

“Better a good journalist than a poor assassin.”
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Journalism



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Career paths for journalism majors

People unfamiliar with journalism develop a very limited idea of what the profession can be. This degree is a much broader gateway into the media writing industry as a whole.

- 1 Book Editing
- 2 Broadcast Journalism
- 3 Content Producing
- 4 Copyediting
- 5 Grant Writing
- 6 News Reporting
- 7 Page Designing
- 8 Photography
- 9 Public Relations
- 10 Research Analysts
- 11 Social Media Manager
- 12 Sports Information
- 13 Technical Writing
- 14 Web Managing

Majors related to journalism

Some universities don't offer journalism majors, but fret not. Journalism is often housed in a number of other departments. Here are some programs that include journalism concentrations or are related to the discipline.

- 1 Advertising
- 2 Communications
- 3 Digital Media Studies
- 4 English
- 5 Integrated Media
- 6 Mass Communication
- 7 Media Studies
- 8 Public Relations
- 9 Radio & Television Broadcasting
- 10 Visual Studies

BREAKING



Rachel McAdams, left, Mark Ruffalo and Brian d'Arcy James star in 2015 best picture nominee "Spotlight," which depicts actual Boston Globe reporters' in-depth investigative reporting into one of the biggest scandals in history.

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On Beyond the Printed Word

Old media and the digital age unite for new careers

For some, journalism is a calling that leads them down dangerous paths. Embedded journalists who deploy with military units. Photojournalists chronicling marginalized peoples' lives across borders. And investigative reporters seeking to uncover stories powerful people fight to keep buried.

There are also those who seek to

entertain through personal essays published in *The New Yorker* or film critics simply informing the public that some things are better rented than seen on the big screen.

Beyond traditional reporting for newspapers and magazines, a degree in journalism can lead to many positions in the media industry. By learning how to write journalistically, marketing, screenwriting, copyediting and more opportunities appear.

In particular, journalism majors tend to also find jobs in public relations, a field that shares many of the same storytelling tools. Writing

press releases, interviewing and interacting with different personalities are only a few similarities.

More than anything, journalism is an elastic field, changing with media technology. A journalist is no longer merely a writer but a photographer, designer and coder simultaneously. The journalism program understands this and offers as many courses as possible to prepare students for any job expectations.

Broadcasting, social media, reporting, pagination, editing – journalism isn't one thing; it's a growing world of communications tools.

SCOOP: JOURNALISM OUTSIDE THE BOX

How to use a journalism degree in unique ways

Perhaps one of the more unique examples of a journalism major is Chuck Palahniuk, who became a **freelance writer** and eventually wrote a travel book about Portland, "Fugitives and Refugees," before he turned to fiction and wrote **novels** like "**Fight Club**" and "Choke," both adapted to films. Further, BuzzFeed and Vice provide unique examples of what can be done with journalism degrees. Both media companies transcend many conventions, adding **digital technology**, new modes of research and personality in ways previous generations might deem too informal. Beyond the field, multiple journalism majors have transitioned into **screenwriting** for film or **practicing law**.

To learn more about the program contact journalism chair Tim Posada at 949-582-4724 or tposada@saddleback.edu. Stop by the journalism lab in LRC 116 at any time.

Graduate programs in journalism

- 1 Broadcast Journalism
- 2 Communications
- 3 Digital Journalism
- 4 Literary Journalism
- 5 Multimedia Journalism
- 6 Political Communication
- 7 Sports Journalism
- 8 Strategic Communication

In good company

So who else majored in journalism, anyways?

- 1 Halle Berry
- 2 Chuck Palahniuk
- 3 Brad Pitt
- 4 Bill Moyers
- 5 Olivia Munn
- 6 Meg Ryan
- 7 Denzel Washington