ABOUT US

Our faculty has deep experience in professional reporting, writing, photography, video, audio and more. In addition to giving you a solid academic background, we teach you practical skills and guide you in gaining experience working with media on and off campus. You will learn critical thinking and communication skills that are important in any profession and that will prepare you to be a working journalist. We start by communicating with you. Talk to us. We’ll help you determine your course of study.

WHY CHOOSE JOURNALISM?

Are you curious? Always asking questions? Do you have the fire in the belly to play a key role in society by searching out facts and telling them in great stories? Then a Digital Journalism degree may be for you. Our B.A. program not only prepares you to take your place in the nation's newsrooms, it gives you skills invaluable for any profession, by teaching you to think critically and communicate well in a range of digital media. We'll help you get plenty of experience before you graduate, in professional internships and at campus media outlets such as public television, public radio, a student-operated FM radio station, the student newspaper and the department online magazine.

DEGREES OFFERED

- Bachelor of Arts (B.A) in Digital Journalism
- Minor

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The B.A. in journalism will prepare you for careers in digital media, with skills in editing and reporting, feature writing, television and radio production, photojournalism and much more. Intern with radio and television stations, newspapers and other media-related businesses and organizations, both in and out of Alaska. The endowed Snedden Chair brings in guest professors and lecturers, including eight Pulitzer Prize-winning journalists to date.
HIGHLIGHTS
- Gain experience as a working journalist while you’re still a student
- Extreme Alaska, our award-winning online magazine
- Sun Star, student newspaper
- KSUA (student-operated radio station)
- Learn from award-winning faculty with professional journalism experience
- Endowed Snedden Chair brings in guest professors and lecturers, including many Pulitzer Prize winners
- Internships and study-abroad opportunities
- Scholarships are available

SAMPLE CLASSES:
- News Reporting and Writing
- Social Media Toolkit
- Media Law
- Editing for Journalists
- Video Storytelling
- Magazine Article Writing
- Science Writing
- Investigative Reporting
- Digital Photography
- Digital Darkroom
- Online Publication

JOURNALISM – CAN YOU HANDLE IT?
The essential journalism skills of critical thinking and communication are important for almost any career. Journalism, as a career, is not for the meek or the faint of heart. It takes passion and stamina to face down politicians ducking tough questions, to dig out the corruption in corporate records, to chase down rumors and cultivate sources, to bring an artist or visionary to life on the page or screen. It demands skill to boil reality down to a few inches of text, to two televised minutes or a single photographic image. A journalist is a translator, illuminator, illustrator and innovator. If you have the will, we’ll show you the way.

GREAT FACILITIES – CLASSROOMS ARE NEWSROOMS
Want to write or produce digital stories for newspapers, TV, radio, magazines and more? We have several state-of-the-art facilities to help you hone your skills, including a multimedia lab, a digital photography lab, a digital audio production lab, two darkroom photography labs and a photography studio. Our cameras and editing facilities are better than those of many local news outlets.

PROFESSIONAL FACULTY

OUR GRADUATES
Our graduates work as professional journalists from Atlanta to Alaska and many places in between. Our students hit newsrooms ready to contribute. They dominate Alaska’s news media and are spread throughout the United States, from CNN to Reuters.

APPLICATION PROCESS
1. Review the general UAF admission requirements at www.uaf.edu/admissions/.
2. Click the “apply now” link for directions on the application process or proceed directly to the online application for admission through UAOnline at http://uaonline.alaska.edu.
3. Once on UAOnline select “Apply for Admission or Check on Status of Application” and follow the directions on the screen.

FIND OUT MORE
Go to uaf.edu/cojo/ for sample syllabi, to meet the faculty and staff, link to our online magazine Extreme Alaska and much more. Search for UAF Communication and Journalism on Facebook and become a fan for up-to-the-minute information.