

# JOURNALISM (JOUR)

Graduate Degree Program  
College: Journalism

## Abstract

This Master of Arts (JOUR) degree is mainly intended for experienced journalists seeking a research-focused, academic journalism degree with the goal of a future teaching or Ph.D. program. 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'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 Master of Arts in Journalism is a research-oriented, thesis program of 30 credits. The program is intended for experienced journalists, academics and others who are looking for a more scholarly master's program. The degree offers a great deal of flexibility by tapping into the resources of the University of Maryland, a top-ranked, public, research institution located minutes away from Washington, D.C., Annapolis and Baltimore. The college's 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 PDF Upload (optional)
- Writing Samples (3)
- Supplementary Application (optional)
- Description of Research/Work Experience (optional)

Applicants seeking admission to the master's program must hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher learning. Undergraduate study of journalism and/or professional experience in journalistic fields are not required. Students must take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE), provide three writing samples and obtain three letters of recommendation.

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

## Application Deadlines

Type of Applicant	Fall Deadline
<b>Domestic Applicants</b>	
US Citizens and Permanent Residents	January 15, 2025
<b>International Applicants</b>	
F (student) or J (exchange visitor) visas; A, E, G, H, I and L visas and immigrants	January 15, 2025

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

## REQUIREMENTS

- Journalism, Master of Arts (M.A.) (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/journalism-jour/journalism-ma/>)

## 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.