

# JOURNALISM MINOR

for the Minor in Journalism

The Minor in Journalism allows a student to explore the role of journalism in a democracy and to assess how journalism is meeting its social responsibility to engage, enlighten and empower citizens. The minor equips students to participate in the ever-changing world of media delivery and consumption.

Fundamental journalistic skills—identifying questions, obtaining answers, then communicating them effectively—are huge advantages in virtually every profession. Students of all majors can learn how to find engaging topics, locate and interview key sources, analyze and visualize important data, and present material impactfully in written, audio/visual, and interactive forms across media platforms. Students explore introductory principles in four courses in writing, history, ethics, and law, which also may fulfill General Education requirements, then choose at least two elective courses, which again may meet General Education requirements, from a list that includes research and practical courses.

## Programs in Journalism

### Undergraduate Programs:

- major: Journalism, BS (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/media/journalism-bs/>)
- minors: Journalism (p. 1) | Media (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/media/minors/media/>) | Public Relations (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/media/minors/public-relations/>)

### Graduate Programs:

- degrees: Journalism, MS (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/media/journalism-ms/>)

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Code	Title	Hours
JOUR 200	Introduction to Journalism	3
JOUR 205 or JOUR 452	History of American Journalism Great Books of Journalism	3
JOUR 250 or JOUR 456	Journalism Ethics & Diversity Race, Ethnicity & Gender in Journalism	3
JOUR 311 or JOUR 310	Media Law Media Law in Historical Context	3
<b>Select two courses from the following:</b>		<b>6-7</b>
JOUR 210	Newsgathering Across Platforms	
JOUR 240	Introduction to Documentary Storytelling & Production	
JOUR 361	Classics of Sports Journalism	
JOUR 410	Data Storytelling for Journalists	
JOUR 440	Advanced Documentary Storytelling & Production	
JOUR 450	Media and Public Opinion	

JOUR 451	Research Methods in Journalism
JOUR 453	Crisis Communications
JOUR 454	Propaganda & the News Media
JOUR 471	Science Journalism
JOUR 472	Business Reporting
JOUR 473	Environmental Journalism
JOUR 482	Immersion Journalism
JOUR 483	Investigative Journalism
Total Hours	18

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1. [Find engaging topics to report on.](#)
2. [Locate and interview key sources.](#)
3. [Analyze and visualize data.](#)
4. [Present impactful material in written, audio/visual, and interactive forms across media platforms.](#)
5. [Know journalism's roles in democracy.](#)
6. [Assess journalism's performance in fulfilling its roles.](#)

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