

JOURNALISM (MA)

The MA in Journalism at DePaul prepares graduates for careers as multimedia news producers and visual storytellers in journalism's new digital landscape. Our graduates are now content producers at more than 400 sites in the webbed universe. Concentrations in Accountability Journalism, Data Journalism, Multimedia Journalism, and Sports Journalism helped establish their brands as socially responsible reporters, editors, and producers.

DePaul's program brings Chicago into the classroom and moves the classroom out into the third largest media market in the country. Internships and experiential learning opportunities enable students to develop the networks and e-portfolios that advance their careers. Our award-winning team of journalism professionals partners with students in producing first-rate news stories across platforms, aided by DePaul's downtown Media Center and Green Screen Studio.

Program Requirements	Quarter Hours
Degree Requirements	48
Total hours required	48

Learning Outcomes

Students will be able to:

- Describe best practices for ethical journalism that contribute to social responsibility in reporting the news.
- Apply digital storytelling techniques to produce examples of journalism that effectively navigate the evolving news industry.
- Analyze the news of the day.

Degree Requirements

Course Requirements

The Master of Arts in Journalism requires 12 courses (48 credit hours) – four required core courses, four concentration courses, and four elective courses in Journalism. With approval from the graduate program director, students can take up to two relevant elective courses from other Communication graduate programs, or relevant graduate elective courses from outside of Communication.

Core Courses

Students are required to take all of the following:

Course	Title	Quarter Hours
JOUR 500	REPORTING BOOTCAMP	4
JOUR 501	ETHICS & SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY IN JOURNALISM	4
JOUR 503	MULTIMEDIA REPORTING	4
JOUR 596	NEWS NOW: JOURNALISM MA CAPSTONE	4
Students who took JOUR 275 & JOUR 278 during their undergraduate program may substitute any of the following courses for JOUR 500:		
JOUR 510	SPORTS REPORTING	4
JOUR 511	ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT REPORTING	4
JOUR 512	BUSINESS WRITING AND REPORTING	4
JOUR 513	POLITICAL REPORTING	4
JOUR 519	INTERNATIONAL REPORTING	4

JOUR 524	REPORTING FOR THE DEPAULIA	4
JOUR 527	LIFESTYLE REPORTING	4
JOUR 533	INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING	4
JOUR 588	REPORTING FOR 14 EAST MAGAZINE	4
Students who took JOUR 280 during their undergraduate program may substitute any of the following courses for JOUR 503:		
JOUR 504	ADVANCED MULTIMEDIA JOURNALISM	4
JOUR 505	TELEVISION NEWS REPORTING	4
JOUR 506	NEWSCAST PRODUCING	4
JOUR 507	VISUAL COMMUNICATION	4
JOUR 521	SPORTS PRODUCING	4
JOUR 522	MULTIPLATFORM NEWS EDITING	4
JOUR 542	SOCIAL MEDIA AND THE NEWS	4
JOUR 587	SOUND AND VISION	4

Journalism Concentrations (4 required courses)

- Accountability Journalism (<https://catalog.depaul.edu/programs/journalism-ma/reporting-metro-chicago-concentration-journalism-ma/>)
- Data Journalism (<https://catalog.depaul.edu/programs/journalism-ma/data-journalism-concentration-journalism-ma/>)
- Multimedia Journalism (<https://catalog.depaul.edu/programs/journalism-ma/multimedia-journalism-journalism-ma/>)
- Sports Journalism (<https://catalog.depaul.edu/programs/journalism-ma/sports-journalism-concentration-journalism-ma/>)

Journalism Electives (4 required courses)

Course	Title	Quarter Hours
Select a minimum of four courses from the following list:		16
JOUR 504	ADVANCED MULTIMEDIA JOURNALISM	
JOUR 505	TELEVISION NEWS REPORTING	
JOUR 506	NEWSCAST PRODUCING	
JOUR 507	VISUAL COMMUNICATION	
JOUR 509	JOURNALISM LAW AND ETHICS	
JOUR 510	SPORTS REPORTING	
JOUR 511	ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT REPORTING	
JOUR 512	BUSINESS WRITING AND REPORTING	
JOUR 513	POLITICAL REPORTING	
JOUR 514	OPINION AND COLUMN WRITING	
JOUR 515	SPECIAL TOPICS IN JOURNALISM	
JOUR 517	EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING IN JOURNALISM	
JOUR 519	INTERNATIONAL REPORTING	
JOUR 520	DATA JOURNALISM	
JOUR 521	SPORTS PRODUCING	
JOUR 522	MULTIPLATFORM NEWS EDITING	
JOUR 523	MULTIMEDIA SPORTS REPORTING	
JOUR 524	REPORTING FOR THE DEPAULIA	
JOUR 525	URBAN AFFAIRS REPORTING	
JOUR 526	POLITICAL COMMUNICATION	
JOUR 527	LIFESTYLE REPORTING	
JOUR 528	REPORTING FOR GOOD DAY DEPAUL	
JOUR 529	ONLINE NEWSROOM	

JOUR 530	AUDIO REPORTING & STORYTELLING
JOUR 531	JOURNALISM BY NUMBERS
JOUR 533	INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING
JOUR 534	TOPICS IN PHOTOJOURNALISM
JOUR 535	RADIO DEPAUL
JOUR 536	FREELANCE JOURNALISM
JOUR 540	THE INTERNET, TECHNOLOGY, AND POLITICS
JOUR 541	MASS MEDIA & AMERICAN POLITICS
JOUR 542	SOCIAL MEDIA AND THE NEWS
JOUR 543	LONG FORM REPORTING
JOUR 544	ENTREPRENEURIAL JOURNALISM
JOUR 546	PHOTOJOURNALISM FOR STUDENT MEDIA
JOUR 548	ADVANCED GRADUATE REPORTING FOR GOOD DAY DePAUL
JOUR 551	ADVANCED REPORTING I
JOUR 552	ADVANCED REPORTING II
JOUR 553	SOCIAL JUSTICE REPORTING I
JOUR 554	SOCIAL JUSTICE REPORTING II
JOUR 587	SOUND AND VISION
JOUR 588	REPORTING FOR 14 EAST MAGAZINE
JOUR 590	JOURNALISM WORKSHOP
JOUR 598	NEW YORK JOURNALISM

Outside Electives

With approval from the graduate program director, students can apply up to two relevant elective courses from other Communication graduate programs, or relevant graduate elective courses from outside of Communication toward their Journalism electives.

Grade Requirements

All students are required to maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.000 in their coursework. If a student's cumulative GPA falls below 3.000, the student will be allowed to complete an additional 16 credits or 3 quarters (whichever comes first) to attain the 3.000 minimum GPA. If the cumulative GPA remains below a 3.000 at the conclusion of this time period, the student may be dismissed from the program. The student's cumulative and term GPAs along with overall academic performance will be factored into the dismissal decision.

Concentration Requirements

Students pursuing a graduate Journalism degree must select one of the following concentrations:

- Accountability Journalism Concentration, Journalism (MA) (<https://catalog.depaul.edu/programs/journalism-ma/accountability-journalism-concentration-journalism-ma/>)
- Data Journalism Concentration, Journalism (MA) (<https://catalog.depaul.edu/programs/journalism-ma/data-journalism-concentration-journalism-ma/>)
- Multimedia Journalism Concentration, Journalism (MA) (<https://catalog.depaul.edu/programs/journalism-ma/multimedia-journalism-journalism-ma/>)

- Sports Journalism Concentration, Journalism (MA) (<https://catalog.depaul.edu/programs/journalism-ma/sports-journalism-concentration-journalism-ma/>)

Optional Latino Media and Communication Concentration

The graduate concentration in Latino Media & Communication is comprised of at least three graduate courses drawn from the areas of advertising, journalism, media and cinema studies, multicultural communication, organizational communication and public relations. Graduate students in any of the College of Communication Master of Arts programs can elect to complete the Latino Media & Communication concentration. Students may need to use outside electives to complete this concentration.

Students who complete the concentration will:

- Develop an understanding of the heterogeneous and rapidly changing Latino communities locally, nationally and globally
- Ground their knowledge of intercultural studies within a more extensive and concrete knowledge of a particular (even though diverse), rapidly growing, and increasingly important population within the U.S.
- Increase their cross-cultural competence (understanding and ability to dialogue across difference, develop cultural sensitivity and awareness) with Latino communities
- Enhance their capacity to communicate with and learn from Latino populations in the workplace, in community situations and other sites of engagement
- Recognize the impact of the movement of Latinos across the globe and develop the skills to critically consume and produce media, public relations and advertisement representations that communicate to and about Latino communities
- Develop field-specific knowledge of Latino media and communication along with an understanding of how Latino studies shapes other fields of communication

Courses

Students are required to take three courses (12 credits) from the following list:

Course	Title	Quarter Hours
CMNS 509	SPECIAL TOPICS IN MULTICULTURAL COMMUNICATION ¹	
CMNS 542	MULTICULTURAL COMMUNICATION IN THE WORKPLACE	
JOUR 515	SPECIAL TOPICS IN JOURNALISM ¹	
MPOP 521	TOPICS IN CINEMA STUDIES	
MPOP 533	LATIN AMERICAN CINEMA/MEDIA	
PRAD 511	CONSUMER INSIGHTS	
PRAD 512	ENGAGING LATINX COMMUNITIES	
PRAD 514	CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN PUBLIC RELATIONS AND ADVERTISING ¹	
PRAD 595	SPECIAL TOPICS IN PUBLIC RELATIONS & ADVERTISING ¹	
CMN 591	INTERNSHIP ¹	
CMN 598	STUDY ABROAD ¹	

¹ Topic must be related to Latino Media and Communication.