



University of Illinois Springfield Public Affairs Reporting M.A.

Springfield, IL

Partnership

Graduate student program where students learn about (the fall) and cover the legislature (spring).

Lead faculty

Jason Piscia, Program Director - jpisc2@uis.edu

Collaborators

The program partners with a variety of local media outlets' Statehouse bureaus in the Springfield area and throughout Illinois to host students as interns.

Impacts

The students work as full-time legislative reporters for the media outlets and have their stories published and seen by the established viewership of the outlets.

Students

4,198 at the University of Illinois Springfield

9-11 in the partnership, per semester

Student work

Student work is assigned and edited by the local media outlets.

Faculty/staff

Jason Piscia directs the program. He is responsible for recruiting students, teaching the fall courses and managing the partnerships between the students and media outlets in the spring.

Funding sources

University funds the program along with individual donors and alumni. The school offers a full tuition waiver for the Spring when the students are working full time with the newspapers.