

DUAL-DEGREE BACHELOR'S/ MASTER'S IN JOURNALISM (4+1)

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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 6 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 two high-definition studios, two podcast studios, two LiveU units for performing live shots in the field, 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 may be required to 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 6 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.

In collaboration with their academic adviser, students design a course of study that uses elective courses—selected from a pre-approved menu—to deepen their understanding of particular areas of interest.

To earn the master's degree, students must complete 30 credits with a minimum 3.00 GPA and no grade less than a C. Any course with a grade of less than C must be retaken. Full-time students can complete the program in two semesters and one summer term.

Sample Schedule

Code	Title	Credits
Senior Year (Fourth Year)		
Fall or Spring Semester		
JRN Elective		3
Graduate Study (Fifth Year)		
Fall Semester		
JRN 501	Reporting and Fact-Checking	3
JRN 504	Digital Essentials	3
JRN Elective		3
JRN Elective		3
Spring Semester		
JRN 546	Digital News Production	3
JRN 552	Media Law and Ethics	3
JRN 600	Capstone Proposal	3
JRN Elective		3
Summer Semester		
JRN 601	Capstone Project	3
Total Credits		30

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Required Courses ¹		
JRN 501	Reporting and Fact-Checking	3
JRN 504	Digital Essentials	3
JRN 546	Digital News Production	3
JRN 552	Media Law and Ethics	3
The capstone is a two-semester course that culminates with a professional quality master's project.		
JRN 600	Capstone Proposal	3
JRN 601	Capstone Project	3
Elective Courses		
Students select four courses in a concentration they determine with their adviser. Students may take other electives with permission of their adviser. Electives are offered on an as-needed basis and may not be available during a given student's program of study.		12
Total Credits		30

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Courses and curriculum requirements are subject to change.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the program, students should be able to demonstrate the following competencies:

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 3.00 or greater by the end of their junior year.

An application should be submitted to the 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