JOURNALISM, BS-MJ

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

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Master of Journalism
The Department of Journalism offers the M.J. degree as part of a 4+1
program focused on the development of a broad range of professional
skills for undergraduates enrolled in the Bachelor of Science in
Journalism program at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
Students can apply for the B.S./M.J. program in the first semester of
their junior year; admitted students select their remaining undergraduate
journalism elective courses according to a plan of study that reserves
certain upper-division courses for the graduate portion of their program.

Programs in Journalism
Undergraduate Programs:
- major: Journalism, BS (http://catalog.illinois.edu/
  undergraduate/media/journalism-bs)
- major: Journalism, BS-MJ (p. 1)
- minor: Journalism (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/
  media/minors/journalism)
Graduate Programs:
- degree: Journalism, BS-MJ (p. 1)
- degree: Journalism, MS (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/
  media/journalism-ms)
- joint degree: Journalism, MS and Business Administration,
  MBA (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/bus_media/
  journalism-ms-business-administration-mba)
- joint degree: Journalism, MS and Law, JD (http://
catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/law_media/journalism-ms-law-
juris-doctor)
The department does not offer a Ph.D. degree. For the program leading to
the Doctor of Philosophy in Communications, see Communications and
Media, PhD (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/media/communications-
media-phd).

Admission
Both the M.S. and M.J. programs place a strong emphasis on journalism,
and candidates who are accepted are most often those with a
demonstrated interest in practicing journalism. It is imperative that all
applicants supply writing samples.

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 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. 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/journalism/degrees-
programs/masters).

Financial Aid
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. students.

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Total hours: 32 for M.J. portion, 152 for B.S. and M.J. combined
The B.S./M.J. is an integrated, accelerated program for Illinois Journalism
majors that may be completed in less time than is required to complete
both degrees separately and provides sharper focus on professional
multimedia skills than would be available with the two existing degrees
combined. Students who maintain superior academic performance
are eligible to apply as juniors (after earning at least 60 but not more
than 89 credit hours). Accepted students then work on both degrees
simultaneously and will receive both at the same time, once all
requirements for each have been completed.

Journalism, B.S. component

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<td>JOUR 200</td>
<td>Introduction to Journalism</td>
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<td>JOUR 205</td>
<td>History of American Journalism</td>
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<td>JOUR 210</td>
<td>Newsgathering Across Platforms</td>
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<td>JOUR 215</td>
<td>Multimedia Reporting</td>
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<td>JOUR 220</td>
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<td>Journalism Ethics &amp; Diversity</td>
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<td>JOUR 335</td>
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<td>JOUR 340</td>
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<td>Unrestricted electives within College of Media</td>
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Total in College of Media                   | 48    |

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<td>CS 105</td>
<td>Intro Computing: Non-Tech</td>
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PSYC 100       Intro Psych     4
RHET 105       Writing and Research (or Comp. I equivalent)     4
STAT 100       Statistics     3

Campus general education requirements not met by classes listed above

Recognized minor or one 18-hour specialization or two 9-hour specializations, approved by advisor, from outside College of Media and Department of Communication. May include hours listed above. Students may choose to complete a Public Relations minor in addition to the non-Media minor or specialization.

Total outside College of Media     72
Total B.S. component     120

Upon completion of the B.S. component, students must apply and be officially admitted into the Graduate College. They will be issued letters of admission from the Graduate College and the Journalism Department, at which time they will be considered graduate students and assessed graduate tuition beginning with the following semester. Students must satisfy the graduate student minimum residence requirement of 24 graduate credit hours and continue to maintain a graduate GPA of at least 3.0 to remain in the combined program.

Master of Journalism component

May begin after completing 60 hours

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<td>These three 500-level courses:</td>
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<td>JOUR 500</td>
<td>Current Issues in Journalism</td>
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<td>Plus 400-level Journalism electives totaling 16 hours. See department website or Course Explorer for complete list.</td>
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<td>Two (2) semesters (Master's Project Part 1 and Master's Project Part 2) of:</td>
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<td>JOUR 515  Master's Project</td>
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<td>TOTAL HOURS FOR BOTH DEGREES</td>
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Other Requirements

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<td>Minimum 500-level Hours Required</td>
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1 For additional details and requirements, refer to the department and the Graduate College Handbook (https://grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook).

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