Journalism

Program Requirements
M. Journalism (10.0 credits)

Requirements:
First Year
Candidates admitted to Year One of the Master of Journalism program must complete the following courses before proceeding to the second year of study:

1. 4.0 credits in:
   - JOUR 5000 [0.5] Journalism and Society I
   - JOUR 5200 [1.0] Introduction to Reporting
   - JOUR 5202 [1.0] Broadcast Journalism Laboratory
   - JOUR 5206 [0.5] Reporting Methods
   - JOUR 5401 [0.5] Journalism Law
   - JOUR 5706 [0.5] Professional Practices

2. 1.0 credit in approved electives

Year One M. Journalism candidates may be considered for advanced standing in certain of the required courses listed above, but in such cases will be required to replace waived courses with approved options.

Second Year
Students entering second year choose to complete their degree with an emphasis on either professional practice or journalism studies.

Second Year - Professional Practice Completion Option
Those choosing the professional practice completion option will each select a primary media area of interest; those selecting print or online publishing will take JOUR 5700, and those selecting radio or television will take JOUR 5702.

Students will complete a Master's Research Project (MRP JOUR 5908) in a format consistent with their primary media area of interest and will enrol in a corresponding Advanced Reporting course. In addition, they will take one other Advanced Reporting course, plus JOUR 5208 - Public Affairs Reporting and 1.5 credits of approved electives. The course of studies is as follows:

3. 1.5 credits in:
   - JOUR 5208 [0.5] Public Affairs Reporting
   - JOUR 5908 [1.0] M. Journalism Research Project

(See Note, below)

4. 1.0 credit from:
   - JOUR 5700 [1.0] Print Journalism
   - JOUR 5702 [1.0] Broadcast Journalism

5. 1.0 credit from:
   - JOUR 5003 [0.5] Advanced Journalism: Multimedia
   - JOUR 5004 [0.5] Advanced Journalism: Audio
   - JOUR 5005 [0.5] Advanced Journalism: Video

6. 1.0 credit from:
   - JOUR 5300 [0.5] The Beat: Special Topics
   - JOUR 5301 [0.5] The Beat: Advanced Business Journalism - Markets
   - JOUR 5302 [0.5] The Beat: Advanced Business Journalism - Canadian Society
   - JOUR 5303 [0.5] The Beat: Advanced Science Journalism - Health
   - JOUR 5304 [0.5] The Beat: Advanced Science Journalism - Environment
   - JOUR 5306 [0.5] The Beat: Advanced International Journalism - The World
   - JOUR 5308 [0.5] The Beat: Advanced Sports Journalism
   - JOUR 5309 [0.5] The Beat: Advanced Arts Journalism
   - JOUR 5310 [0.5] The Beat: Advanced Legal Journalism - The Law
   - JOUR 5311 [0.5] The Beat: Advanced Legal Journalism - The Supreme Court
   - JOUR 5315 [0.5] The Beat: Advanced International Journalism - The U.S.

7. 0.5 credit in approved elective

Note: under special circumstances, and with the School's approval, a student pursuing the professional practice completion option could replace JOUR 5908 and 1.0 credit of approved courses above with a 2.0 credit M.J. Thesis, JOUR 5909.

Second Year - Journalism Studies Completion Option
Students choosing the journalism studies completion option must complete the following:

3. 0.5 credit in:
   - JOUR 5500 [0.5] Journalism and Society II

4. 2.5 credits in electives related to the study of the media, chosen in consultation with the Supervisor of Graduate Studies. JOUR 5000 is required if admitted directly to Year Two. Students who completed this course in first year will substitute an approved Journalism replacement option.

5. 2.0 credits in:
   - JOUR 5909 [2.0] M. Journalism Thesis

Total Credits 10.0

Note: As a condition for graduation, all students in both completion options are required to have a minimum of four months of practical experience in the media, and a working knowledge of a second language, preferably French. For qualified applicants, the School may deem the requirement(s) to have been met.

M. Journalism with Specialization in African Studies (10.0 credits)

Requirements:
First Year
Candidates admitted to Year One of the Master of Journalism program must complete the following courses before proceeding to the second year of study:

1. 0.5 credit in:
   - AFRI 5000 [0.5] African Studies as a Discipline: Historical and Current Perspectives

2. 0.0 credit in:
   - AFRI 5800 [0.0] Scholarly Preparation in African Studies

3. 4.0 credits in:
   - JOUR 5000 [0.5] Journalism and Society I (see note below)
   - JOUR 5200 [1.0] Introduction to Reporting
   - JOUR 5202 [1.0] Broadcast Journalism Laboratory
The School of Journalism and Communication provides two points of entry into the Master of Journalism program – Year One or Year Two. Most applicants will be admitted to Year One of the two-year M.Journalism program; however, some may qualify for admission to Year Two. A committee chaired by the Supervisor of Graduate Studies will determine the admissibility of each applicant.

For admission to Year One of the M.Journalism program, applicants must hold an honour's bachelor's degree or the equivalent, with, normally, B+ or better in the honours subject and B- or higher overall.

A limited number of spaces will be made available for direct admission to Year Two of the M. Journalism program. Students must normally possess one of the following qualifications to be considered for this admission option:

- a B.Journalism (Honours) or the equivalent;
- a degree in another discipline from a recognized university plus at least five years of professional experience in journalism;
- substantial professional journalism experience of a high standard.

Note: Students with prior journalistic experience or credentials who are admitted directly into Year Two will normally pursue the Journalism Studies completion option, or a path of coursework selected in consultation with the Supervisor of Graduate Studies, which will include a thesis or master's research project, as appropriate.

Admission will be selective. Admission will not be guaranteed to all who meet the published minimum requirements, as there are many more qualified applicants each year than there are available spaces.

Proficiency in English is necessary to pursue graduate studies at Carleton University. Journalism demands higher levels of competence in English than specified in the general regulations of the graduate calendar.

All applicants whose first language is not English must satisfy this requirement by meeting one of the following criteria:

1. An official overall score of 70 on the Canadian Academic English Language (CAEL) Assessment; or
2. An official Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score of 600 on the paper-based test (PBT), or an overall score of 100 on the Internet-based test.

### Second Year - Journalism Studies Completion Option

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### Regulations

See the General Regulations section of this Calendar.

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(IBT) with a minimum score in each component of:
writing 25; speaking 25; reading 25; and listening 25;
or

3. An official overall international English Language Testing System (IELTS) score of 7.0 with a minimum of 7.0 in each band score; or

4. Official certification (transcripts) to indicate that they have completed an undergraduate or graduate degree within the past three years in a university in Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom or any other country in which the primary language is English, and where the language of instruction in the relevant education institution was exclusively English.

The Faculty of Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs reserves the right to require further documentation or additional testing if it deems it is necessary to demonstrate the required level of English language proficiency.

**M. Journalism with Specialization in African Studies**

Information about admission to the M. Journalism with Specialization in African Studies can be found at carleton.ca/africanstudies/graduate-studies/admissions