

MEDIA, TECHNOLOGY AND DEMOCRACY MINOR

The Media, Technology and Democracy minor will allow students to deepen their understanding of these three key areas of our society. Students will learn about the history of journalism, gain a better understanding of new media technology, improve their digital literacy, and examine how the news media shapes views of politics, culture and society. Students will expand their fluency in diversity, social justice, social media, artificial intelligence, investigative journalism, censorship and disinformation and better understand the value of a free press.

Program Learning Outcomes

1. Understand the history of journalism and its critical role informing the public of the decisions of powerbrokers, thus buttressing the U.S. democracy.
2. Understand the importance of primary research, incorporating a critical evaluation of data.
3. Understand the role of digital technology in media production and consumption.
4. Demonstrate written and oral communication skills.
5. Recognize ethical guidelines and laws that journalists adhere to while reporting and publishing news.

REQUIREMENTS

The Media, Technology and Democracy minor is a total of 15 credits, including one required course (JOUR200, Journalism History, Roles and Structures), and four approved journalism electives, one of which would come from the 100 to 200 level. A grade of C- or better is required in all minor courses. Note: Additional courses beyond those listed below may be added later by the college to satisfy the 12 credits of electives.

Required Course No. 1:

Course	Title	Credits
JOUR200	Journalism History, Roles and Structures	3
One Lower-level Elective from the Following Options:		3
JOUR150	Introduction to Mass Communication	
JOUR175	Media Literacy	
JOUR281	Media Law and Ethics in the Digital Age	
JOUR282	Beyond Facebook: How Social Media are Transforming Society, Culture, Business and Politics	
JOUR283	Probing War: Investigative Narratives and American Conflicts	
JOUR284	Scandal: Exposing Corruption, Justice, and Vice in America	
JOUR289I	Information 3.0: Exploring Technological Tools	
Three Upper-level Electives from the Following Options:		9
JOUR447	Sports, Protest and the Media	
JOUR452	Women in the Media	
JOUR453	Media Coverage of Diversity	
JOUR455	Media Entrepreneurship	
JOUR456	Literature in Journalism	

JOUR458	Special Topics in Journalism (JOUR458A Machine Editors: Search Engines, Social Media, and the News)	
JOUR458	Special Topics in Journalism (JOUR458B Sports Media Today)	
JOUR458	Special Topics in Journalism (JOUR458J Covering Social Justice)	
JOUR458	Special Topics in Journalism (JOUR458K The Changing Role, Responsibilities and Norms of Journalism)	
JOUR458	Special Topics in Journalism (JOUR458V The Power of the Writing Voice: Covering Celebrities, Art Exhibits, Concerts, and Theater)	
JOUR459	Special Topics in Journalism (JOUR459I History of Investigative Journalism)	
JOUR459	Special Topics in Journalism (JOUR459P Censorship and Disinformation in the 21st Century: The New Global War for Political Power)	
JOUR459	Special Topics in Journalism (JOUR459Z Race, Journalism, and Democracy in the United States)	
Total Credits		15