

Photojournalism

college to career major map



Career Development Center

	1ST YEAR	2ND YEAR	3RD YEAR	4TH OR FINAL YEAR	
Academics	<p>Start taking LASC coursework as well as foundation and core Photojournalism courses.</p> <p>Need a little help in your classes? Look into tutoring with the Academic Support Center.</p>	<p>Take a deeper dive into the discipline of Photojournalism. Begin considering a minor and/or certificate such as Media Analysis.</p> <p>Schedule an appointment with a Career Coach to discuss how to connect your academics to your future career.</p>	<p>Schedule an appointment with your Academic Advisor to ensure you're on track for graduation.</p> <p>Take inventory of your professional goals and decide if your future will need to include graduate school. Take the necessary exams and begin submitting applications to programs that will help you achieve your goals.</p>	<p>Participate in the Marcil Center for Innovative Journalism. This program gives students the opportunity for scholarships, apprenticeships, and enrichment programs, including conferences and professional collaboration.</p> <p>Ensure you submit your application for graduation on time.</p>	<p>Where can you go?</p> <p>A degree in Photojournalism can take your career in many directions. Most students choose to enter the workforce right after graduation. Our students are equipped with a strong foundation for a career as a(n):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporate photographer • Digital content coordinator • Digital media specialist • Magazine photographer • Newspaper photographer • TV News photographer • Video production <p>What skills will you need?</p> <p>To be successful in the world of Photojournalism, you will need the following skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Artistic ability • Business acumen • Computer acumen • Customer service • Detail orientated • Interpersonal communication <p>Thankfully, through your coursework, on-campus involvement, part-time employment and/or internships, and other self-guided learning, you will be prepared for life post-graduation.</p>
Get Relevant Experience	<p>Sign up to participate in the Communication & Journalism Learning Community.</p> <p>Join a major or interest-specific student organization such as Campus News.</p> <p>Participate in Student Life Pathways to continue growing your skills/knowledge outside of the classroom. We recommend starting with the Community Life Pathway.</p>	<p>Find an on-campus job or a part-time position in the community. Visit DragonJobs powered by Handshake, or one of the many other online job boards to find opportunities.</p> <p>Continue working on your Student Life Pathways. Try working your way through the Personal Wellness and the Equity and Inclusion paths.</p>	<p>Begin your leadership journey by applying for a student leadership position or run for an officer position in a student organization. Find available leadership positions on DragonJobs in early spring.</p> <p>During your third year, we suggest focusing on the Professional Success and Contribution and Influence Student Life Pathways. These will help connect you to potential employers and develop skills necessary for success post-graduation.</p>	<p>Assess what experiences or skills are areas of growth for you and fill in gaps with volunteering, organizations, internships, or part-time employment.</p> <p>Finish up your pathways and be sure to add your accomplishments to your LinkedIn and resume.</p>	
Connect to the Community	<p>Volunteer on or off-campus with community organizations or join a professional association such as the Society of Professional Journalists.</p>	<p>Join LinkedIn to begin building your professional network and online presence. Think of your profile as a virtual resume and make sure to update it regularly to reflect new jobs, research, coursework, volunteering, involvement, and skills.</p> <p>Begin generating photographs for your online portfolio.</p>	<p>Attend off-campus events such as Creative Mornings Fargo, StartUp Brew, Ladyboss, Springboard for the Arts, or TedX to connect with others and gain exposure to the community.</p>	<p>Attend professional events such as the Midwest Journalism Conference to network and gain valuable skills and get advice from broadcast journalists.</p>	
Understand Your Career	<p>Explore your interests, skills, and values and learn about the career readiness competencies by taking the FOCUS 2, an online assessment free for all MSUM students.</p> <p>Schedule an appointment with the Career Development Center to review your FOCUS 2 results and to begin building your resume.</p>	<p>Start researching potential career paths on O*Net. Here, you will be able to find valuable information such as typical tasks associated with the profession, skills, and knowledge needed, education and licensures needed, wages and employment trends, professional organizations, and related occupations. We suggest you search for careers such as Photographer.</p>	<p>Attend professional development-related events on-campus, and connect with faculty to learn more about the field and gain insights on how to be successful in your job search.</p> <p>Find an internship or part-time job with a local or regional company or organization to learn the ins and outs of your chosen career. Prior to applying, schedule an appointment with the Career Development Center to help you prepare.</p>	<p>Network relentlessly! Attend the spring Career Fairs to get connected to employers looking to hire soon-to-be grads. Check DragonCentral for more information.</p> <p>Schedule appointments with a Career Coach to go over your professional documents and to prepare for upcoming interviews. And remember, once a dragon always a dragon. You have access to these services for life.</p>	

This page is interactive. Click on the **color coded** phrases to be taken to a correlating website. This map is intended to provide suggestions for activities and careers, but everyone's abilities, experiences and constraints are different. Schedule an appointment with a Career Coach to discuss your individual goals and to create a personalized map.