

**University of Connecticut
Department of Journalism**

Application for the Major

DEADLINE: Applications must be *received* by the department by the end of the third full week of classes of the fall or spring semesters. Applications may be mailed to the department or hand delivered. Applications cannot be sent by fax or email.

Students who wish to become journalism majors should understand that the primary goal of the Journalism Department is to prepare students for careers in print and broadcast journalism. Majors are expected to report, write and rewrite extensively. They are expected to apply high ethical standards. Students who are interested in a specialized field of journalism – like political reporting or science writing – are urged to complete an additional major in the field of interest. Students whose primary interest is public relations, marketing or advertising are likely to find the major an uncomfortable fit.

The Journalism Department is the only nationally accredited journalism program in New England. Students planning to major in journalism should be aware that the standards set by the department are appropriately high.

Admission Requirements:

All students who follow the 2004-05 catalog or subsequent catalogs must apply to become journalism majors. **Students must meet the following two requirements:**

Requirement #1: Successful completion of at least 39 credits. (Students who are members in good standing of the University Honors Program may apply after completing 23 credits *at UConn.*)

Requirement #2: Cumulative GPA of at least 2.8
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Successful performance on a timed writing exercise administered by the department. Applicants taking the test must show mastery of the fundamental tools of writing, including spelling, grammar and syntax. They are also required to submit an essay with their applications that explains their academic records and career goals.

RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

Journalism Department
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