

JOURNALISM (JOMJ)

Graduate Degree Program
College: Journalism

abstract

This Master of Journalism (JOMJ) degree is for students with little or no journalism experience who are looking to become professional journalists or media professionals. If you are an experienced journalist looking for a research-focused master's degree, go to Journalism (JOUR) (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/journalism-jour/>); if you're looking for a Ph.D. program, go to Journalism (JOST) (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/journalism-jost/>). If you're seeking a graduate journalism multimedia certificate, go to Multimedia Journalism (Z071) (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/multimedia-journalism-z071/>).

The JOMJ degree is a non-thesis program that requires up to 36 credits, beginning in the fall semester. JOMJ students' degree program culminates in a review of their journalism portfolio by a panel of faculty and professionals. Broadcast or multi-platform students may further specialize in investigative, computational/data or sports focuses and may also steer their degree into other types of journalism through course selection.

The University of Maryland's journalism school offers all the resources of a top-ranked public research institution located minutes away from Washington, D.C., Annapolis and Baltimore. Its unmatched access to internships in one of the nation's top media markets and opportunities to learn from the pros working in today's multimedia newsrooms make the Philip Merrill College of Journalism a training ground like no other. Our students are fearless and #MerrillMade.

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Courses: JOUR (<https://umd-curr.courseleaf.com/graduate/courses/jour/>)

Admissions

General Requirements

- Statement of Purpose
- Transcript(s)
- TOEFL/IELTS/PTE (international graduate students (<https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/english-language-proficiency-requirements/>))

Program-Specific Requirements

- Letters of Recommendation (3)
- Graduate Record Examination (GRE) (optional)

- CV/Resume
- Portfolio (Multimedia Requirements section) (optional)
- 3 Writing Samples: Writing samples uploaded to the Upload Requirements section of the application – under Writing Sample, Supplementary Application One, and Supplementary Application Two.

For more admissions information or to apply to the program, please visit our Graduate School website: www.gradschool.umd.edu/admissions (<https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/>)

Application Deadlines

Type of Applicant	Fall Deadline
Domestic Applicants	
US Citizens and Permanent Residents	Early Decision: 19 Dec / Final: 5 Feb
International Applicants	
F (student) or J (exchange visitor) visas; A, E, G, H, I and L visas and immigrants	Early Decision: 19 Dec / Final: 5 Feb

Other Deadlines: Please visit the program website at <http://www.merrill.umd.edu>

Requirements

- Journalism, Master of Journalism (M.J.) (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/journalism-jomj/journalism-mj/>)

Facilities and Special Resources

The University of Maryland is located just a few miles from Washington, the media capital of the world. Students and researchers have access to The Washington Post and USA Today, as well as hundreds of Washington bureaus for newspapers, online news sites, and TV and radio news outlets from around the world. The Philip Merrill College of Journalism operates daily news bureaus in Washington, D.C., at the Ronald Reagan Building a few blocks from the White House; in Annapolis, just a block from the Maryland State House; and on campus from two locations – Knight Hall, our state-of-the-art building with multiple news labs and opportunities for multi-platform experimentation; and UMTV, a cable TV station that reaches more than 600,000 homes in central Maryland. The broadcast program is equipped with state-of-the-art digital editing systems used by students to produce a 30-minute nightly newscast. Opened in 2010, Knight Hall also brings all of the College's affiliated centers under one roof. The college also provides equipment for all specialty media classes – from broadcast cameras to DSLRs – so students are not required to bring their own equipment.