

Course of study at the Danish School of Journalism.
Journalist graduation

1st SEMESTER

Journalism, media and the study programme

The subject is intended to provide students with a common foundation by introducing them to the basic values and ethics of the subject and giving them an insight into the diversity of the media and the conditions for the media, a sense of how a distinction can be made between journalism and media, and finally an understanding of what it entails to be a student at the Danish School of Journalism. Students work, among other things, with creative presentations and on dealing with ethical issues and own objectives.

ECTS: 6

Gathering of information and communication

The subject is intended to provide students with an insight into and initial skills in the basic elements covered by the journalistic work process: idea formation, idea development, source types, source criticism, source handling, interview technique, the synopsis as a tool, journalistic angles, coaching, own observations, clear language, living language, dramaturgical models and subsequent criticism. In addition, students are introduced to and trained in understanding images.

ECTS: 12

Media law

The subject is intended to provide students with a knowledge of key legal concepts and an insight into the most important rules of law and journalistic ethical guidelines on gathering and publishing information by journalists.

ECTS: 6

Social studies

The subject is intended to provide students with a basic knowledge of the political system in Denmark, both the formal framework and the system in practice. In addition, students are taught to understand the basic theoretical concepts relating to the political system, the players, democracy and power. Students to some extent work with current issues and by taking a journalistic approach to the individual subjects.

ECTS: 6

Tests in the 1st semester

All students must pass two tests before they can take the first-year exams: A language and comma test and a test in general knowledge about social conditions. The requirements correspond to what can be expected of students who have completed upper secondary education.

The tests are marked passed/failed, and there is no limit as to how many times each student can take the tests. Each test is offered twice per semester.

2nd SEMESTER

Policy

The subject is intended to provide students with an overview of and an insight into public administration, including in particular how a new policy in a specific area is decided, implemented, evaluated and adapted, as well as how to analyse and investigate a specific policy area.

ECTS: 1.5

Gathering of information and analysis

The subject is intended to qualify students for gathering of information, processing and analysing material for investigative journalism, i.e. journalism that explains a complicated social issue. Students are taught and work with both quantitative gathering and qualitative gathering of information.

Finally, students are taught and work with analysing the substance and validity of material comprising figures, a statement from a source and

the journalistic story. This also concerns the ability to identify an error in both own and other students' material.

ECTS: 12

Investigative journalism

The subject is intended to give students the chance to integrate the teaching of social studies and policy with the skills within quantitative and qualitative gathering of information and analysis that they have obtained in the Gathering of information and Analysis subject while at the same time training the systematic journalistic work process: idea development, gathering of information, analysis, communication in words and pictures as well as coaching and feedback. This is done through the students producing at least two investigative articles and related work reports.

ECTS: 4.5

Tv or Radio Narrative technique

Each student must complete a subject on narrative technique on either TV or radio. The wishes of the individual student in relation to the share between the two media will, as far as possible, be taken into account.

Both subjects provide the students with a basic insight into the dramaturgy of the relevant medium as well as elementary skills in operating the technical equipment for recording and editing.

Students work with reporting and interviewing in both subjects.

ECTS: 4.5

First-year project/First-year exam

The individual student must demonstrate his or her academic ability. This means a basic understanding of the nature of journalism and journalistic concepts, and the methods and conditions which can also translate into an appropriate work process that results in a relevant, interesting and comprehensible journalistic production.

Each student submits a paper consisting of one or more articles with related photos and a work report that reflects the theoretical, methodical and ethical awareness underlying the product.

ECTS: 7.5

3rd SEMESTER

Media room 1

In this subject, students work with reporting, profiles and features. The individual student works either with radio, TV or writing throughout the period, but all students must to some extent know and understand the conditions for this type of journalism in the other media types. The wishes of the individual student in relation to media type will, as far as possible, be taken into account.

ECTS: 10.5

Social studies

The subject is intended to provide students with a basic knowledge of financial terms and general issues, in relation to both national economics and business economics.

Moreover, the students must acquire a basic knowledge of international politics, including Danish foreign policy and national security policy.

ECTS: 6

Media room 2

In this subject, students work with news and investigative journalism, among other things within the areas of economics and international politics.

The individual student works either with radio/web, TV or writing/photo throughout the period, but all students must to some extent know and understand the conditions for this type of journalism in the other media types.

Students work with integrating and developing the journalistic competences acquired in the 1st and 2nd semesters in relation to gathering of information, analysis and communication with special emphasis on journalistic angles and editing.

ECTS: 13.5

International Semester

All the above 3rd semester subjects, with the exception of social studies, can be substituted by participating in an International Semester at the Danish School of Journalism. Students are taught and work with international newsgathering, the EU, stereotypes and risk reporting, and the students work with a multimedia programme. The teaching and production language is English.

ECTS: 24

4th, 5th and 6th SEMESTERS

Traineeship

Students work as paid interns for 18 months in a public or private journalistic workplace.

The aim of the internship is to create a connection between theoretical and practical skills. The internship is organised in such a way that educational progression is ensured throughout the internship period.

The internship is compulsory and the students work according to the rules set out in the collective agreement concluded between the Danish Union of Journalists and their employers.

An education plan is prepared for each internship, which is approved by the school.

ECTS: 90

7th SEMESTER

This section of the curriculum applies up to and including year Spring05. It will be phased out from summer 2008 at the latest.

Media theory

The subject is intended to provide students with an insight into media and journalism and upgrade their skills in reflecting on current developments within media and journalism. It consists of a number of lectures and guidance for the internship exam.

ECTS: 3

Special media subject

Each student does one of the following special media subjects:

Multimedia/communication, printed media, TV or radio. The wishes of the students will, as far as possible, be taken into account.

The individual special media subjects are described separately here:

Printed media

Students are taught and trained in complex subject areas such as narrative journalism and features. Students are introduced to editing and lay out printed media and to magazine concept development.

Radio

Students are taught and trained in organising and producing long journalistic programmes with focus on deliberate control of content, form and expression. Students are also taught and trained in organising and performing long, direct interviews.

TV

Students are taught and trained in organising and producing long journalistic TV programmes with focus on deliberate control of content, form and expression. Students are also taught and trained in various TV production techniques and in the development of new programme formats.

Multimedia

The special multimedia subject has two lines. One is focusing on classic journalism and one is focusing on journalism/communication in organisations.

Students are taught and trained in technical skills, subject areas on the Internet, and managing Internet productions.

ECTS: 16

7th semester project

The special media subject is completed with a project which results in a journalistic product and a work report.

ECTS: 7

8th SEMESTER

This section of the curriculum applies up to and including year spring05. It will be phased out from summer 2008 at the latest.

Special subjects

Students must study one of the academic disciplines offered by the Danish School of Journalism. This could be subjects such as politics, international conditions, culture, image understanding and communication.

Exam type

The students' efforts are assessed at the 8th semester project exam. It is a precondition for registering for the project exam that the final subtest in the subject has been passed. It is a precondition for having the subtest assessed that all assignments in this subject have been completed in a satisfactory manner. Attendance is compulsory and it is a precondition for having assignments assessed that the student has

been active and present at all teaching unless the absence is due to illness or the like.

ECTS: 16

8th semester project

The special subject is completed with a project during which a semester project is produced that consists of three parts: project report, journalistic product and work report.

The project must show that the student has acquired insight into his or her area, has the ability to communicate the material journalistically, and can reflect on the area and on own work process.

ECTS: 8

Bachelor project/Thesis

The study programme is concluded with a project in which the student must demonstrate an insight into and skills within a broad spectrum of central parts of the subjects of the programme.

The project consists of a journalistic product and a work report.

A description of the subject matter must be handed in, but the student is free to ask to have the subject matter or the issue approved in advance by the supervisor. In an advance approval, if any, the supervisor considers whether the subject matter is suitable for demonstrating the student's journalistic skills and analytical abilities and whether it is sufficiently extensive and complicated vis-à-vis the time allotted.

The work report must document the analyses and choices underlying the journalistic product and it must furthermore reflect the student's ability to reflect on his or her product based on a scientific method.

Exam type

Oral exam on the basis of the above assignment, assessed according to the Danish marking scale (13-skalaen) using external examiner.

The oral exam is primarily intended to check the student's work with the assignment.

ECTS: 10