Minor
IN JOURNALISM

Create the media that the world needs.

Our journalism courses will prepare you to be an active participant in a changing media world where fundamentals matter as much as understanding how to use new technology. You’ll create videos and podcasts, write stories and publish online magazines, but you’ll also understand the basics that apply regardless of whether you’re producing a video for Snapchat, writing for BuzzFeed, or reporting for the New York Times.

Program Overview

- Minor

Stetson University’s journalism minor will allow you to learn and practice journalism in the classroom and in the real world, preparing you for whatever you want to do, whether it’s in media or any other field.

The journalism minor allows you to focus on your passions and choose journalism-related courses that interest you. Some of those courses come from departments and programs across the university, including Communication and Media Studies, Creative Arts, English, and the Sullivan Creative Writing Program.

The minor begins with a required course that introduces the fundamentals of excellent, ethical journalism and concludes with the interactive studio class, where students collaborate and create a work of journalism while being coached by a faculty member and mentored by a working journalist.

A minor in journalism pairs well with any major and offers a variety of courses that allow you to build on your passions with knowledge and experience. Courses are taught by Stetson faculty, including professional journalists who have decades of experience that ranges from reporting on wars in the Middle East to writing television criticism. Journalism electives offered recently include Magazine Writing, Opinion Writing, Digital Storytelling and International Journalism.

Career Significance

As one of your classes in the minor, you’ll choose an internship that allows you to focus on the kind of journalism and media that you’re most passionate about. Internships offer valuable on-the-job training, experience, and connections with media professionals, and have frequently led previous Stetson journalism minors to jobs after graduation.

The skills you learn and experience you get from all journalism courses will help you in any profession, whether you want to work in online, print or broadcast media; public relations or corporate communication; or an entirely different field.

That’s because journalism will help you improve your writing, editing, reading, researching, interviewing and critical thinking, all of which will help you find or create the job and life you want for yourself.
Faculty
Because of the program’s interdisciplinary nature, faculty from across disciplines teach courses that count for the journalism minor.
Those who teach journalism courses include:

Andy Dehnart, (M.F.A., Bennington College), the director of the journalism program and a writer and TV critic whose work has appeared on NPR and in The Washington Post, The L.A. Times, Pacific Standard and other publications

Nicolas B. Tatro, a former Associated Press reporter, foreign correspondent, editor and manager

Mike Lafferty, a former Orlando Sentinel editor, columnist and reporter