

JOURNALISM MAJOR

The journalism major prepares reporters to serve the public interest in the digital age armed with strong practical skills, a deep grounding in journalism history and ethics, and sharp critical thinking. By synthesizing theory and practice, our graduates will be ready to serve in our rapidly evolving media landscape. Classes are taught by a mix of full-time Fordham professors and media professionals from the New York area. Our faculty, who come from such organizations as *The New York Times*, CBS News, MTV, and *Sports Illustrated*, help our students by bringing real-world experience to the classroom, making sure our graduates are ready to compete in the job market.

The major moves students through introductory, intermediate, and advanced multimedia reporting classes to hone their skills and bring them to a professional level in reporting, writing, and creating digital content. Majors in journalism become grounded in the profession through one required course in ethics, and one course in the "social construction of journalism"—Media Law, Journalism History, or Sociology of News. Journalism majors are also required to take a course in social media to learn how to use such sites as Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for gathering and disseminating news.

Learning Outcomes

Upon graduation with a journalism major or minor, students will have achieved the following curricular goals:

1. In terms of knowledge, students will develop a critically-informed understanding of journalism as a set of industries and institutions, a site of political and cultural contestation, a space of creative and critical production, and an evolving political and economic ecosystem.
2. Be conversant in journalism history, and be able to connect those histories to current and emerging media forms and issues of pluralism.
3. Be cognizant of the regulatory, economic, occupational, and legal parameters that frame journalistic practice.
4. In terms of skills, students will serve the public good by reporting, writing and creating compelling journalism across media platforms.
5. In terms of values, students will be aware of the ethical and moral challenges that journalists face, and the ways in which such challenges are addressed.
6. Be sensitive to issues of diversity, equity and inclusion as reflected in the theory, practice, and history of journalism.

CIP Code

09.0401 - Journalism.

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