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.

- Journalism
- Photojournalism
- Public Relations
- Marketing
- Advertising
- Corporate Communication
- Health Communication
- Local Television News
- Multimedia Journalism
- Publishing (newspaper, magazine, book)
- Electronic media
- Graduate and Law School

Scholarships

CLA is proud to be able to offer over 90 alumni and donor funded scholarships to our students each year. In total over $190,000 is awarded out to CLA majors and some minors as well. Each department facilitates the process for their specific scholarships and students are also encouraged to apply for CLA-wide scholarships offered to students in any field.

- 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

Graduate Report
Recent UMD Graduates Job Placement Data & Employers

Here’s a sampling of positions Journalism grads have attained six months to a year after graduation.

- Producer - WDIO-TV, Duluth, MN
- Communication Lead - Love Your Melon, Minneapolis, MN
- Community Editor - ECM Publishers, Winona, MN
- Marketing Manager - Arrowhead Orthodontics, Duluth, MN
- Literacy Tutor - AmeriCorps, Minnesota Reading Corps, Circle Pines, MN

For more data see the Journalism Graduate Follow-up Report.
For ideas about Journalism and other majors visit Career & Internship Services.

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