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[Journalism \(JOUR\)](#)

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Program Status: Active

Academic Level: Graduate

Type of proposal: Major/Field of Study

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Making Minor Changes to an Existing Certificate, Degree or Program (including 15 or fewer hours, admission/graduation requirements, Focused Studies or Tracks)

Are you adding a concentration?
No

Are you adding or modifying a track?
No

Are you adding or modifying a focused study?
No

Effective Catalog Year: Fall 2024

College/School Code: Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences (ARSC)

Department Code: School of Journalism and Strategic Media (SJSM)

Program Code: JOURMA

In Workflow

1. ARSC Dean Initial
2. GRAD Dean Initial
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Approval Path

1. 02/27/24 8:11 am
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2. 02/27/24 8:27 am
Ed Bengtson (egbengts): Approved for GRAD Dean Initial
3. 03/01/24 11:09 am
Lisa Kulczak (lkulcza): Approved for Director of Curriculum Review

Degree Master of Arts

CIP Code

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Assessment

4. 03/04/24 2:21 pm
Gina Daugherty
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5. 03/04/24 2:27 pm
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Research
6. 03/04/24 3:03 pm
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Chair
7. 03/12/24 12:30 pm
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Committee
8. 03/15/24 1:10 pm
Christopher Liner
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ARSC Dean
9. 03/15/24 1:11 pm
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10. 03/16/24 11:17 am
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11. 03/28/24 7:09 pm
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History

1. Feb 24, 2016 by pwatkins
2. May 18, 2017 by Charlie Alison (calison)
3. Aug 10, 2017 by Lisa Kulczak (lkulcza)
4. May 22, 2019 by Dale Carpenter (dcarpent)
5. Jan 16, 2024 by Gina Daugherty (gdaugher)

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Program Title

Journalism, Master of Arts

Program Delivery

Method

On Campus

Is this program interdisciplinary?

No

Does this proposal impact any courses from another College/School?

No

What are the total hours needed to complete the program? 30

Program Requirements and Description

Requirements

Areas of Study: The purposes of the Journalism M.A. program are to refine the conceptual knowledge and skills of graduate journalism students through advanced writing, production and/or theory and methods courses, to offer comprehensive, media-related courses; and to provide expertise in an additional academic discipline. Advanced

journalism studies may be supplemented with up to six hours of graduate-level courses in academic disciplines other than journalism.

Prerequisites to Degree Program: Students must have appropriate professional experience and/or an undergraduate degree in the journalism field that is approved by the graduate coordinator or the Journalism Graduate Faculty Committee as preparation for graduate study. A student must have a minimum undergraduate grade-point average of 3.00. ~~3.00 and should earn a minimum score of 300 on the verbal and quantitative parts of the Graduate Record Examinations (including a minimum score of 151 on the verbal part), and a minimum score of 4.5 on the analytical writing section.~~ The GRE is not required, but preferred for an assistantship consideration.

Requirements for the Master of Arts Degree: In addition to the requirements of the [Graduate School](#), the Master of Arts degree in Journalism requires a minimum of 30 semester hours with a cumulative grade-point average of 3.00. Students must complete:

18 hours of graduate credit in journalism; all students must take [JOUR 50203](#) Journalism Theory and [JOUR 50403](#) Research Methods in Journalism.

The remaining 6 hours of graduate course credit can be in journalism, or in a single department other than journalism chosen by the student and approved by the graduate coordinator or the Journalism Graduate Faculty Committee, and

A master's thesis (6 semester hours).

Students should also be aware of Graduate School requirements with regard to [master's degrees](#).

Requirements for the Five-Year Bachelor/Master of Arts Degree: In the Five-Year Bachelor/Master of Arts program, students can complete requirements for both the B.A. and the M.A. degrees in five years. Students apply for "conditional admission" to the program before the end of the first semester of their junior year. They may then take 6 to 12 hours of graduate coursework as undergraduates, to apply exclusively toward the M.A. degree. After receiving the B.A., they spend a fifth year completing the M.A.. This may involve some summer school coursework. Requirements for conditional admission to the Five-Year B.A./M.A. program include:

Enrollment in the Journalism B.A. program.

A minimum GPA of 3.0 in all semesters of undergraduate study.

All other admission requirements of the Graduate School and the Journalism M.A. program.

Students may continue into the M.A. program in the fifth-year conditional on the following:

Completion of a Journalism B.A. degree at the UA.

Renewal of their application to the UA Graduate School.

Continuation of a minimum GPA of 3.0 in all semesters of undergraduate study.

~~Achieving satisfactory GRE scores: a minimum of 300 on the verbal and quantitative parts of the exam (including a minimum score of 151 on the verbal part), and a minimum score of 4.5 on the analytical writing section.~~ Taking all coursework in the senior year and in graduate school at the UA.

~~Special guidelines: Students who have maintained a GPA of 3.5 or above in all semesters of their undergraduate study may petition for admission to the program without taking the GRE.~~ Of the maximum 12 hours of graduate courses, these students may count up to 6 hours of Journalism 5000-level coursework toward both the B.A. and the M.A. degree. However, a grade of B or better is required in the 6 hours, and the courses must be approved by a student's Master's Advisory Committee or the journalism graduate coordinator.

Specific guidelines for graduate courses taken by undergraduates who apply to the Five-Year program: After completing the B.A., students may request retroactive graduate credit for up to 12 hours of JOUR 5000-level courses taken in the final 12 months of their undergraduate degree. The courses will be counted if:

The courses were taken on the UA, Fayetteville campus in the Journalism program.

The student was in good standing.

The courses were 5000-level or above.

The courses were not used for the B.A. degree.

The student earned a grade of B or better.

The courses are approved by the student’s Master’s Advisory Committee or the Journalism graduate coordinator.

Petition to the Graduate School will be done either by the student’s advisory committee or the graduate coordinator.

Are Similar Programs available in the area?

No

Estimated Student 20

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Scheduled Program ~~2024-2025~~ 2022

Review Date

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Description and justification of the request

Description of specific change	Justification for this change
GRE is not required, but preferred for an assistantship consideration.	After reviewing other journalism schools among peer institutions such as the University of Missouri, the University of Maryland, the University of Georgia, and the University of Alabama, the SJSM grad committee decided to waive the GRE for admission from Fall 2024 as all made the GRE requirement optional for admission.

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Reviewer Comments

Lisa Kulczak (lkulcza) (03/01/24 11:07 am): Updated proposal type to reflect major/field of study; selection of "Policy" wiped out degree, CIP code, total number of hours, estimated student demand, next scheduled program review dates and program goals/learning outcomes. Restored that information based on previous proposals submitted.

Lisa Kulczak (lkulcza) (03/01/24 11:08 am): The college is encouraged to review for accuracy.

Lisa Kulczak (lkulcza) (03/01/24 11:09 am): ATTENTION REGISTRAR: Please remove Undergraduate Council from the workflow.

Gina Daugherty (gdaugher) (03/04/24 2:21 pm): Undergraduate Council removed from workflow.