MASTER OF SCIENCE IN JOURNALISM

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First Year

Fall Semester
JOUR 501 Multimedia Storytelling
JOUR 505 Journalism Proseminar
Electives -- minimum of 4 hours at the JOUR 4- level

Semester Hours: 12

Spring Semester
JOUR 500 Current Issues in Journalism
JOUR 515 Master’s Project (Section A)
Electives -- minimum of two JOUR 4- courses

Semester Hours: 16

Summer Semester
JOUR 515 Master’s Project (Section B)

Semester Hours: 4

Total Hours: 32

1 Undergraduates pursuing a B.S. in Journalism at Illinois are eligible to apply for the M.S. under a joint B.S./M.S. degree program. The B.S./M.S. requires a greater number of credit hours and more theoretical courses than the B.S./M.J. program. Students can apply for the B.S./M.S. program in the first semester of their junior year and, once admitted, are encouraged to select their remaining undergraduate journalism elective courses at the 200- and 300-level from courses covering skills other than those they emphasized 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 the required graduate courses JOUR 500, 505, and 515 (sections A and B). 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. The B.S./M.S. requires a minimum of 16 hours of 500-level coursework, a 3.0 or higher GPA, and additional details and requirements are available on the department’s website and in the Graduate College Handbook (https://grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook).

2 The Director of Graduate Studies must approve any non-Journalism courses chosen as electives.

Other Requirements

Other requirements may overlap

Minimum 500-level Hours Required: 16

Overall: 16

Minimum GPA: 3.0

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