



Electronic Journalism provides a foundation in cross-media journalism with a focus on the writing style and research techniques unique to print, broadcast, online and computer-assisted reporting. Many jobs (not just in journalism) require computer-assisted research and writing. Students

learn these skills in addition to a solid understanding of copyright, ethical and First Amendment issues and how they relate to new technology.

A minor in Electronic Journalism requires 18 semester hours. All students are required to take COMM 303, COMM 351, COMM 361, COMM 475 (see below for course descriptions) and two electives.

- **COMM 303 / Writing Across Media:** Introductory course focusing on writing for print, broadcast (television and radio), press releases, online and advertising (required prerequisite for COMM 351, 352, 353, 361, 370 and all 399 courses).
- **COMM 351 / News Writing and Reporting:** Experience in actual news-gathering. Instruction in copy preparation, Associated Press style and news judgment for specific types of stories.
- **COMM 361 / Online Journalism:** Instruction in techniques for writing for the Internet, web site creation, blogging and computer-assisted research.
- **COMM 475 / Journalism Law:** Legal issues as they relate to the working journalist (libel, invasion of privacy, copyright issues, free press/fair trial, First Amendment, access to media and relationship to advertising) and the impact of new technology.

**ELECTIVES INCLUDE:**

COMM 203: Introduction to Journalism  
COMM 352: News Editing  
COMM 353: Broadcast Journalism  
COMM 370: Feature Writing  
COMM 399: Political Journalism  
COMM 399: Business Writing and Reporting  
COMM 399: Sports Writing and Reporting  
COMM 435: Computers and Technology  
COMM 450: Internship in Communication  
COMM 454: Free Speech and Ethics  
COMM 455: History of Print Journalism