

# AMERICAN JOURNALISM (MA)

Department Website (<http://journalism.nyu.edu>)

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## Program Description

This is a 30-credit, fully remote master's program that trains students, no matter where they live, for a thriving career as a journalist in today's economy. The program allows students to earn a graduate degree while building a portfolio of published work and building relationships with mentors without leaving home. Students in this program form the masthead of a publication for which they work as reporters, editors, social media managers, copyeditors and more to gain real-world experience. Collaborating remotely using the same tools as working journalists around the world, students edit each other's work, experience the challenges of the modern newsroom, and learn the opportunities of the news business. Upon completion of the program, students will be equipped to report stories, record podcasts, shoot and edit video, perform investigations, write and long-form features. Students are paired with a working journalist to serve as a mentor throughout their time in the program. This program can be done full-time or part-time.

## Admissions

All applicants to the Graduate School of Arts and Science (GSAS) are required to submit the general application requirements (<https://gsas.nyu.edu/nyu-as/gsas/admissions/arc.html>), which include:

- Academic Transcripts (<https://gsas.nyu.edu/nyu-as/gsas/admissions/arc/academic-transcripts.html>)
- Test Scores (<https://gsas.nyu.edu/nyu-as/gsas/admissions/arc/test-scores.html>) (if required)
- Applicant Statements (<https://gsas.nyu.edu/nyu-as/gsas/admissions/arc/statements.html>)
- Résumé or Curriculum Vitae
- Letters of Recommendation (<https://gsas.nyu.edu/nyu-as/gsas/admissions/arc/letters-of-recommendation.html>), and
- A non-refundable application fee (<https://gsas.nyu.edu/admissions/arc.html#fee>).

See Journalism (<https://gsas.nyu.edu/admissions/arc/programs/journalism.html>) for admission requirements and instructions specific to this program.

## Program Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Major Requirements</b>		
<i>Writing Courses</i>		
JOUR-GA 1220	Reporting the News	4
JOUR-GA 1230	Feature Writing	4
JOUR-GA 1270	Long Form Narrative	4
<i>Journalism Courses</i>		
JOUR-GA 1210	Law and Ethics in American Journalism	4
JOUR-GA 1250	Investigative Reporting	4
JOUR-GA 1280	The Working Journalist	2
<b>Electives</b>		
Select two Journalism Electives		

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<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>30</b>

## Additional Program Requirements

### Capstone

Students must submit a substantial work of journalism as a capstone. This capstone project requires the approval of the student's faculty advisor and the program director. It can consist of a 3,000- to 4,000-word deeply researched article, long-form narrative feature, multimedia project, or other work. The capstone is completed through the course Long-Form Narrative Journalism, JOUR-GA 1270.

## Sample Plan of Study

Course	Title	Credits
<b>1st Semester/Term</b>		
JOUR-GA 1210	Law and Ethics in American Journalism	4
JOUR-GA 1220	Reporting the News	4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>8</b>
<b>2nd Semester/Term</b>		
JOUR-GA 1230	Feature Writing	4
JOUR-GA 1270	Long Form Narrative	4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>8</b>
<b>3rd Semester/Term</b>		
JOUR-GA 1250	Investigative Reporting	4
Journalism Elective		4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>8</b>
<b>4th Semester/Term</b>		
JOUR-GA 1280	The Working Journalist	2
Journalism Elective		4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>30</b>

## Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the program, graduates will have the skills and competencies to:

1. Write clear, accurate and engaging prose in an audience-appropriate manner.
2. Demonstrate critical thinking, independence, and creativity.
3. Use technological tools and apply quantitative concepts as appropriate.
4. Interview subjects, conduct research, and evaluate information.
5. Work ethically in pursuit of truth, accuracy, fairness, and diversity.

## Policies

### NYU Policies

University-wide policies can be found on the New York University Policy pages (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/nyu/policies/>).

## **Graduate School of Arts and Science Policies**

Academic Policies for the Graduate School of Arts and Science can be found on the Academic Policies page (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/graduate/arts-science/academic-policies/>).