JOURNALISM MINOR

for the Minor in Journalism

**department website:** https://media.illinois.edu/journalism

**department faculty:** https://media.illinois.edu/journalism/faculty

**overview of college admissions & requirements:** College of Media (http://catalog.illinois.edu/schools/media/)

**college website:** https://media.illinois.edu/

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/)
- **major:** Journalism, BS-MJ (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/media/journalism-bs-mj/)
- **minor:** Journalism (p. 1) | Media (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/media/minors/media/)

**Graduate Programs:**

- **degree:** Journalism, BS-MJ (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/media/journalism-bs-mj/)
- **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/).

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1. **JOUR 200** is a prerequisite for **JOUR 210**.
2. **JOUR 200** and **Quantitative Reasoning I** are prerequisites for **JOUR 451**.