



# University of Missouri

## State Government Reporting Program

Missouri School of Journalism

Columbia, Missouri

### Partnership

The University of Missouri's State Government Reporting Program has had students working at the statehouse in Jefferson City for more than 40 years. About 25 to 35 students work in shifts to cover the legislative session from January to May under the direction of long-time investigative reporter and editor Mark Horvit.

### Lead faculty

Mark Horvit - [horvitm@missouri.edu](mailto:horvitm@missouri.edu)

### Collaborators

[Missouri Press Association](#)

[Missouri Broadcasters Association](#)

[The Columbia Missourian](#)

### Impacts

Mizzou's statehouse audio coverage has even greater reach than print stories. The stories for print or online publications also go through the copy desk of the Columbia Missourian, the daily newspaper that serves as the hands-on "lab" for journalism majors in their junior and senior years.

### Students

29,866 at the University of Missouri

25-35 in the partnership, per semester

### Student work

Students work with the professional editors to come up with story ideas and are assigned to beats and as they become more advanced reporters, they get more decision in the stories they cover. Editing is primarily done by journalism professors and professional journalists that also teach classes at the university.

### Faculty/staff

Mark Horvit serves as the main instructor for the program.

### Funding sources

Because of the demand for radio stories, students can get credit or payment for their audio work, and most opt for credit.