees from other institutions also are eligible to apply for this sequence. Those without undergraduate degrees in Journalism – and who do not qualify for the deep knowledge track – will be required to take JOUR 501 as an elective. Total: 32 hours.

First Year

Fall Semester
JOUR 505 Journalism Proseminar 4
JOUR 515 Master’s Project 4
(Section A)
Electives – minimum of two JOUR 4xx courses, or other approved 400- and 500-level courses 8

Semester Hours 16

Spring Semester
JOUR 500 Current Issues in Journalism 4

Information listed in this catalog is current as of 09/2017
JOURN 515 B, Master's Project: Part 2  
Electives -- minimum of two JOUR 4xx courses, or other approved 400- and 500-level courses  

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Total Hours: 32

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**

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**Summer Semester**

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Semester Hours 4

Total Hours: 32

**Other Requirements**

Other requirements may overlap

- **Minimum 500-level Hours Required** 16
- **Overall:** 32
- **Minimum GPA:** 3.0

For additional details and requirements refer to the department and the Graduate College Handbook (http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook).

In order to be considered for the joint degree program in Journalism, students must apply to and be accepted by both programs. Students graduate from both programs simultaneously, upon meeting all the requirements.

- Master of Science in Journalism and Master of Business Administration (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/journalism/journalism-mba)
- Master of Science in Journalism and Juris Doctor in Law (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/journalism/journalism-jd)