Students may apply for admission to the professional program in Journalism once they have successfully completed the pre-professional curriculum. Applications are accepted in autumn and spring. Deadlines for applications are the last Monday of September and February.

Students may apply for admission to the professional program in either semester, but they must have completed at least 30 credits before applying. In addition, applicants must have either completed all courses listed in the pre-professional curriculum or be taking the courses needed to complete the requirements during the semester in which they apply.

An overall grade point average of 2.5, and a GPA of at least 2.5 in the journalism core courses, is required of applicants.

Completed applications are evaluated by the School of Journalism directors and acceptances are made by the dean based on the director’s recommendations. The primary admissions criteria are grade point averages, both overall and in the pre-professional program, and progress in completing the pre-professional curriculum. Successful applicants will have demonstrated, among other qualities, promise and professional aptitude through the quality of their course work and their overall performance in the pre-professional program, and will have demonstrated an interest in pursuing a career in journalism. Students with deficiencies in these requirements may on occasion be admitted provisionally. Once deficiencies are removed the student will be given full admission status.

Applications for admission to the professional programs may be obtained online at the School’s website. A transcript of all academic work must accompany the application. Admission for one academic year cannot be deferred to another academic year without the written consent of the academic director.

Students transferring from other ACEJMC-accredited programs may be admitted on a space available basis. Transfer credit for pre-professional and professional courses taken at other institutions is accepted only for those courses that are deemed equivalent and in which a letter grade of C or better is obtained.

**Academic Progression**

The general University academic standing requirements are listed separately in this catalog. See index.

Students enrolled in the professional journalism program must maintain satisfactory academic progress. Admission to the professional program requires a cumulative grade average of 2.5 and a pre-professional course average of 2.5. Any student who has been admitted and whose grade average subsequently falls below a 2.5 must meet with his or her adviser to discuss the student’s progress before classes resume the following semester. A student in the professional program who has a cumulative or professional grade point average less than 2.0 will be suspended from the program.

A student dismissed from the program for substandard performance will not be readmitted, except in cases where substantiation is made to the faculty, by written petition, that the substandard performance was the result of circumstances that no longer exist, or that the student has demonstrated the capability and desire to perform satisfactory work since dismissal from the program.

A student leaving the journalism professional program for any reason, whether in good standing or on academic suspension, must reapply for admission.