Journalism, M.A.

Requirements

The School of Journalism and Mass Communication offers a Master of Arts in journalism. The M.A. program requires 31 s.h. with thesis. Students who plan to continue on to doctoral studies in the school can complete the required coursework for the master's degree, plus one additional course, and successfully pass a qualifying examination; a thesis is not required.

Students in the M.A. program in journalism must complete the following coursework. They are required to take at least two courses in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication selected from the methods, theory, or electives areas.

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For a more detailed description of the M.A. program in journalism, contact the School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

Combined Programs

M.A./J.D.

The School of Journalism and Mass Communication and the College of Law offer a combined Master of Arts in journalism/Juris Doctor. The combined degree program allows students to count a limited amount of credit toward both degrees. Separate application to each degree program is required. Applicants must be admitted to both programs before they may be admitted to the combined degree program. Admission for the M.A. program in journalism is for fall entry.

For information about the J.D., see Juris Doctor, J.D. (College of Law) in the Catalog.

Admission

Applicants must meet the admission requirements of the Graduate College; see the Manual of Rules and Regulations of the Graduate College on the Graduate College website.

Admission to the program is for fall entry.

Financial Support

The school offers research and teaching assistantships for graduate students; preference is given to Ph.D. students. Journalism and mass communication students have been successful in winning competitive fellowships open to all graduate students; applicants must be nominated by the graduate committee.

Career Advancement

This is an academically oriented degree that prepares students for doctoral studies or a career in research. The M.A. program is designed to meet the needs of:

- Journalism and mass communication students who have earned a bachelor’s degree and wish to continue their education; M.A. students can be considered for admission into the doctoral program after completion of all their M.A. degree requirements.
- Experienced journalists or communicators who wish to prepare themselves for teaching by earning the M.A. degree, possibly continuing on to earn their Ph.D.