Admittance

Journalism Studies will admit 25 students a year, most of them as entering freshmen. High school students interested in majoring in Journalism Studies at Texas A&M should submit an application through ApplyTexas as soon as possible after that year’s application process opens. Once accepted by the Office of Admissions into the Journalism program, students must submit a portfolio of work to complete the application process. Examples of student work may include, but are not limited to, writing, editing or design for newspapers or yearbooks; scripts and production for broadcast media; writing, editing or design for blogs and other new media; and news and feature photography for various publications, broadcast or new media. Prospective students should include three to five examples of their best work.

Coursework

Journalism Studies provides a background in reporting, from interviewing to on-line records searches, and in writing, from deadline news stories to longer analytical and feature pieces. Video production for the web is an integral part of news writing in our program, along with the opportunity for specialized, advanced writing classes in political reporting, blogging, literary nonfiction, arts and entertainment journalism, and magazine writing. Students wrap up with a senior seminar that couples their journalism studies with their broader education in the liberal arts.
Internships
Journalism students round out their education with an internship in a professional setting, such as a newspaper, magazine or television station. In recent years, for example, Texas A&M Journalism Studies students have had internships at the Washington Bureau of Hearst Newspapers, the Philippines Bureau of Reuters, Texas Monthly, the public radio station in Los Angeles, a mountaineering magazine in Vermont, KBTX-TV and the Bryan-College Station Eagle.

Scholarships
The Texas A&M Journalism Studies Program has the distinction of offering six endowed scholarships to students annually, ranging from $650 to $2,000 per year. Full-time students admitted to the journalism major and minor are eligible and encouraged to apply each spring to receive scholarships for the following academic year.

Advantages
In our program, the teachers and advisor stand ready to help students, not only with course offerings and scheduling, but with individual career and education advice. It’s a program that is large enough to be diverse and competitive, but small enough that the professors know the students by name. By providing that type of well-rounded education, interaction and opportunity, Journalism Studies at Texas A&M will be in the forefront of preparing journalists for the important work of the 21st century.