

## Interdisciplinary Information Science PhD Program

# Journalism Concentration

### About the Program

The University of North Texas Interdisciplinary Information Science PhD Program (or IIS PhD Program) responds to the varied and changing needs of the information age, therefore offering the Journalism Concentration jointly with the UNT Mayborn School of Journalism. The concentration will provide the opportunity for interdisciplinary training, research and professional services in journalism. This concentration will prepare highly-trained academics that are capable of conducting research on the information aspects of journalism.

### About Faculty

Please visit our website (<http://lis.unt.edu/faculty>; <http://journalism.unt.edu/people>) to see the wide range of research interests of our faculty members along with their contact information.

### Application Process

There are two steps to the application process for the Interdisciplinary Information Science PhD Program.

1. Apply to the University of North Texas Toulouse Graduate School: <http://tsgs.unt.edu/future-students/graduate-admissions>.
2. Apply to the Interdisciplinary Information Science PhD Program: [https://lis.unt.edu/sites/default/files/IIS\\_PhD\\_Admission&Application\\_EFORM.pdf](https://lis.unt.edu/sites/default/files/IIS_PhD_Admission&Application_EFORM.pdf) and indicate that you are applying for the Journalism concentration. In addition to your application, the following materials must be submitted for evaluation:
  - a. Personal Statement (500 word minimum)
  - b. Curriculum Vita/ Resume
  - c. Formal Writing Sample (you must be the sole author of the document)
  - d. Three Letters of Recommendation
  - e. GRE Scores
  - f. Funding Source/ Sponsor Letter (if applicable)
3. Submit all application materials via
  - a. Email to [CI-IISPhD@unt.edu](mailto:CI-IISPhD@unt.edu) (electronic submissions are encouraged)
  - b. Mail to:  
IIS PhD Program Office: Admissions  
University of North Texas  
College of Information- Department of Library and information Sciences  
1155 Union Circle #311068  
Denton, Texas 76203-5017
  - c. Or Fax to (940) 369-7898

For More information regarding the admissions process, please visit: <https://lis.unt.edu/phd-admission-criteria>.

**Please Note:** We only allow students to start in the fall semester. You cannot apply to start in the spring or summer. Applications are due November 1<sup>st</sup> for admission in the fall of the following year. Admissions decisions are announced in January.

### Admissions Criteria

As mandated by the State of Texas, all applications are evaluated under the rubric of "holistic review". This means that deficiency in one element of an application does not necessarily disqualify an applicant from being admitted to a program.

### Funding

There is funding available through the Department of Library and Information Science in the forms of the Tuition Benefit Program, stipends and other opportunities (found here: <http://lis.unt.edu/financial-assistance>). Please contact us for details on how to apply for funding during the application process.

### Course Requirements

Students enrolled in the Journalism Concentration will take courses from four blocks of courses:

1. Information Science Core Area (12 graduate credit hours)  
  
INFO 6945 Doctoral Seminar in Information Issues  
INFO 6000 Seminar in Information Science  
INFO 6700 Seminar in Communication and Use of Information

2. Research Courses (minimum of 24 graduate credit hours, including doctoral dissertation hours)

INFO 6940 Inquiry and Research Design

Quantitative Research Methods/ Statistics (6 graduate credit hours in consultation with advisor)

Qualitative Research Methods (3 graduate credit hours in consultation with advisor)

Doctoral Dissertation Hours (minimum of 12 hours of INFO 6950 to be completed after passing the qualifying examination)

3. Journalism Concentration Core (15 graduate credit hours)

INFO 5040 Information Behavior

INFO 5745 Information Architecture (or equivalent)

INFO 5815 Digital Imaging for Informational Professionals (or equivalent)

JOUR 5310 Media Ethics (or equivalent)

JOUR 5320 New Technologies of Mass Communication (or equivalent)

4. Journalism Concentration Electives (a minimum of 9 graduate credit hours focusing on one competency. Competencies listed below).

INFO 5307 Knowledge Management, Tools, and Technologies

INFO 5441 Advanced Storytelling for Information Professionals

INFO 5707 Data Modeling for Information Professionals (or CSCE 5350 Database Systems I)

INFO 5711 Internet Applications, Services, and Management for Information Professionals

INFO 5735 Usability and User Experience Assessment

INFO 5810 Data Analysis & Knowledge Discovery

INFO 5841 Digital Curation Fundamentals

INFO 5960 Information Privacy

INFO 6740 Scholarly and Scientific Communication

INFO 6930 Information and Communication Measurement

JOUR 5200 Public Opinion and Propaganda (or CJUS 5100 Information Warfare, Security, and Risk Analysis)

JOUR 5210 Race, Gender and the Media: A Methods Approach

JOUR 5330 Strategic Social Media

JOUR 5510 Internet and Interactive Communication Strategy

JOUR 5550 Integrated Communications

LTEC 6514 Seminar on Advanced Research Topics: Computer-Mediated Discourse Analysis (or LING 5560 Discourse Analysis)

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