

Welcome!

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Hi! Thanks for your interest in the University of Arkansas Journalism Master's program. The answers to most questions I receive about the Journalism Master's Program and applying to graduate studies are located online. Please review the appropriate web resources noted below to find answers to your questions.

You can find the Journalism MA program online at <http://catalog.uark.edu/graduatecatalog/>. The Journalism Department listing in the current graduate catalog includes a description of the Journalism MA program, the requirements for admission and the courses offered. (Please note that requirements for the program may change from one year to the next.)

You are required to take 12 hours in Journalism, 12 hours in a second department/area, and 6 hours of thesis / thesis project / documentary film. All students are required to take JOUR 5043 - Journalism Research Methods, which is included in your 12 hours of Journalism courses.

For admission to the Journalism Master's program:

Students must have appropriate professional experience and/or an undergraduate degree in the journalism field that is approved by the graduate director or the Journalism Graduate Committee as preparation for graduate study. A student must have a minimum undergraduate grade-point average of 3.00 and must earn a minimum score of 300 on the verbal and quantitative parts of the GRE (Graduate Record Examinations) (including a minimum score of 151 on the verbal part), and a minimum score of 4.5 on the analytical writing section. Information about the GRE is available at the Testing Services site at <http://test.uark.edu/gre/>.

After you review the Journalism section of the catalog, please let me know if you have any other questions about our MA program.

Students who do not meet one of the minimum requirements (e.g., 3.0 or higher GPA, GRE scores, professional experience or internships, etc.) may be considered for a conditional enrollment on a space-available basis, but there is no guarantee that a conditional admission will be granted to any student.

Students who do not have an undergraduate degree in an area of journalism (such as news/editorial, broadcast, advertising or public relations) may be conditionally admitted to the UA JOUR MA program, with the stipulation that they must complete 12 to 15 hours of preparatory undergraduate courses at the University of Arkansas. These preparatory undergraduate courses are assigned based on a student's educational and career interests. Students must earn a grade of B or better the first time they take each of these courses before they can be officially admitted to the UA JOUR MA program and before they can begin taking graduate courses.

The application deadlines for the JOUR MA program are June 1 (April 1 is preferred) for the fall semester, and November 1 for the spring semester.

First, if you decide to apply to the JOUR MA program, please begin the application process yourself by following the instructions on the UA's Graduate School site at <https://waprd.uark.edu/web-apps/uark/apply/> or <http://grad.uark.edu/>.

Second, have three letters of recommendation (LOR) completed independently uploaded to the UA Graduate School as directed on that website by the persons who are recommending you. Each person recommending you must upload his or her letter using the UA Graduate School's system.

Third, send a current resume and statement of purpose outlining your reasons for applying to the JOUR MA program to the Journalism graduate director. In the statement explain what you plan to study, how it builds upon or develops your professional experience or interests in Journalism, and what your future career plans are.

You may find information about the application process at the UA's Graduate School Web page at <http://grad.uark.edu/>.

This Web site has a great deal of helpful information, including the minimum criteria for admission to graduate studies at the UA. If you have questions you can e-mail the Graduate School at gradinfo@uark.edu. Other contact information including the toll free number is:

The Graduate School
340 N. Campus Drive
Ozark Hall 213
1 University of Arkansas
Fayetteville, AR 72701
Telephone: 1-479-575-4401
FAX: 1-479-575-5908
Toll-free: 1-866-234-3957
gradinfo@uark.edu

The Lemke Journalism Department web page is found at <http://journalism.uark.edu/wp/>

There are graduate assistantships available in Journalism. Assistants are typically hired each spring for the school year beginning the following fall. The application deadline is April 1 of each year. If you are interested in applying for a graduate assistantship complete the Graduate Assistant Application form and send it, along with a current resume, to the Journalism graduate director. No additional recommendation letters, beyond the three you submit when you apply to the program, are needed unless additional letters are specifically requested from the graduate director. The address to use is listed at the beginning of this message and in my e-mail signature. The Graduate Assistant Application form is available at <http://grad.uark.edu/forms/student/appl-gradasst.pdf>

Journalism scholarships are only available to students who are already admitted to the program. Information about Journalism scholarships is posted on the home page at <http://journalism.uark.edu/wp/> - just click on the Scholarship link. International students may find more information at the International Admissions Office site:

<http://www.uark.edu/ua/iao/>, with additional contact information listed below:

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Ozark Hall 213
1 University of Arkansas
Fayetteville, AR 72701
Telephone: 1-479-575-6246
FAX: 1-479-575-5055
iao@uark.edu

and the International Education site:
<http://international.uark.edu/>

Should you have any other questions about applying to graduate studies at the UA that are not answered on the Web site, the UA Graduate School phone number is 479.575.4401, and the office located in room 213 of Ozark Hall. Or you can e-mail the UA Graduate School at gradinfo@uark.edu.

If you don't have any questions, and you'd like to apply, please begin the application process yourself by following the instructions on the UA's Graduate School site at <http://grad.uark.edu/> or <http://grad.uark.edu/future/applying/index.php>

If you'd like to learn more about the city of Fayetteville, Arkansas, visit <http://www.experiencefayetteville.com/>

The City of Fayetteville's web site is <http://www.accessfayetteville.org/>

The Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce is found at <http://fayettevillear.com/> and http://fayettevillear.com/Visitor/Visitor_Information.aspx

The Fayetteville Public Schools web site is <http://www.fayar.net/>

Find information about air travel to Fayetteville via the Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport (airport code XNA) at <http://www.nwara.com/>

After you visit the appropriate web pages above, if you still have questions about the Journalism Master's program, you can e-mail me at pwatkins@uark.edu

Best regards and I look forward to hearing from you,

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