Quinnipiac offers a five-year Dual-Degree Bachelor’s/Master’s in Journalism (4+1) for students who are currently enrolled in any Quinnipiac undergraduate program and wish to pursue graduate studies at the university. If accepted, students can take up to 3 credits of graduate courses during their senior year beginning in the fall semester with the permission of the graduate program director. Those credits can be applied to both undergraduate and graduate programs. Applications for the dual-degree program are available through the School of Communications.

The MS in Journalism program emphasizes the command of journalism fundamentals and new technologies—all in the service of effective and innovative storytelling. A core of foundational courses stresses the development and practice of reporting and digital skills, and provides a solid underpinning in media ethics.

The program is designed so that students, in consultation with their adviser, develop areas of inquiry to engage in a deep exploration of current issues. By taking elective courses in communications and other areas of the university, students are equipped with the knowledge and insight that lead to high-quality journalistic work.

Our graduates are nimble and adaptable journalists who excel at gathering facts, conducting interviews, writing and producing informative and engaging stories, and expertly using a variety of digital tools.

Courses and labs are offered in our professional all-digital broadcast production environment. Our facilities include a high-definition studio, two 4K video editing suites, HD editing suites for single or group projects and other areas designed to support both studio and remote productions.

Video cameras, audio recorders, lights and other gear required to capture interviews and events in the field are available to students through our well-stocked and expertly maintained equipment inventory.

Prior to entering the program, students who do not have a journalism background must complete the boot camp course.

Dual-Degree Bachelor’s/Master’s in Journalism (4+1) Program of Study

Current Quinnipiac undergraduate students may apply for the five-year dual-degree bachelor’s/master’s program in their junior year.

Students in the dual-degree program complete up to 3 credits of graduate courses during their senior year, which also fulfills undergraduate electives. Students must work with their undergraduate adviser to ensure that the courses fit into their degree programs.

The MS in Journalism is offered in collaboration with the College of Arts and Sciences. In the School of Communications, students receive journalism-specific theoretical grounding and skills-based instruction. Once matriculated, students must choose an area of inquiry.
1. **Understand** professional journalistic practices, ethical standards and technologies and be able to apply reason to develop ideas within these structures.

2. **Analyze** information based on journalistic practices of research, interviews and observation.

3. **Evaluate** information in determining the story’s narrative structure and reach via social media and other applications.

4. **Report and compose** a story, either visual, multimedia or text, that informs, enlightens, entertains and is useful to the reader or audience within professional journalistic reporting and writing practices and ethical standards.

**Admission**

Quinnipiac University students from any undergraduate major may apply to the dual-degree bachelor’s/master’s program during their junior year. The deadline is the third Friday in February. Students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or greater by the end of their junior year.

An application should be submitted to graduate programs director in the School of Communications and consists of the following:

- application form
- resume
- two letters of reference (one from a professor in the student’s major)
- a personal statement