

# M.A. in Journalism

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## Description

The M.A. graduate program in journalism is an “academic” rather than a “professional” program. M.A. students planning to enter media careers (especially those without extensive academic or professional background in journalism) may, however, pursue a course of study combining undergraduate and graduate Jour courses.

## Minimum Total Credit Hours: 30

### Course Requirements

Students take a 30-semester-hour program of study, as follows: Jour 651, 652, 654, and 655; 6 hours of graduate-level Jour electives; 6 hours of graduate course work in an area of concentration outside the department; and 6 hours of Jour 697 to complete a thesis or thesis project. A thesis project must be a professional work in an appropriate medium equal in scope to a formal thesis, i.e., based on a formal proposal encompassing problem analysis, literature review, method statement, and bibliography. Both the thesis and the project require approval of a written prospectus and an oral examination.

### Specializations

- [Track - Academic](#)
- [Track - Integrated Marketing Comm](#)

