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)
- 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/)

Graduate Programs:
- degree: Journalism, BS-MJ (p. 1)
- degree: 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/)
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

The M.J. program places 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 3.40 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.