



Truman's journalism classes prepared me well for my career as an online marketer. Studying journalism really helped my writing style, especially being able to zero in on the "So What?" most consumers want to know right away. Also, being part of student newspaper has helped me deal with a creative and collaborative work environment I face every day.

—Jason Miller
(attended Truman 2004–2005)



I started classes at Truman College in the Fall 2004, as a part-time student in the ESL Program. When I reached college-level work, I was recommended by my journalism professor Benjamin Ortiz and selected to represent Truman at Salzburg's Global Seminar in Austria, where I developed a deep interest in political and global issues. Through WYCC-TV and

the City Colleges, I also worked an internship at Northwestern's Medill School of Journalism. After graduating with an AA in Journalism from Truman, I was hired at Northwestern University, where I work a full-time job in the School of Communications as an office assistant. I was able to begin pursuing a bachelor's degree in English with a minor in Political Science at Northwestern in the Fall 2008. With the solid foundation of what I learned at Truman in journalism, I've felt confident enough to take on the demands of many writing courses.

—Erika Buchancow
(attended Truman 2004–2008)

Truman's News Reporting & Writing class helped me better organize my writing in regards to structure, format, and the use of language. It also helped me better understand the ways media messages are put together and improved my critical thinking skills. I am now involved in putting together a Pilsen-neighborhood newsletter and work with Radio/Video Chamba, a grassroots media group that engages the working communities in creating socially involved independent broadcasts and documentaries.

—Anka Karewicz
(attended Truman 2006–2008)



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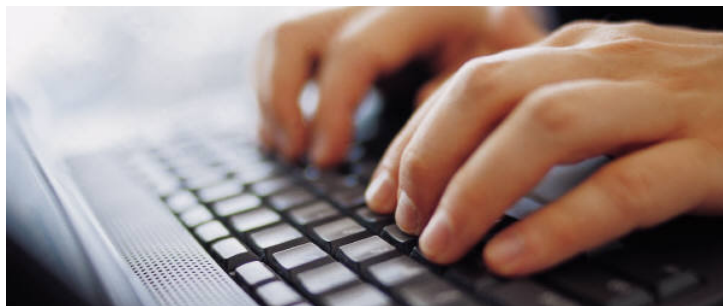
Journalism 62 credit hours (CH)

Study of news writing and reporting techniques for students who intend to transfer to a baccalaureate degree college or university. Program can lead to employment as a reporter or writer for newspaper, radio, television or trade and commercial magazines; or to positions in public relations, public information, or other business offices.

General Education	minimum 38 CH
Communications	9 CH
Mathematics	min 4 CH
Humanities & Fine Arts (including Literature)	min 9 CH
Social & Behavioral Sciences	9 CH
Physical & Life Sciences*	min 7 CH
*must include at least one lab course	
Area of Concentration	15 CH
Art (010)	
115 Photography	3
Computer Information Systems (032)	
*120 Intro to Computer Information Systems (pending)	3
English (035)	
150 College Newspaper (may be repeated three times)	1-4
151 News Reporting and Writing	3
152 Intro to Mass Communications	3
153 Journalism	3
*Foreign Language	8 CH
Students are required to take 8 credit hours of a single foreign language.	
Electives	minimum 1 CH
TOTAL MINIMUM	62 CH

Information based on 2011 CCC Catalog.

Students are encouraged to select courses that will transfer to the baccalaureate degree granting institution they plan to attend. They should meet with a Truman College advisor and an admissions representative from the four-year institution of their choice for more information on course/program articulation.



"The Uptown Exchange" Student Newspaper

"The Uptown Exchange," Truman's student newspaper, started in Fall 2004, and by Spring 2007, the organization had acquired funding, facilities, and faculty training through professional conferences, so that now it produces three to four issues per semester with a student staff of usually about 20 to 30. Any registered student at any level of the college is free to participate on the paper in an extra-curricular capacity, and no experience is required – students can also register for English 150 ("College Newspaper") to earn one credit per semester working on the paper (for up to four credits total). "The Uptown Exchange" has also garnered awards at the Illinois Community College Journalism Association competitions, including best news story and best arts story designations. Student staff-members have also traveled to Times Square, Manhattan, to represent Truman at the College Media Advisers Spring Conference.



Guest Speakers

The journalism program provides significant networking opportunities through the Journalism Guest Speaker Series every Spring and Fall semester, bringing eight to 10 acclaimed professionals from a variety of media and communications careers. Past speakers have included "Chicago Tribune" music critic Greg Kot, "Chicago Reporter" investigator Jeff Kelly Lowenstein, "Sun-Times" columnist Esther Cepeda, "Chicago Reader" staffer Ben Joravsky, CNN contributor Roland Martin, and Pulitzer Finalist Luis Alberto Urrea.

Career & Academic Opportunities

Through the Speaker Series and professional contacts, faculty adviser Benjamin Ortiz is collecting internship opportunities to share with journalism students, and he has helped students get published as professional freelancers. Truman media students have transferred to four-year schools for advanced journalism and communications degrees, in addition to pursuing careers and creative projects. Overall, Truman journalism classes provide a good springboard for a variety of careers that value critical investigation and research, effective communication, and good writing. Through class networking, students have connected to freelancing and advertising jobs while enrolled in Truman's journalism courses.



The journalism program at Truman supplied me with the skills and confidence to cover news professionally and fearlessly. I now work as a crime reporter for the "Wicker Park/Bucktown Pipeline" e-newsletter and publish articles on a weekly basis. I would recommend the program to anyone looking to further their writing career.

Nandika Doobay
(Journalism AA graduate, 2008)

Through Truman's journalism program, I learned a new style of writing that I can add to my repertoire. The "News Reporting & Writing" class specifically gave me a realistic idea of how the journalism field works.

–Rebecca Grace
(current Truman student)

