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

Application Deadlines

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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.