Investigative Journalism, MA

Program Description

Degree Awarded: MA Investigative Journalism

The MA in investigative journalism prepares students to launch high-level investigative reporting careers at the nation's most prestigious news organizations.

This interdisciplinary program is designed for career switchers, those with experience in fields such as law, health, business, government and the arts, and for early-career to mid-career journalists who want to develop specialization in investigative techniques.

Students combine their existing knowledge with investigative techniques and multimedia skills to produce storytelling with deep public impact.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** Walter Cronkite School of Journalism & Mass Comm
- **Location:** Downtown Phoenix campus

Degree Requirements

36 credit hours including the required capstone course (MCO 570)

**Required Core (21 credit hours)**

- MCO 502 Journalism Skills (8)
- MCO 503 Media Law (3)
- MCO 510 Data Journalism (3)
- MCO 530 History, Philosophy and Ethics of Journalism (3)
- MCO 544 Accountability in Journalism (1)
- MCO 545 Techniques of Investigative Reporting (3)

**Research (6 credit hours)**
Culminating Experience (9 credit hours)
MCO 570 Capstone Experience (9)

Additional Curriculum Information
Students must take six credit hours of research methods courses. Selection of these courses will require departmental approval.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree in any discipline or related field, from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

Applicants are required to submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. three letters of recommendation
4. GRE scores
5. professional resume
6. letter of intent
7. proof of English proficiency

Additional Application Information
An applicant whose native language is not English must provide proof of English proficiency regardless of current residency. Applicants must receive a score of 100 (iBT) or better on the TOEFL.

Applicants should provide a 300- to 500-word statement describing interest in investigative journalism, career goals and how previous work and academic experience have prepared the student for success.

Application Deadlines
Fall