



University of Texas Austin Statehouse Reporting

School of Journalism and Media

Austin, TX

Partnership

The University of Texas, Austin will launch its undergraduate statehouse reporting class this spring that will include students being matched with a paper, preferably from their hometown. That student will work with the paper editor under the guidance of former New York Times editor Kathleen McElroy and former Dallas Morning News capital bureau chief Christy Hoppe.

Lead faculty

Kathleen McElroy,
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Collaborators

It's not clear yet which outlets will participate. They want to match students with papers from their hometowns.

Impacts

They're hoping for four to five clips per student, and to match students with their hometown papers, however more information will become available as the class begins.

Students

40,000 at the University of Texas Austin

600-700 in the journalism program

16-20 in the partnership, per semester

Student work

The teachers plan on conducting informal information-gathering from students and editors on what issues they find important in the community. Teachers will guide them and make sure they localize the stories. Each student will have to work with each individual editor.

Faculty/staff

Kathleen McElroy and Christy Hoppe will be the dedicated instructors of the course. Their combined journalism experience will allow them to help with suggesting, editing, and publishing student stories.

Funding sources

It's funded by the college budget. They want the outlets to pay for students' work, and the outlets seem on board. But it's unclear whether it will be a flat rate.