

journalism

introduction.

Learning to be a good writer stands at the center of the graduate journalism program at BU. Successful journalism requires developing skills in research, analysis, and clear and creative communication. The work may involve writing an account of a news event, telling a long and complicated story through the narrative techniques of scene and exposition, crafting a persuasive argument, or creating a compelling multi-media package for the Internet. These are skills that are broadly useful in an array of settings and careers. Students who complete the program can work effectively in a variety of media, guided by a set of values that stress service to the public. Students learn about the profession by covering local, state, and national activities including political, business, and cultural events, issues and people. Assignments are under the direction of experienced, accomplished journalists who are leaders in the profession.

special opportunities.

Massachusetts State House Program
Washington, D.C. Journalism Center
BUTV
WTBU & WBUR

faculty.

The journalism faculty at Boston University includes many distinguished journalists and authors who bring to the classroom real-world experience and the connections that can help students win internships and graduates get jobs.

degree programs.

MS in Journalism
MS in Broadcast Journalism
MS in Business and Economics Journalism
MS in Photojournalism
MS in Science Journalism

deadline/admissions.

All complete applications must be received by February 1st.

Application Checklist:

Application
Application fee
3 letters of recommendation
All official transcripts
Official test scores

All writing and other assignments required in your program
International Student Video
(required of all students who need a VISA to enter the United States)



BU College of Communication



See next page for more information.

Graduate Degree Programs

- **MS in Journalism:** This three-semester program focuses on the full spectrum of journalistic skills, including newswriting and reporting for newspapers and magazines. Students will specialize in one of the following areas: general assignment, political reporting, international reporting, sports reporting or magazine journalism.
- **MS in Broadcast Journalism:** This degree program is designed to produce highly trained professionals for careers in the fast-changing world of electronic news. The three-semester curriculum offers cutting edge training in new areas of electronic media while continuing to stress the importance of ethics, content, accuracy and solid reporting, writing and multimedia skills for television, radio, and Internet news sites.
- **MS in Business & Economics Journalism:** The three-semester program includes coursework in the College of Communication and approved elective coursework in the School of Management, Economics Department, and Department of Philosophy tailored to a student's goals. A third-semester professional internship is included. Students meet and receive advice from successful business journalism professionals in newspapers, magazines, broadcast outlets, news services, and trade publications.
- **MS in Photojournalism:** This eight-course program aims to help students master the basics of journalism and develop an understanding of the history, principles, ethics, laws and practices of the profession. Students will also gain expertise in the field of photojournalism, including mastery of technology required for success, and will have the ability to work in different media, such as print, online, sound, and video.
- **MS in Science Journalism:** This degree program is dedicated to improving the quality of science and medical journalism worldwide by training students and veteran journalists to recognize, investigate, analyze, and explain scientific and medical findings and issues. Its interdisciplinary nature and special concentration in medical reporting encourages students from diverse disciplines to learn from each other as well as from the faculty.

Special Opportunities

- **Massachusetts State House Program:** This unique program covers Massachusetts government and politics for a dozen newspapers and radio stations around the state. Every semester, the program publishes 140 byline stories in state papers, providing a public service for the state's newspaper readers and advancing the education and experience of students in the program.
- **Washington, D.C. Journalism Center:** This program provides students with a setting in which to learn about and live in the nation's capital. Students get credentials to cover Congress and the White House for regional newspapers and television stations.
- **BUTV:** Our in-house television production company produces a wide range of television shows that air on local cable networks. Students learn how to operate state-of-the-art studio cameras, teleprompters, audio boards, switchers, and playback decks.
- **Radio:** WTBU is a student-operated radio station at Boston University broadcast over the Internet. Also providing real-world experience is WBUR, Boston's National Public Radio station owned by Boston University.

Alumni

Graduates of the BU journalism program include 19 winners of the Pulitzer Prize and numerous other important awards. Our graduates work at the nation's top newspapers, magazines, television stations, and websites. BU alums represent an extensive and valuable network for new graduates.

Current Students

- In 2008, Boston University Journalism students took home five prizes, including two First Place awards, in a prestigious national contest sponsored by the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication.
- Boston University photojournalism students won every award (15 total) in the 2008 Boston Press Photographers Association College Contest.
- More than 50 journalism students equipped with digital cameras, laptop computers, cell phones, and plenty of initiative filed dozens of stories and many were featured on major news outlets during the 113th Boston Marathon on April 20, 2009. Their coverage was carried by CNN, WBZ news radio, New England Cable News (NECN), Boston.com, WBZ-TV and WCVB and its website, the Boston Channel.