University of Idaho

JAMM McClure Journalism Internship Program

The School of Journalism and Mass Media

Moscow, ID

Partnership

The University of Idaho's JAMM McClure Journalism Internship Program hosts around two students per spring semester to cover the Idaho Legislature, which is 300 miles away from campus. Students live in the Boise area that semester, fulfilling a near-full course load by writing a weekly story for six or seven weekly rural newspapers around the state who are part of the program.

Lead faculty

Glenn Mosley - gmosley@uidaho.edu

Collaborators

In the McClure Center, which is right next to the state capitol, the students get office space and a computer if they need one. There's also a support staff there, who can help them stay on top of assignments and hearing schedules.

Impacts

Students do one story per week for the papers. About six or seven weekly newspapers use the material. The numbers vary from session to session. The partnership students send their stories through email on Thursday or Friday every week, depending on the weeklies' print deadlines. Regardless, they publish it online. Students stay in contact with the editors, who will reach out to students with story ideas.

Students

11,607 at the University of Idaho

400 in the School of Journalism

2 in the partnership, per semester

Student work

The weekly newspaper editors sometimes contribute to editing for style, etc. They'll give writing or editing suggestions. Mosley does most of the editing, however, alongside teaching a variety of journalism and broadcasting classes.

The course includes an average of 9 credits, though some do less. The school refers to it as a 400-level internship.

Faculty/staff

Although there is support offered by the McClure Center, a majority of the editing is done by Glenn Mosley, with some insight contributed by editors of the weekly newspapers. Students additionally receive social media training alongside their journalism practice which allows them to gain additional experience.

Funding sources

Fundraising through the McClure Center has allowed a \$3,000 student stipend. Other than that, there's no extraneous funding support. The office and staff support through the center is paid for by the university.