Sports Journalism, MA

The MA in sports journalism prepares you for a career in sports media and communications through hands-on writing, reporting and production courses. Students have the opportunity to cover a range of sports and events for major-market media partners and complete an intensive professional experience in the Phoenix or Los Angeles sports bureaus.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: MA Sports Journalism

Sports journalism is the fastest-growing sector of the news media industry, with continued growth on all platforms: specialty magazines, multimedia outlets, and broadcast channels and networks.

The Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication's MA program in sports journalism gives students unparalleled preparation for careers in sports media and communications through in-depth, hands-on multimedia writing and reporting courses. Students learn the values and principles embodied by Walter Cronkite in classes that focus on sports journalism ethics and the challenges faced by the industry. Students complete their programs with a capstone experience in the school's Los Angeles or Phoenix sports bureaus.

At a Glance

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

Accelerated Degrees

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:

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

**Degree Requirements**

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

**Required Core (23 credit hours)**
MCO 502 Journalism Skills (8)  
MCO 503 Media Law (3)  
MCO 510 Data Journalism (3)  
MCO 526 Advanced Issues in 21st-Century Sports and Media (3)  
MCO 529 Ethics and Diversity in Sports Journalism (3)  
MCO 540 Sports Reporting (3)

**Electives or Research (3 credit hours)**

**Other Requirement (1 credit hour)**
MCO 598 Special Topics (1)

**Culminating Experience (9 credit hours)**
MCO 570 Capstone: Cronkite News - Los Angeles Sports Bureau (9) or  
MCO 570 Capstone: Cronkite News - Phoenix Sports Bureau (9)

**Additional Curriculum Information**
Students should see the academic unit for a complete list of approved electives.

**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 a closely related field from a regionally accredited institution.

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

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. scores on the quantitative and verbal sections of the GRE, with the verbal score being particularly important to the journalism school's graduate committee.
4. three letters of recommendation
5. personal statement of interest (350 to 500 words in length)
6. resume
7. proof of English proficiency

Additional Application Information
An applicant whose native language is not English (regardless of current residency) must provide proof of English proficiency. TOEFL scores must be at least 600 for the paper-based examination and 100 for the Internet-based.

Students should see the program website for application deadlines and admission terms. Applicants must meet all deadlines and application requirements to be considered.

The Cronkite School's graduate committee reviews complete and on-time applications. Recommendations for admission are made to Graduate Admission Services, where the final admission decisions are made.

Application Deadlines
Fall

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Admission Deadlines