MISSOURI
SCHOOL OF
JOURNALISM
1908
Founded at the University of Missouri

90.5% SUCCESS*
Recent alumni gain employment or are in grad school within six months of graduation
*undergraduates.missouri.edu/career-outcomes

$1 MILLION +
Journalism-specific scholarships awarded annually

WORLD-CLASS FACULTY
Industry leaders, researchers and innovators

MEET THE MISSOURI METHOD.

IN 1908, WALTER WILLIAMS FOUNDED A SCHOOL — The world’s first to offer a journalism degree and still the most renowned to this day.

The “J-School,” as it’s often called, awarded the world’s first undergraduate degree in journalism (1909), master’s degree in journalism (1921) and doctorate in journalism (1934).

Located at the heart of Mizzou’s beautiful 1,262-acre campus, the Missouri School of Journalism is where storytellers of all kinds can find their voices working in professional newsrooms and agencies. This hands-on philosophy of learning-by-doing was deemed “the Missouri Method.”

Today, the Missouri Method allows students to gain hands-on, career-ready experience in six professional newsrooms—including an NBC affiliate, and NPR-member station, a digital first community newspaper—and two advertising agencies with paying local, state and national clients.

Your story starts here
JOURNALISM.MISSOURI.EDU

“I chose Mizzou because I wholeheartedly believe in the Missouri Method. The J-School offers limitless opportunities to get REAL experience — regardless of the field of journalism you choose. We get to be real reporters, anchors, producers and more. Not only does the J-School offer those opportunities but there is constant help and care from faculty every step of the way. It doesn’t get better than that!!”
—Annabel
Journalism
WHERE WILL YOUR STORY LEAD?

WHEREVER YOU WANT TO GO, A JOURNALISM DEGREE CAN GET YOU THERE.

Journalism students find successful careers in a range of disciplines with one factor in common: storytelling.

At the Missouri School of Journalism, you’ll gain the skills needed to engage, entertain and inspire audiences across platforms.

And the best part? Our philosophy of learning-by-doing will take you far beyond the walls of a classroom.

Work side-by-side with the pros covering sports, news and world events. Report breaking news via social media. Create ads that shape pop culture. Produce the next game-changing documentary.

Your story is waiting to be told. How you’ll tell it is up to you.

OPEN UP A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITIES.

Nearly half of all Missouri journalism students study away. The school has 25 programs in 18 countries, so you can earn credit while gaining work experience on another continent.

- Year-round offices in Barcelona, Brussels, Delhi, New York and Washington D.C.
- Strategic communication programs in Hong Kong, Prague and Tokyo
- Direct exchange programs with a dozen universities worldwide
- Hands-on experience across six continents
MISSOURI JOURNALISM STUDENTS GRADUATE WITH RELEVANT INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE.

It’s a fact: an official survey* showed more than 90% of recent Missouri Journalism alumni had found employment or were in grad school within one year of graduation.

That’s because at the J-School, students begin working in professional newsrooms and strategic communication agencies while still in school. This hands-on experience helps them land better internships and career-building opportunities.

You can graduate with the equivalent of a year’s professional experience—or more—already on your résumé.

*The University conducts outcomes surveys of graduates. Full details are at undergraduatestudies.missouri.edu/career-outcomes.

* Top Four Industries: Communications & Media, Arts & Leisure, Consumer & Business Services, Technology
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KBIA

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Missouri Business Alert

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MOJO Ad

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Meeting Our Partners in Progress.

Jonathan B. Murray Center for Documentary Journalism

Working across an almost unlimited palette of subject matter, students in the Jonathan B. Murray Center for Documentary Journalism use the latest techniques in cinematic nonfiction to create a number of short documentaries. Classroom lessons in the art and science of documentary filmmaking are punctuated with continuous field work learning the documentary craft. Faculty expertise is magnified by frequent appearances of visiting artists, filmmakers behind the most important work in documentaries today. Students enjoy access to professional equipment reserved only for documentary use. The program culminates in the Stronger Than Fiction Film Festival each year in which graduating students show their capstone documentaries on the big screen for a local audience.

David Novak Leadership Institute

The Novak Leadership Institute develops leaders who believe in the power of people coming together to solve the world’s biggest challenges. Powered by the renowned Missouri Method of learning-by-doing, our practical and innovative curriculum combines principles from advertising and marketing with a people-first approach to leadership. Through innovative courses, hands-on experiences, mentors and industry partnerships, you’ll learn how to collaborate and communicate effectively as a leader and take people with you to accomplish significant goals in your college experience and your future career. To learn more about our programs and see how you can start taking people with you today, visit novakleadership.missouri.edu.

Donald W. Reynolds Journalism Institute (RJI)

Launched in 2004 with a gift of $31 million from the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation, this 50,000 square-foot facility offers state-of-the-art resources and space to work with the news industry, professors, students and others to make sure journalism has a long and bright future.

At RJI, interdisciplinary teams of journalism, business and computer science students work together to envision (and create) the future of journalism and strategic communication. Additionally, RJI regularly hosts events featuring speakers who offer industry insights and information from around the world.

Missouri Journalism Students by the Numbers

- Undergraduate students: 2,000
- Graduate students: 135
- Endowments to support scholarships, teaching & research: $200 Million
- Graduate with honors: 51%
- Study abroad: 46%
- States represented: 42
- Journalism clubs & organizations: 15
- Earn a minor in at least one other discipline: 61%
- Earn additional certificates: 70%

Research Opportunities Abound beginning your first year

- Health Communication Research Center
- PRIME (Psychological Research on Information and Media Affects) Lab
- YAYA (Youth and Young Adult) Market
- Investigative journalism opportunities covering state politics
- Faculty Mentors through RJI
- Visual Arts & Design Showcase
- RJI Student Innovation Competition
The world’s largest and most engaged journalism alumni network helps promote the careers of graduates and students alike. Missouri Journalism alumni work in top media organizations and strategic communication agencies around the globe and often share their skills or serve as mentors to rising students and recent alumni.

JOIN THE JOURNALISM FAMILY & NETWORK.

MISSOURI SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM FOUR-YEAR PLAN

The Missouri School of Journalism prepares students for future careers.

Your curriculum provides you with the flexibility to sample different career paths and allows first-year students to dive in to the worlds of journalism and strategic communication from day one. Your academic advisor will help you customize a plan to meet your individual interests.

FRESHMAN YEAR
You develop core knowledge in theory and skills.
- Principles of Journalism in Democracy
- Fundamentals of Visual Journalism and Strategic Communication
- Fundamentals of Written Journalism and Strategic Communication
- Applied Projects for Journalism and Strategic Communication

SOPHOMORE AND JUNIOR YEARS
You build on knowledge and skills with intermediate practice and theory.
- Cross Cultural Journalism
- Audiences and Persuasion
- Social Media Foundations and Practice
- News Content Creation OR Principles of Strategic Communication
- Communications Law
- History of American Journalism OR History of Photojournalism

SENIOR YEAR CAPSTONE
Your capstone course is the culmination of your career-focus studies and electives.
Capstone projects allow students to work in newsrooms and agencies, focusing on an array of topics and specialties. Your work will elevate your portfolio and showcase your readiness for your first job.

CAREER PATHS
You select one of six career paths to focus your studies in your junior year.

Television • Cross-Platform Editing and Producing • Photojournalism and Documentary • Reporting and Writing • Social Media and Audience Strategy • Strategic Communication

Career Paths consist of intermediate and advanced courses providing you hands-on experience in professional newsrooms and agencies. This is the "Missouri Method."

All students have 15 additional journalism electives to further customize their career path. The sky's the limit!

Account Management • Art Direction • Arts and Culture • Broadcast Radio News • Broadcast TV News • Business Journalism • Copywriting • Design • Digital Strategy • Documentary Journalism • Editing • Government Journalism • Innovation and Technology • International Journalism • Investigative and Data Journalism • Magazine Writing • Media Planning • Novak Leadership • Photojournalism • Podcasting • Print and Digital Reporting • Public Relations • Science, Health and Environment • Social Leadership • Sports and Entertainment • Promotion • Sports Journalism • Strategic Communication Research • Strategic Communication • Visual Storytelling • Visual Editing and Management

Get all the details at JOURNALISM.MISSOURI.EDU
WHY I CHOSE MIZZOU.

“I wanted to know that, no matter where I end up, I would be prepared and equipped to show the world what I can do.”
—Josh
Strategic Communication

“I fall more and more in love with this campus every day. With one of the best journalism programs in the country, I knew Mizzou would prepare me for the working world in a way no other school could. I am challenged to be the best I can be through a real hands-on experience.”
—Janelle
Journalism