



University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Illinois Student Newsroom at Illinois Public Media

Department of Journalism

Champaign, IL

Partnership

News reporting classes that provide hundreds of news stories each semester to NPR affiliate.

Lead faculty

Chris Evans, Clinical Assistant Professor,
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Websites

[Student Newsroom](#)

Collaborators

Stories are published on the [Illinois Public Media](#) sites, where their established viewership can read them. Most of the stories are pitched by students themselves and then edited by either Evans or one of the paid deputy producers – students who are more experienced and can help guide their peers.

Impacts

In 2020 the student newsroom produced more than 170 student pieces, and that number doubled the following year resulting in about 350 student stories in the 2021-22 school year.

Students

34,500 at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Student work

There are two classes of students that are involved with the program and three students are hired each semester to work as deputy producers.

Course name

JOUR Newsroom Experience

Faculty/staff

Evans is responsible for editing all of the student work before publication. He also teaches the two courses associated with the program.

Funding sources

The program is funded by the University.