JOURNALISM

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Degree: Bachelor of Science
Major: Journalism
Minor: Journalism

A degree in Journalism prepares students for exciting and fulfilling careers in traditional broadcast journalism, news-editorial journalism, and emerging media. The primary professional aim is to train students as public affairs and enterprise journalists. The Journalism Department seeks to prepare broadly educated professionals who will assume decision-making and leadership roles in a variety of media organizations.

Bachelor of Science in Journalism (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/media/departments/journalism/bs-journalism)

Minor in Journalism (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/media/departments/journalism/journalism-minor)

JOUR Class Schedule (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/DEFAULT/DEFAULT/JOUR)

Courses

JOUR 199 Undergraduate Open Seminar credit: 1 to 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/JOUR/199)
A changing array of courses focusing on special topics in journalism. Approved for Letter and S/U grading. May be repeated to a maximum of 12 hours, if topics vary.

JOUR 200 Introduction to Journalism credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/JOUR/200)
Discussion of the history, freedom, technologies, ethics, and functions of the news media. Training in clear, descriptive writing techniques, using journalistic models. Prerequisite: Completion of Composition I general education requirement. This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for: Advanced Composition

JOUR 205 History of American Journalism credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/JOUR/205)
Surveys the history of the field of journalism since pre-colonial times. Includes the evolution of the media in the United States and the evolution of cultural concepts concerning the media, including rights granted under the First Amendment. Credit is not given for JOUR 205 if credit for JOUR 405 has been earned.

JOUR 210 Newsgathering Across Platforms credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/JOUR/210)
Fundamentals of journalistic reporting and writing across print, broadcast and digital platforms. Credit is not given for JOUR 210 if credit for JOUR 400 has been earned. Prerequisite: JOUR 200.

JOUR 215 Multimedia Reporting credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/JOUR/215)
Designed to acquaint students with the fundamentals of digital photography, video, audio and multimedia as it applies to journalism. Instruction will include conceptual frameworks and techniques to create multimedia journalism content; the conception, planning and creation of multimedia projects; coverage of events with audio, video and photographs; the technical and creative aspects of digital photography, video, and multimedia; delivery platforms for multimedia content including the Web and evolving communication technologies. Credit is not given for JOUR 215 if credit for JOUR 410 has been earned. Prerequisite: JOUR 210 or consent of Journalism Department.

JOUR 220 News Editing credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/JOUR/220)
Editing and headline writing, news judgment, ethics and leadership. Credit is not given for JOUR 220 if credit for JOUR 320 has been given.

JOUR 225 Journalism Ethics & Diversity credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/JOUR/225)
Focuses on media decision-making and news judgment, specifically ethics and diversity in news-gathering with regard to scope, privacy, bias, economic concerns, and accountability. Examines real-life news decisions and the thoughts of journalists who lived through famous and infamous ethics situations. Key provisions in the Society of Professional Journalists Code of Ethics regarding use of diverse voices will be discussed and applied in practical ways, and both students and the instructor will find current examples of ethics issues to present to the class. Diversity education is part of the required standard for achieving journalism accreditation from the discipline's national accrediting body.

JOUR 230 Digital Photography for Everyone credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/JOUR/230)
Foundations of digital photography, techniques to produce photographs; the conception and planning of pictures; the pictorial coverage of locations, events and human interest situations; and the planning and execution of photos in print, on the web and other electronic media are the focus of this hands-on course. You will develop a practical understanding of the potentials and realities of photographic communication to better use them for full expression of your vision. Approved for Letter and S/U grading.

JOUR 235 Adv Public Affairs Reporting credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/JOUR/235)
Study and extensive practice of in-depth public affairs reporting - its concepts, techniques, traditions, ethics, and social obligations. Credit is not given for JOUR 235 if credit for JOUR 415 has been earned. Prerequisite: JOUR 210.

JOUR 320 Audio Journalism credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/JOUR/320)
Reporting and writing news for audio programs and websites. Credit is not given for JOUR 320 if credit for JOUR 435 has been earned. Prerequisite: JOUR 210.

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JOUR 450  Media and Public Opinion  credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/JOUR/450)
Theory of public opinion and communications; relation of communication systems to public opinion, social systems, and the political order. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 graduate hours. Prerequisite: Completion of Quantitative Reasoning I.

JOUR 451  Research Methods in Journalism  credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/JOUR/451)
Introduction to social science principles of measurement, sampling, statistical inferences and logic of research design in collection, analysis and interpretation of information used in journalism and mass media. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 graduate hours. Prerequisite: Completion of Quantitative Reasoning I requirement. JOUR 200 recommended, or graduate standing.
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for: Quantitative Reasoning II

JOUR 452  Great Books of Journalism  credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/JOUR/452)
Books written by journalists have had great impact on U.S. public policy and understanding, covering such topics as corporate power, political corruption, rural poverty, the atomic bombing of Japan, Watergate, and a soldiers-eye view of war. From hard-edged investigations to nonfiction literature, the readings broaden and deepen understanding of the power and purpose of journalism beyond breaking news and celebrities. Readings from eight groundbreaking books, assessment of social and professional impact, ethical issues, reporting and writing approaches, and extensive class discussion. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 graduate hours. This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for: Humanities - Lit Arts

JOUR 453  Crisis Communications  credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/JOUR/453)
Students will take on the role of a public relations/public affairs officer to learn how to deal with the media when managing a crisis for a client, whether a multinational corporation or a professional athlete. Students will use case studies of actual events to examine how the media dealt with the crisis. Students will get a look at the inner workings of a major PR firm devoted to telling the truth while managing the message. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 graduate hours.

JOUR 454  Propaganda & the News Media  credit: 3 or 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/JOUR/454)
The course examines techniques and processes of propaganda in a democratic society. It draws from contemporary theories of influence and persuasion to identify propaganda in the context of modern journalism, to delineate differences between propaganda and information, and to assess the impact of propaganda on democratic decision making in the digital age. Particular attention is given to the news media practices and consumption patterns that unwittingly facilitate strategies of modern propagandists. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: Junior, Senior or Graduate standing.

JOUR 460  Special Topics  credit: 1 to 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/JOUR/460)
A changing array of special projects, research or reading in journalism. Additional fees may apply. See Class Schedule. 1 to 4 undergraduate hours. 1 to 4 graduate hours. May be repeated if topics vary.

JOUR 470  International Reporting  credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/JOUR/470)
Role of international news in daily lives. Examines those who report it and those who pioneered it. Students monitor how U.S. and international media cover selected countries and learn how to write international news. In selected semesters, students may research issues and life in a foreign country in preparation for an international reporting trip. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 graduate hours.
JOUR 471  Science Journalism  credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/JOUR/471)
Students will explore media coverage of science. They will examine the interconnections of scientific advances and public understanding. The seminar format will allow students to interview scientists and journalists, to discuss work, and to become science communicators. Subject matter of reporting projects will be determined by the background and interests of the students. Field trips and Illinois science will be featured. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 graduate hours.

JOUR 472  Business Reporting  credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/JOUR/472)
Learning to follow the money is a key part of covering corporate America, professional sports or Hollywood. No need to fear financial statements: This course shows you easy methods to pick them apart and turn them into smart stories. Students learn to report and write stories using the Wall Street Journal's feature methods. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 graduate hours. Prerequisite: JOUR 210 or JOUR 400. Journalism or Agricultural Communications major(s). Restricted to students with Sophomore, Junior, Senior, or Graduate class standing.

JOUR 475  Magazine Writing  credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/JOUR/475)
Preparation of feature stories and articles; techniques of marketing, market analysis, and publishing articles written in the course. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 graduate hours. Prerequisite: JOUR 210.

JOUR 480  Advanced Reporting Topics  credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/JOUR/480)
Advanced reporting projects or techniques, with separate sections for a varying array of topics such as investigative reporting, immersion journalism, literary journalism, business and financial journalism, online publishing, radio news features, sports writing, broadcast documentary production, digital journalism, and photo journalism. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 graduate hours. May be repeated in the same or subsequent semesters if topics vary. Prerequisite: JOUR 210.

JOUR 481  Literary Feature Writing  credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/JOUR/481)
Course focuses on concept, reporting practice, and ethics of literary approaches to create evocative, story-like journalism articles. Students report and write a single in-depth story that will be re-reported and re-written three times. Includes extensive readings illustrating the finest literary journalism. The class includes extensive self, class and professor criticism and editing. Articles for this class have been published in the News-Gazette and other publications. An archive of published stories can be found at intimatejournalism.com. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 graduate hours. Prerequisite: JOUR 210. Journalism majors only.

JOUR 482  Immersion Journalism  credit: 3 or 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/JOUR/482)
The interview methodology students learn is seen as the best way to provide the ethnographer/writer/reporter with insight into social phenomena. The methodology can be used to examine living conditions, family history and attitudes of ethnic groups at any class level – wealthy, affluent, middle class, poor or underclass. Students with insatiable curiosity about behavior will be able to extract from participants surprising revelations about their needs, desires and motivations. Students will learn how personalities, circumstances, and choices made by participants’ parents and forebears affect the participant’s life today. Same as AFRO 482. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: Juniors, Seniors and Graduate students of any discipline.

JOUR 483  Investigative Journalism  credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/JOUR/483)
The investigative methodology students learn is seen as the best way to provide the producer/editor/reporter with insight into social issues, government and businesses practices and systems. The methodology can be used to examine and topics or issue. Students will use data, documents, interviews and field observation to collect information, do basic data analysis, test hypotheses, and produce stories in text, audio, or video or all. Students will learn how to do deep research, organize complex material, and produce presentations that are easy for the public to understand. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 graduate hours.

JOUR 490  Professional Project  credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/JOUR/490)
Individual and team-produced advanced enterprise projects in specialized fields. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 graduate hours. May be repeated in the same or subsequent semesters if topics vary.

JOUR 495  Internship Seminar  credit: 0 to 1 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/JOUR/495)
Seminar based on internship experience. Offered for College of Media students who complete an approved professional, industry related internship. 0 to 1 undergraduate hours. 0 to 1 graduate hours. Approved for S/U grading only. May be repeated in the same term to a maximum of 2 undergraduate hours or 2 graduate hours. May be repeated in separate terms to a maximum of 3 undergraduate hours or 3 graduate hours. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.