Journalism Minor

The journalism minor is designed to offer students experience in journalism theory, technique, and practice and to prepare them for careers in the news media.

Only one course may be used to satisfy requirements for both a major field and a minor field. Multiple minors may overlap by only one course.

The following five courses are required for the journalism minor:

JPW 208/Introduction to Journalism

JPW 308/Media Law

JPW 311/News Editing and Production

JPW 498/Beats and Deadlines

JPW 499/Media Experience

COURSES

JPW 208/Introduction to Journalism

1 course unit

(every semester)

Experience in news reporting and writing, and explanation of the ideals of journalism.

JPW 308/Media Law 1 course unit

(annually)

Prerequisite: JPW 208 or permission of instructor

Study of First Amendment, libel, privacy, access to public records, press-court relations, and obscenity.

JPW 311/News Editing and Production

1 course unit

(annually)

Prerequisite: JPW 208 or permission of instructor

Intensive introduction to modern practices in electronic newspaper editing and production.

Professional orientation. Field trips may be required at student expense.

JPW 498/Beats and Deadlines

1 course unit

(annually)

Prerequisite: JPW 208 or permission of instructor

Working experience in covering regular newspaper assignments (beats) such as city hall, courts, statehouse, police, and environmental issues.

JPW 499/Media Experience

1 course unit

(by arrangement)

Prerequisite: Permission of instructor

Internship with a professional media organization.

Also see English for more JPW courses.