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Introduction

A School within the Faculty of Arts with degree programs offered through the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

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The mission of The School of Journalism is to achieve the highest professional standards in journalism through instruction in journalistic practice and the scholarly understanding of journalism, critical thinking, and teaching of ethical responsibility. The School is part of the Faculty of Arts, but is governed by the admissions and curriculum requirements of the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. It offers a two-year **Master of Journalism (M.J.)**.

The School opened in 1998 and is housed in a new building with seminar and work rooms, with faculty and administration offices arranged around a state-of-the-art newsroom. Its construction was made possible by an endowment from the Sing Tao Foundation.

Master of Journalism

Master of Journalism > Introduction

By combining advanced journalism practice and theory with academic studies at the graduate level, the program will not only enhance advanced journalism, but also improve the information base and scholarly preparation of students for journalistic writing in their specialty subject areas. The program will serve the profession of journalism and bring developments in many areas of academic investigation to a wider reading public. Workshops, seminars, tutorials, conferences, and publications will deal with reportage as well as major issues, theories, and developments in the field of journalism. Emphasis is placed on the writing of journalism, the historic evolution of journalism as a profession, ethics and journalism, journalism and the legal system, and the role and character of journalism in a changing society.

Master of Journalism > Admission

Applicants for admission to the Master of Journalism program must possess a four-year baccalaureate degree in a discipline or interdisciplinary area regarded as appropriate by the Admissions Committee for the program. Only applicants with superior performance at the baccalaureate level and appropriate journalism knowledge and experience will be admitted. Applicants will be required to indicate their intended academic specialty at the time they apply. Because the number of applicants greatly exceeds the number of places available, a record that satisfies basic entrance requirements does not guarantee admission to the program. Registration in graduate seminars in the academic specialty will be subject to the approval of the Director.

Applicants with journalism experience will submit an extensive sample of their professional work; those without such experience will be selected on the basis of a manuscript of original writing that meets the standards of the peer group selected for entry into the program. The admissions panel will assess the applicant's potential for satisfactory performance in the program and for potential



creative and constructive contribution to the profession.

All applicants must meet the admission requirements of the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. International applicants who do not hold a bachelor's degree from an institution where English is the language of instruction will be required to submit a TOEFL score of 104 (615 paper) or more, or the equivalent score on another accepted English proficiency exam.

The deadline for submission is January 31 for entry in September of the following academic year.

Master of Journalism > Academic Regulations

Students will be required to spend two Winter Sessions (i.e., eight months from September to April) on campus as full-time students. In exceptional circumstances, the School and the program will accommodate the needs of working journalists and others who may find it difficult to take more than eight or 12 months away from regular employment.

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Master of Journalism > Program Requirements

The program is designed both for persons with extensive journalistic experience, and for those who do not have such experience but who demonstrate superior writing and research ability on par with the peer group.

Because students' backgrounds vary, the number of credits required for the Master of Journalism degree will be determined in consultation with the Director. The number of credits will never be less than 36, and must include courses from each of the five core areas:

- Journalism Practice
- Media Studies
- Directed Studies
- Research and Writing
- Academic Studies Outside Journalism

At least 9 credits must be in academic studies outside Journalism, with a maximum of 3 credits only at the undergraduate level in courses numbered between 300 to 499. At least 27 credits must be in the other four core areas. The majority of M.J. candidates will usually complete 42 credits for the degree. Coursework and an approved number of credits for the degree must be determined in consultation with the Director.



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