Franklin College

The Statehouse File

Pulliam School of Journalism

Franklin, IN

Partnership

Required capstone internship with 5-7 students and a full-time faculty member covers the Indiana Statehouse, in collaboration with thirty-five professional media outlets.

Lead faculty

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Websites

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Collaborators

The stories are used by 35 professional media outlets. Additionally, the program partners with The Indiana Citizen, which is a nonpartisan online news outlet focused on increasing civic engagement. They run our content and loan an editor, Kevin Gibson, who assists in editing and mentoring.

Students

1,032 at Franklin College

3-7 in the partnership, per semester

Student work

Students work together with the director to come up with story ideas based on the events occurring in the Legislature. The stories are all edited by the program director before being sent out to the partners.

Faculty/staff

The faculty member that directs the program works full time running the program and edits all student work and manages relations with media partners.

Funding sources

The program is funded by the Pullman School at Franklin College.