

JOURNALISM (JOMJ)

Graduate Degree Program
College: Journalism

abstract

The Master of Journalism degree is a nonthesis program that requires 30 to 37 credits, depending on students' experience and whether they are invited to spend an extra semester working on a multidisciplinary team with the Howard Center for Investigative Journalism.

This program is intended for students who want to work as professional journalists after graduation. M.J. students' degree program culminates in a review of their journalism portfolio by a panel of faculty and professionals. There is no thesis requirement for M.J. students.

Broadcast journalism students will complete their program deeply prepared for a career as a broadcast news reporter. Students may also choose to take electives in studio production, investigative journalism or sports journalism or other areas. Multiplatform journalism students may take a sequence of courses in data journalism, investigative journalism, sports journalism, visual journalism, audience engagement or other areas. Or, students may choose to take courses in multiple areas.

In their final required semester, M.J. students enroll in a six-credit capstone course in one of the Capital News Service (CNS) bureaus on campus, in Annapolis or in Washington, D.C.

For more information about the program, visit go.umd.edu/MasterJournalism.

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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)
- CV/Resume
- Writing Samples (3)
- Portfolio PDF Upload (optional)

- Description of Research/Work Experience (optional)
- Supplementary Application (optional)

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	January 17, 2024
International Applicants	
F (student) or J (exchange visitor) visas; A, E, G, H, I and L visas and immigrants	January 17, 2024

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.