

# PHOTOJOURNALISM MINOR (CHSS)

Banner Code: PHOJ

## Academic Advising

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The photojournalism minor explores photography as a journalistic storytelling medium. Offered jointly by the Department of Communication (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/>) and the School of Art (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/visual-performing-arts/art/>), the minor prepares students to bear witness through the lens of a camera; to examine the world around them, pose questions and inform audiences. Students gain proficiency with digital photo technology, develop reporting skills, apply visual storytelling principles, and examine the ethical and legal challenges of capturing stories in a mediated society.

## Admissions & Policies

### Policies

Eight credits of coursework must be unique to the minor and students must earn a minimum grade of 2.00 in all courses applied to the minor. For policies governing all minors, see AP5.3.4 Minors (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/undergraduate-policies/#ap-5-3-4>).

## Requirements

### Minor Requirements

Total credits: 18

#### Required Courses

Code	Title	Credits
COMM 203	Introduction to Journalism	3
COMM 351	News Writing and Reporting	3
COMM 475	Journalism Law	3
AVT 357	Photobook: Concepts Form <sup>1</sup>	3
AVT 359	Photography Seminar	3
AVT 457	Documentary Photography	3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>18</b>

<sup>1</sup> Course has a required prerequisite of AVT 253 Digital Photography I (Mason Core) (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)