Minor in Journalism

The Journalism minor consists of 15 credit hours of journalism coursework. It is intended for students from other MU academic divisions who wish to broaden their understanding of the news media’s role in society.

Admissions

All students are required to apply for the Journalism minor. To apply for a minor in Journalism, students must have completed 60 credit hours with a minimum UM system cumulative GPA of 3.0. An application form is available from the Minor Coordinator in the Journalism Student Services Office, 76 Gannett Hall.

Students pursuing a Journalism major are ineligible for the Journalism minor program.

Transfer students may use up to three credit hours of approved Journalism transfer credit toward a Journalism minor.

Courses

Students are required to take either JOURN 1000 The News Media: Journalism and Advertising in a Democratic Society or JOURN 1100 Principles of Journalism in Democracy.

Students who decide to pursue the minor after completing JOURN 1100 Principles of Journalism in Democracy are ineligible to take JOURN 1000 The News Media: Journalism and Advertising in a Democratic Society.

Registration

Students are permitted to self-enroll in JOURN 1000 The News Media: Journalism and Advertising in a Democratic Society. Other courses are offered on a space-available basis and after the early registration period has ended. Students are required to submit a course preference list to the Journalism Minor Coordinator. If space is available, a permission number to enroll will be provided.

Academic Status

Students are subject to probationary or suspension status as determined by the student’s major division. Students must earn a minimum grade of C- in Journalism courses. Journalism courses may be repeated one time. Upon repeating a course, if a student fails to earn a C- or better, the student is no longer eligible for the Journalism Minor.

Pre-Journalism or Undeclared Journalism students who complete lower-level journalism courses with a C- or better and then decide to minor in Journalism must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 to be eligible to take additional Journalism courses.

The journalism minor is awarded after the student completes 15 journalism credits.

Fees

School of Journalism course fees are applied to all Journalism courses.

Advising

Journalism minors are not assigned a faculty advisor or academic advisor within the School of Journalism. Academic advising occurs in the division of each student’s major. Students pursuing a Journalism minor are encouraged to consult with either the designated Minor Coordinator or with School of Journalism faculty on course-specific matters.