The Department of Journalism is founded on the principle that a well-informed and engaged public is essential to democracy—perhaps more so now, at a time of dizzying change, than it has ever been, and that, in the face of this change, journalism retains a unique role in contributing to civic life and to the quality of public discourse.

We put this principle to work by helping students become constructive participants in an ever-evolving global media landscape, where distinctions between producers and consumers of content have blurred. More specifically, we prepare them, at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, for careers in journalism and other fields of public communication. We train students to gather information from a diversity of sources, to analyze it critically, and to report what is significant, through stories and other media forms across multiple media platforms. We encourage ethical awareness so that students will think independently, being prepared to reflect on and to help shape media practices and norms rather than take them at face value.

We believe in the integration of classroom instruction with practical experience. Many of our students work for, and manage, campus online news and entertainment sites, television programs and a radio station. They intern at broadcast stations, newspapers, magazines, websites and social media companies. Lastly, as a faculty, and with the help of colleagues elsewhere in our College who are working on new and innovative forms of human communication, we are committed to improving journalism through pioneering research and creative work.

Course code for this program is JRNL.

Bachelor's Degree

- Journalism - Bachelor of Arts (BA) (catalog.colorado.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/media-communication-information/programs-study/journalism/journalism-bachelor-arts-ba)

Minor

- Journalism - Minor (catalog.colorado.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/media-communication-information/programs-study/journalism/journalism-minor)

Faculty

While many faculty teach both undergraduate and graduate students, some instruct students at the undergraduate level only. For more information, contact the faculty member’s home department.

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Professor Emeritus

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JRNL 1000 (3) Principles of Journalism and Networked Communication

Surveys the history, practices and responsibilities of journalism in a democracy. Examines ethics, best practices in institutional and network settings, reporting and writing, international news systems, personal branding, and strategies for creating and distributing content across media platforms. Promotes the highest professional values and encourages students to be leaders who recognize the possibilities of journalism in a democratic society.

Requisites: Restricted to College of Media, Communication, and Information (CMCI) or Program in Journalism Mass Communication (JOUR) undergraduate students only.

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Core Curriculum and General Electives
JRNL 1871 (1-3) Special Topics for First-Year Students
Special studies in media that are specific for first-year students. May be repeated for a maximum of three credit hours.
Repeatability: Repeatable for up to 3.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Core Curriculum and General Electives

JRNL 2001 (3) Fundamentals of Reporting
Develops basic news-gathering skills for work in news enterprises. Students learn techniques central to research, reporting, writing and producing stories for various media formats.
Requisites: Requires prerequisite course of JRNL 1000 (formerly JOUR/JRNL 2601) (minimum grade C-). Restricted to Journalism (JRNL) majors only.

JRNL 2401 (3) Media Coverage of Diverse Populations
Explores the ways in which issues of gender, gender expression, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity and religion play out in news coverage and how news organizations approach coverage of marginalized groups in society.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade

JRNL 3102 (3) Photojournalism I
Introduces the basic elements of visual communication. Covers the use of camera systems, digital imaging techniques and other aspects of photojournalism including law, ethics, history and critical decision-making.
Requisites: Requires a prerequisite course of JRNL 1000 or (formerly JOUR/JRNL 2601) (minimum grade C-). Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Junior or Senior) Journalism (JRNL) majors or Program in Journalism Mass Communication (JOUR) majors only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Print Online Journalism

JRNL 3112 (3) Concepts in Visual Culture
Studies the principles, theories and language of visual communication, emphasizing the evaluation and use of images in mass media. Designed to help students build theories and practices learned in previous classes and perfect their skills integrating words and pictures in communication to gain a greater appreciation of the visual world.
Requisites: Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).
Grading Basis: Letter Grade

JRNL 3201 (3) Critical Perspectives on Journalism
Introduces students to the critical perspectives most often employed in qualitative analysis of journalistic texts and practice: Marxism, psychoanalytical criticism, semiology, sociological criticism, structuralism, etc. Emphasis is upon texts from contemporary print and broadcast media, although students may also explore documentary film and literary journalism.
Requisites: Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).
Grading Basis: Letter Grade

JRNL 3202 (3) Covering Political Campaigns
Provides a blend of theoretical understanding and on the ground experience for students interested in learning about the forces that shape election coverage and the practicalities of reporting on the local and national races for public office.
Requisites: Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).
Grading Basis: Letter Grade

JRNL 3211 (3) History of Broadcasting
Offers a broad overview of significant broadcast programs, the institutions and sociocultural and economic influences that have steered the course of radio, television and electronic media history in the United States.
Requisites: Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).
Grading Basis: Letter Grade

JRNL 3221 (3) History of Digital Journalism
Explores the history, economics and traditions of digital technologies. Addresses the interaction between digital technologies, culture and economy with particular emphasis on the effects on digital journalism. Concludes with a focus on how these concepts are embraced by new journalism market models.
Requisites: Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).
Grading Basis: Letter Grade

JRNL 3231 (3) History of Documentary Film
Explores the evolution of the documentary, both in feature films and on television, to understand how the genre offers both historical context and an understanding of the world in which we live.
Requisites: Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).
Grading Basis: Letter Grade

JRNL 3241 (3) History of Journalism
Explores the foundations of journalism practice in a historical context. Students study the evolution of the news industry and analyze examples of contemporary broadcasting, photography, online and print media in light of the past.
Requisites: Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).
Grading Basis: Letter Grade

JRNL 3401 (3) Sociology of News
Provides students with an introduction to the factors that shape news reporting and production, including gatekeeping, intermedia agenda setting, pack journalism, beat structures, news values and issues unique to the various platforms on which news is delivered.
Requisites: Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).
Grading Basis: Letter Grade

JRNL 3402 (3) Social Media Storytelling
Investigates the theory, ethics and best practices in storytelling across a variety of social media platforms including, but not limited to, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, Medium and YouTube. Examines best practices for social media engagement. Students develop a story for multiple platforms and analyze the story performance n the sites and make recommendations for best practices.
Requisites: Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).
Grading Basis: Letter Grade

JRNL 3552 (3) Editing and Presentation
Explores copy editing, graphic principles and processes, new media technology.
Requisites: Requires prerequisite course of JOUR/JRNL 2001 or JRNL 1000 (formerly JOUR/JRNL 2601) (minimum grade C-). Restricted to Journalism (JRNL) or News Editorial (NSED-BSJR or JNED-BSJR) majors only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Print Online Journalism
JRNL 3614 (3) Principles of Audio Production
Introduces audio production techniques using digital technologies. Students learn to apply fundamental principles to create professional radio and online programs including podcasting.
Requisites: Restricted to College of Media, Communication, and Information (CMCI) or Program in Journalism and Mass Communication (JOUR) majors with a minimum of 45 hours taken.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Broadcast Journalism

JRNL 3644 (3) Principles of Television Production
Emphasizes the use of video technologies in both field and studio production, camera and editing work, producing and directing for professional program production.
Requisites: Requires prerequisite course of JRNL 2001 or JRNL 1000 (formerly JOUR/JRNL 260; min grade D-). Restricted to JRNL or BCNS-BSJR or JBCN-BSJR or BCPM-BSJR or JBCP-BSJR majors only with a min of 57 hours taken.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Broadcast Journalism

JRNL 3651 (3) Media Law and Ethics
Studies state and federal laws and court decisions that affect the media in order to develop knowledge of media rights and responsibilities and an understanding of the legal system. Provides students with an overview of the theory, ethics, codes, and analytical models that are used in journalism, and introduces students to a variety of ethical issues that can arise in journalism.
Requisites: Restricted to College of Media, Communication, and Information (CMCI) or Program in Journalism Mass Communication (JOUR) undergraduate students only.

JRNL 3674 (3) Television Production 2
Covers studio productions for "Newsroom Boulder." Students also do field projects to sharpen their writing, video production, and editing skills.
Requisites: Requires prerequisite course of JOUR/JRNL 3644 (minimum grade C-). Restricted Journalism (JRNL) or Broadcast News (BCNS-BSJR or JBCN-BSJR) or Broadcast Production (BCPM-BSJR or JBCP-BSJR) majors only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Broadcast Journalism

JRNL 3704 (3) Sports Writing
Prepares students for the world of sport journalism. Combines the skills of a hard news reporter, the perspective of an entertainment reporter and the persuasive abilities of an editorial writer.
Requisites: Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).
Grading Basis: Letter Grade

JRNL 3804 (3) Sports, Media and Society
Examines how sports, culture and especially the media, with a specific focus on journalism, all come together to influence society. Explores how sports communication affects, and is affected by, the issues and tension that touch society at large, such as law and politics, race, gender, sexuality and disability.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: MDST 3331
Requisites: Restricted to students with a minimum of 29 credits completed.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade

JRNL 4002 (3) Reporting 2
Assumes mastery of basic reporting and writing skills. Students produce more sophisticated stories on a variety of topics.
Requisites: Requires prerequisite course of JRNL 2001 (minimum grade C). Restricted Journalism (JRNL) or News Editorial (NSED-BSJR or JNED-BSJR) majors only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Print Online Journalism

JRNL 4011 (3) Principles of Media Relations
Provides students with information about the ethics, history and practice of media relations (community affairs, community relations, customer relations, government relations, industry relations, internal communications, public relations, press agentry, public affairs, publicity, etc.). Introduces students from multiple academic disciplines to the genres of writing required for a media relations career.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade

JRNL 4102 (3) Photojournalism Portfolio
Advanced course intended to give students a forum in which technical skills will be brought to professional standards. Build a polished portfolio of work to present to editors and buyers.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: JRNL 5102
Requisites: Requires a prerequisite course of JOUR/JRNL 3102 (minimum grade C-).
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Print Online Journalism

JRNL 4311 (3) Literary Journalism
Studies the contributions of American literary journalists from Sara Davidson, Joan Didion, Normal Mailer, Hunter S. Thompson and Tom Wolfe; to established writers of nonfiction, including Annie Dillard, Jon Krakauer, Jane Kramer, Adrian Nichole LeBlanc and Terry Tempest Williams; to the newest wave of long-form journalists. Explores the boundaries between fiction and nonfiction and the literary techniques that distinguish creative nonfiction and literary journalism from other reportorial and storytelling forms.
Requisites: Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).
Grading Basis: Letter Grade

JRNL 4344 (3) Video Documentary Production
Designed to give students the experience of researching, writing, shooting and editing their own documentaries.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: JRNL 5344
Requisites: Requires a prerequisite course of JOUR/JRNL 3644 (minimum grade C-). Restricted to Journalism (JRNL) majors only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Broadcast Journalism

JRNL 4351 (3) Reporting Wars, Conflict and Peace
Explores how journalists report international breaking news with a focus on war, disaster and peace and how these news events affect peoples’ lives, governmental decisions and news media operations.
Requisites: Restricted to Journalism (JRNL) or Program in Journalism and Mass Communication students with a minimum of 73 hours taken.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Core Curriculum and General Electives

JRNL 4354 (3) TV Reporting
Students learn basic broadcast reporting skills – where to find news and how to cover it, how to analyze and organize news stories. Skills are linked with advanced concepts of shooting and editing videotape in order to produce news stories on deadline.
Requisites: Requires a prerequisite course of JOUR/JRNL 3644 (minimum grade C-). Restricted to Journalism (JRNL) or Broadcast News (BCNS-BSJR or JBCN-BSJR) majors only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Broadcast Journalism
JRNL 4401 (3) News and Public Perception
Considers the impact that news and journalistic practice have on the public through processes like agenda setting and second-level agenda setting, as well as issues such as news avoidance, the spiral of silence and political cynicism.
Requisites: Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).
Grading Basis: Letter Grade

JRNL 4411 (3) International Media and Global Crises
Investigates how media organizations, audiences and other international organizations function during various global crises, such as national disasters, climate change and health epidemics, due to imbalanced distribution of wealth and resources, ethnic tensions and diplomatic failures.
Requisites: Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Junior or Senior) News Editorial (NSED or JNED) or Journalism (JRNL) majors only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Print Online Journalism

JRNL 4502 (3) Reporting 3
Involves writing news and features about actual events for publication under deadline pressure. Lab to be arranged.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: JRNL 5502
Requisites: Requires prerequisite courses of JRNL 3552 and JRNL 4002 (all minimum grade C-). Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Junior or Senior) News Editorial (NSED or JNED) or Journalism (JRNL) majors only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Print Online Journalism

JRNL 4562 (3) Digital Journalism
Builds upon digital production skills through the creation of multimedia project. Applies media theory to evaluate digital media content and explore how digital forms influence the news industry, politics, culture and society.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: JRNL 5562
Requisites: Requires prerequisite course of JRNL 2001 (minimum grade C-). Restricted to Journalism (JRNL) or Program in Journalism and Mass Communication (JOUR) majors only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Print Online Journalism

JRNL 4572 (3) News Corps
CU News Corps provides students the opportunity to immerse themselves in a single project and then produce an in-depth text based or multimedia explanatory/investigative story for publication in professional media. Students spend several weeks studying the subject in question before reporting and producing their stories.
Requisites: Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).
Grading Basis: Letter Grade

JRNL 4602 (3) Opinion Writing
Concentrates on several of the subjective areas of journalism. Emphasizes editorial and column writing, editorial pages and blogging.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: JRNL 5602
Requisites: Requires a prerequisite course of JRNL 2001 (minimum grade C-).
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Print Online Journalism

JRNL 4614 (1-3) Advanced Audio Practices
Applies advanced skills in producing in-depth audio programming for radio stations in Colorado and for weekly discussion-critique sessions.
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 6.00 total credit hours.
Requisites: Requires prerequisite course of JOUR/JRNL 3614 (minimum grade C-). Restricted to Journalism (JRNL) majors only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Broadcast Journalism

JRNL 4624 (4) News Team
Students participate in Newsteam Boulder a program broadcast live over the Boulder cable television system.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: JRNL 5624
Requisites: Requires prerequisite course of JOUR/JRNL 4354 (minimum grade D-). Restricted to Journalism (JRNL) or Broadcast News (BCNS - BSJR or JBCN-BSJR) majors only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Broadcast Journalism

JRNL 4634 (1-3) Broadcast Projects
Covers interpretation, preparation, and/or reporting in programs for broadcast media. Prepares radio or television documentaries and informational/entertainment programs.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: JRNL 5634
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 6.00 total credit hours.
Requisites: Requires a prerequisite course of JOUR/JRNL 3644 (minimum grade C-). Restricted to Journalism (JRNL) majors only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Broadcast Journalism

JRNL 4651 (3) Advanced Media Ethics
Examines the responsibilities, the power and the problems of news media through the lens of ethical inquiry. Applies the philosophical and other perspectives from humanities and social sciences to consider ethical frameworks for guiding journalism in an era of technological disruption. Examines issues including privacy, conflicts of interest, undercover reporting, use of graphic images, interviewing trauma victims and other concerns in journalism through the lens of moral philosophy, best practices and codes of ethics.
Requisites: Requires prerequisite course of JRNL 3651 (minimum grade C-). Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).
Grading Basis: Letter Grade

JRNL 4674 (1-3) Television Production 3
Provides in-depth experience in directing and producing television programs.
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 3.00 total credit hours.
Requisites: Requires a prerequisite course of JOUR/JRNL 3674 (minimum grade C-). Restricted to Journalism (JRNL) or Broadcast News (BCNS-B SJR or JBCN-B SJR) or Broadcast Production (BCPM-B SJR or JBCP-B SJR) majors only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Broadcast Journalism

JRNL 4684 (3) Advanced Camera and Editing
Emphasizes the advanced techniques in digital video camera usage and digital editing for professional broadcast video production.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: JRNL 5684
Requisites: Requires a prerequisite course of JOUR/JRNL 3644 (minimum grade C-). Restricted to Journalism (JRNL) or Broadcast News (BCNS-B SJR or JBCN-B SJR) or Broadcast Production (BCPM-B SJR or JBCP-B SJR) majors only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Broadcast Journalism

JRNL 4702 (3) Arts/Cultural Reporting and Criticism
Emphasizes composition of criticism for the performing arts and other areas of entertainment.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: JRNL 5702
Requisites: Requires prerequisite course of JRNL 2001 (minimum grade C-). Restricted to Journalism (JRNL) or Program in Journalism and Mass Communication (JOUR) majors only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Print Online Journalism
JRNL 4704 (3) Athletic Media Relations
Offers the opportunity to both observe and experience what is required to work in the world of intercollegiate athletic media relations and professional sports public relations. Covers how to write and how to budget the vital components of publications, media bias and crisis management.
Requisites: Requires prerequisite course of JRNL 3704 (minimum grade C).
Grading Basis: Letter Grade

JRNL 4714 (3) Sports Broadcasting
Teaches students how to do live sports television production. Students will learn the sports TV business from the ground up and be responsible for participating in the broadcasting of three to four live sporting events.
Requisites: Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).
Grading Basis: Letter Grade

JRNL 4724 (3) Sports Announcing
Teaches students about sports talk and sports announcing, how to interview sports celebrities and the legal considerations and ethics of the business. Students will be doing play-by-play and color of live sporting events.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade

JRNL 4802 (3) Feature Writing
Provides practice in writing freelance articles. Considers types, sources, methods, titles, illustrations, and freelance markets. Students submit work for publication.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: JRNL 5802
Requisites: Requires prerequisite course of JRNL 2001 (minimum grade C). Restricted to Journalism (JRNL) or Program in Journalism and Mass Communication (JOUR) majors only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Print Online Journalism

JRNL 4822 (3) Reporting on the Environment
Involves reporting and writing about the environment by taking into account the scientific, technological, political, economic and cultural dimensions of environmental subjects.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: JRNL 5822
Requisites: Requires prerequisite course of JRNL 2001 (minimum grade C). Restricted to Journalism (JRNL) or Program in Journalism and Mass Communication (JOUR) majors only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Print Online Journalism

JRNL 4841 (1-4) Undergraduate Independent Study
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 6.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.

JRNL 4872 (1-3) Special Topics: Print
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: JRNL 5872
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 15.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.
Requisites: Restricted to Journalism (JRNL) or Program in Journalism and Mass Communication (JOUR) majors with a minimum of 57 hours taken.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Print Online Journalism

JRNL 4931 (1-6) Internship
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 6.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.