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Applicants to the M.J. program must be University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign students in the B.S. in Journalism program with a cumulative GPA of at least a 3.40 and have junior standing (at least 60 but no more than 89 credit hours) to be eligible to apply. Because the master’s program has an enrollment ceiling, some applicants with grade point averages of 3.4 or higher may not be admitted.

Letters of recommendation are required for both programs, and the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is required of all applicants who do not have either an undergraduate journalism degree from the University of Illinois or an approved post-secondary degree. An interview with the head of the department or director of graduate studies is helpful but not required. Students whose native language is not English must present their official scores on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) examination as part of their applications. The department follows the Graduate College’s recommendations for English proficiency. Detailed information about admissions and financial aid can be found on the department’s website (https://media.illinois.edu/node/75/ms-journalism).

**Financial Aid**

Fellowships are available only for select M.S. students. Fellowships are awarded on a quarter-time basis and carry a waiver of tuition and most fees. M.J. students may not hold assistantships or other tuition and fee waiver-generating appointments. A limited number of merit-based scholarships are available for B.S./M.J. and M.S. students.

Master of Journalism in Journalism (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/journalism/mj)

Master of Science in Journalism (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/journalism/ms)

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- 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)