



Hofstra University
Lawrence Herbert School of Communication
The Long Island Advocate; WRHU

Hempstead, NY

Partnership

Students contribute local news stories and reporting both through the online news site **The Long Island Advocate** and on the award-winning **WRHU Radio Hofstra University**. Reporting focuses on local communities surrounding the campus, which are otherwise underserved in local news coverage, and includes municipal meetings, community organizations, and other topics such as housing, food security, the environment and public health. A partnership with **WABC Channel 7 Eyewitness News** also allows students to gain broadcast experience.

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Course names

[Undergraduate Degree Program \(BA\) in Journalism](#)

Websites

[Long Island Advocate](#)

[WRHU](#)

Collaborators

ABC News, abc.go.com

Students

Hofstra University, located about 23 miles outside of New York City has a student population of roughly 8,000 undergraduate and graduate students; The Lawrence Herbert School of Communication has two departments – Radio, Television, Film (RTVF) and Journalism, Media Studies and Public Relations (JMPR), with a total of 850 majors. Journalism has both a BA Degree and MA Degree program, with a total of roughly 200 majors.

Student work

Much of the reporting that appears on the community news site is completed through a range of intermediate and advanced journalism courses covering print, video, audio and multi-platform reporting. However, students contribute considerable amounts of reporting work as an extracurricular activity, rather than through a specific class, both for the online site and the radio station.

Faculty/staff

As editor of the online news site the *Long Island Advocate*, Professor Brinton teaches a variety of journalism courses at the Undergraduate and Graduate level, and solicits news and feature

stories from the many courses taught by the journalism faculty, representative of both the BA and MA curriculum. Professor Xaykaothao teaches radio journalism, and works closely with the news and public affairs staff of WRHU students, who produce daily content, both for the radio station and the LIA.

Professor Murillo assists with the coordination of these two sources of reporting, as well as soliciting outside editorials, opinion pieces and commentaries from local community leaders, organizers and representatives.

Funding sources

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