Journalism B.A.
Major
Bachelor of Arts
Communication
College of Liberal Arts

In an ever-changing media environment, the Journalism major is designed to be innovative and dynamic while adhering to a critical understanding of media’s role in a diverse, global society. The major emphasizes community engagement and global competence. Students gain a toolbox of skills and a critical understanding of mass media.

Why UMD

- Strong focus on studying the role of journalism in a changing world.
- Personal connections between faculty and student.
- Customizable degree options based on student interests.
- Faculty with real-world, industry experience.
- Strong alumni network connects to our students to jobs and career mentoring.

Acquired Skills

- Demonstrate how the journalistic approach to problem solving and storytelling can produce locally engaged, globally competent citizens.
- Demonstrate competence in a core set of Journalistic crafts in reporting, research and storytelling.
- Express a critical understanding of the contextual factors that shape the media message.
- Produce journalistic work that showcases an area of specialization that draws on the creativity and entrepreneurial spirit of the student.
- Demonstrate a problem-solving approach to the practice of Journalism that will give the student confidence and professional agility to respond to a changing market.
- Compile a portfolio that demonstrates work produced in a professional media setting.

Career Possibilities

Journalists are inquisitive. They want to know what’s going on in the world, and they want to know why. Journalists have a powerful urge to communicate. They want to share what they’ve learned.

Scholarships

- The Larry Oakes Journalism Scholarship
- The Gustaf A. and Mary V. Nordin Memorial Scholarship
- The Steven R. Fox Journalism Scholarship

Student Clubs

- Communication Club
- The Bark, UMD’s student-run campus news organization

What you can do with this degree?

- Journalism
- Photojournalism
- Public Relations
- Marketing
- Advertising
Where the possibilities are endless. We will be your compass.

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