

Örebro Universitet

Media and Communication Studies



Global Journalism – International Master’s Programme (Two years)

Global Journalism offers journalists theoretical and practical professional development within global news reporting: online publishing, genre change, war journalism, gender and ethnicity in journalism etc.

The programme gathers students from all over the world. Their experiences from different media systems, political systems, and cultures contribute to discussions on the past, present and future of journalism, on professional practice and ethics, and on challenges within the journalistic field. The programme is offered in collaboration with media and journalism programmes in Finland and Norway. Certain programme modules are normally taken on location in these countries.

On the Global Journalism programme, theoretical as well as practical courses are offered and as far as possible, theoretical and practical aspects are integrated. The course *Advanced Journalistic Writing* runs over the whole first semester. Parallel to this, students first take two courses with a more theoretical focus: *From International Media Research to Global Journalism Research* and *Global Journalism. Current Research, Current Issues*. The latter is offered in collaboration with the University of Tampere in Finland and discusses for example climate change journalism. The last course of the semester is the more practically oriented course *Online Investigative Journalism*, covering information retrieval, source management, and censorship management. The second semester has the same design as the first with the practical course *Journalistic Project* running over the whole semester. Students form “news rooms” and work with online publishing (generally text as well as images, audio and video). Parallel to this, students first take *War and Peace Journalism*, a specialist field both at Örebro University and University of Oslo, Norway, where parts of the course also take place. Following on to that, the course *Reporting Europe and the EU* is offered, in which the tension in the relationship national-transnational is given particular focus, integrating practice and theory. The last course of the second semester is *Science and Journalism*. This course is more theoretical and includes discussions on differences and similarities in journalistic and scientific approaches, thereby preparing students for the advanced studies in research methods during the third semester.

The third semester of the programme includes a course in research methods in which different methods are studied and practiced, as well as a theoretical course, where students, in consultation with the supervisor, work individually writing a literature review of relevance to the Master’s dissertation. The fourth and final semester is spent entirely on the independent project, where the student based on his/her field of interest and available supervisor resources carry out an advanced research study on a topic of relevance to the global journalism field.

The places within each selection group are distributed based on the following qualifications obtained no later than on the last day of application: A bachelor’s degree of at least 180 credits with journalism as the main field of study; alternatively a bachelor’s degree of at least 180 credits within another humanities or social science main field of study and at least two years’ of professional journalistic experience; alternatively a Master’s degree (60 credits) from the Journalism Connected programme at Örebro University or other [one-year master’s programme in journalism](#). In addition, knowledge of English corresponding to the course “English B” from the Swedish Upper Secondary School is required.

Degree

The language of instruction is English and the programme leads to a Master of Arts (120 credits) with Media and Communication Studies as the main field of study.

Career opportunities

The programme leads to an in-depth understanding of global news journalism; with knowledge of analysis and reporting using local as well as global perspectives, advanced information retrieval and publishing; as well as a critical stance toward media development from a social perspective. This knowledge will prove valuable in your continuing work as a journalist, a public relations officer in the media sector, or as a teacher of/researcher in journalism.