Sports Journalism, BA

Join one of the nation's top sports journalism schools, where you will get hands-on experience covering events like Major League Baseball spring training, the Olympics, the Super Bowl and NCAA Final Four. Students complete an internship and receive intensive professional experience in the school's Phoenix or Los Angeles sports bureaus.

Program Description

Sports journalism is one of the fastest-growing sectors of the news media industry, with continued growth on all platforms: specialty magazines, multimedia outlets, networks and team websites.

The Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication's BA program in sports journalism gives students unparalleled preparation for careers in sports media and communications through courses such as sports writing, sports photography, sports strategic communications, and ethics and diversity in sports.

Students also complete an internship and intensive professional experience in the school's sports bureau, either in Phoenix or Los Angeles. Internship partners include professional sports teams, Arizona State University athletics, local, regional and national sports media outlets like ESPN, Fox Sports, the Pac-12 Networks and more.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** Walter Cronkite School of Journalism & Mass Comm
- **Location:** Downtown Phoenix campus
- **Additional Program Fee:** Yes
- **Second Language Requirement:** Yes
- **First Required Math Course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics or any MAT course that satisfies the math requirement
- **Math Intensity:** General
Required Courses (Major Map)

2020 - 2021 Major Map
Major Map (Archives)

Accelerated Program Options

This program allows students to obtain both a bachelor's and master's degree in as little as five years. It is offered as an accelerated bachelor's and master's degree with:

Master of Mass Communication, MMC

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. During their junior year, eligible students will be advised by their academic departments to apply.

Admission Requirements

General University Admission Requirements:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

Additional Requirements:

The Bachelor of Arts in sports journalism degree program has higher admission requirements and an application deadline of June 1 for fall. Students should select a second choice major on the application. All applicants are reviewed by the school. Those who are not admitted to the Cronkite School are admitted, if eligible, to their second choice of major.

Freshman applicants must meet all of the following standards:

1. minimum cumulative high school GPA of 3.00 (4.00 = "A") in competency courses
2. have no English competency deficiencies
3. 1120 SAT Reasoning OR 22 ACT score

Transfer Admission Requirements:
Transfer students (those with 12 or more transfer credit hours after high school graduation) are required to have a cumulative transfer GPA of 3.00 or higher and no English competency deficiencies. Transfer students should contact the school for additional steps after admission to ASU. More information regarding transfer admission is available at https://cronkite.asu.edu/degree-programs/admissions/transfer-students.

Change of Major Requirements

ASU students who would like to change their majors to sports journalism must have at least a cumulative GPA of 3.00 in 12 or more credit hours of ASU courses that can be used to satisfy the Cronkite School's non-elective general studies requirements. MCO 120, an introductory course for non-majors, can count in place of JMC 110.

Students should refer to https://changingmajors.asu.edu/request for information about how to change a major to this program.

Transfer Options

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use the Transfer Map search to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has transfer partnerships in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and help students save time and money in their college journey. Students may learn more about these programs by visiting the admission site: https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/pathway-programs.

Global Opportunities

Global Experience

With more than 250 programs in more than 65 countries, study abroad is possible for all ASU students wishing to gain global skills and knowledge in preparation for a 21st-century career. Students earn ASU credit for completed courses, while staying on track for graduation, and may apply financial aid and scholarships toward program costs. https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu
Career Opportunities

Students in the sports journalism program are prepared for careers in all aspects of the media including print, broadcast, online and mobile. Positions include sports writers, reporters, producers, television anchors, multimedia associates, social media specialists, and strategic communications and public relations project coordinators.

Career examples include but are not limited to those shown in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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