**JOURNALISM STUDIES (JOST)**

Graduate Degree Program  
College: Journalism

**abstract**

Maryland's elite Ph.D. in Journalism Studies (http://merrill.umd.edu/academics/phd-program/) prepares scholars for next-generation research in the key issues confronting journalism in the 21st century.

- The program features small classes and a high level of collaboration with professors (http://merrill.umd.edu/academics/phd-program/ph-d-faculty/). Work focuses on the analysis of journalism practice and ethics, media history, gender and media, international media, as well as in emerging technology and the audience.
- With an emphasis on helping journalists translate career experience into research expertise, the program is highly successful (http://merrill.umd.edu/academics/phd-program/ph-d-positions/) at placing its doctoral graduates into teaching and research posts in higher education.

If you are seeking a master's degree to provide you with the fundamentals of journalism for a professional career, please see the Journalism (JOMJ) (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/journalism-jomj/) degree. 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 seeking a graduate journalism multimedia certificate, go to Multimedia Journalism (Z071) (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/multimedia-journalism-z071/).

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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)
- Description of Research/Work Experience
- CV/Resume
- Writing Samples (academic work; one required, up to two more optional)
- Graduate Record Examination (GRE)
- GRE Subject (optional)
- Supplementary Application (optional)
- Portfolio PDF Upload (optional)

**Application Deadlines**

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

**REQUIREMENTS**

- Journalism Studies, Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/journalism-jost/journalism-phd/)