Similar to Western j-schools we do not require prior media education or work experience in media from our applicants. Bachelors and masters with any previous degree are eligible to apply for the program. Historians, biophysicists, culturologists, linguists, economists, political scientists opened themselves up in journalism after studying in our program.

The curriculum is built according to modern European and North American models and it is constantly improving. After two years of study students acquire solid practical skills in newspaper, radio, television and online journalism. They expand their horizons and understanding of the values of the profession, get first-hand knowledge from leading Ukrainian and foreign media experts, and speak fluent English.

There are four components of the program aimed at versatile development of future experts: theoretical and practice-based disciplines, introduction to the views of the Church in the sphere of social communication, and the fundamentals of the Christian worldview.

A well-rounded education. Although the curriculum focuses only on subjects that have practical benefit for future journalists, we also offer a wide range of additional educational services, both at the university and outside of it. Among them are second foreign language, psychology, and dance classes, volunteering opportunities, and more. Students, who are focused on scholarly work, get a chance to participate in conferences and seminars.

All students have internships in Ukrainian media offices. The most dedicated of them have a possibility to engage in journalistic and scholarly internships in the United States, Poland, Germany, Italy, Russia and so on.

Lecturers of the program are well-known journalists-practitioners and scholars from Ukraine, Poland, Germany, USA, Russia, and other countries. Classes are held in Ukrainian, while some master classes are in English, Russian, or Polish.

Advanced technological equipment, including a television and radio studio and multimedia newsroom, allows students to produce high quality media products.

Students report feeling secure and respected from their first moments on UCU’s campus. Classes are held in a modern academic building of the Faculty of Philosophy and Theology at the Ukrainian Catholic University (35 Khotyrivka St.) Students from outside the city live at the comfortable university campus, which favorably differs from the average student dormitory in Ukraine.

The program is secular. Our students represent various faiths and respect the views and values of each other.

We offer an open platform for the dissemination of media knowledge. Our workshops are open to journalists, students from other universities and for everyone interested. Thanks to the programs of our international partners we are able to cover the cost of transportation for students from different regions of Ukraine wishing to take part in workshops at our School of Journalism and Media Communications.

We must ask the with them about is their Ukrainian—media criticism, they study and practically test different types of communication. The third unit is designed to give our students the necessary expertise and knowledge for dealing with new media and multimedia technologies, as well as to teach them basic practical skills in the convergent newsroom.

Fundamental Principles of Learning which we follow in our program are: a multidisciplinary approach; balance between theory and practice; rating evaluation of student progress; involvement of famous Ukrainian and foreign experts; exclusive courses, workshops, trainings, seminars; implementation of student projects under media experts’ supervision; in-depth study of foreign languages with native speakers; internships in foreign media and academic institutes.

Teaching Team: our department of Media Communications optimally combines academics who have years of experience and more Western worldviews with young professionals who are ready to introduce new formats in education, pedagogy, and media practice. We also invite guest professors and media practitioners to conduct several courses; they are all well-known Ukrainian and foreign media researchers, media experts, and media trainers.

Additional Educational Bonuses: Beyond the curriculum, students have the opportunity to use many additional free educational resources provided either by the School of Journalism and Media Communications or by UCU. Those are, for example, a School of Reportage and an International Journalism School; workshops and conferences; an Annual Students Media Symposium; a Summer Volunteering School in Media Literacy; a Media Cinema Club; original media and feature writing workshops; an English Club; a school of dancing and acting; student government, etc.

Community as a Family: both within and outside the academic environment we strive to nurture a community of like-minded people who are committed to professional values as well as human values. The priorities of the community are and will always be love and respect for others regardless of religious, political or other views, as well as mutual support, help, and service.

The Uniqueness of our Campus: our students and guests have the opportunity to live in the Collegium— a unique multifunctional dormitory that has a chapel, corporate student meeting rooms and cinema club. The School of Journalism and Media Communications is located in a modern academic building which also serves as an educational and technical base— there is a newsroom, television, and radio studio, a training auditorium, and comfortable meeting spaces for workshops and celebrations.
Modern Academic Building
All trainings are conducted in a new academic building that belongs to the Department of Philosophy and Theology of UCU. Except for a School of Journalism and Media Communications, other institutions located at that site include Lviv Business School, an Icon-Painting School, International Institute for Ethics and Contemporary Issues, School of Bio-ethics, and more.

University Collegium
Students of the School of Journalism and Media Communications live in a University Collegium that is a part of a modern university campus. The Collegium is home to 200 students, 8 lecturers, and 4 guest professors.

Modern Training Base
There is a student newsroom along with a student-broadcasting studio equipped with modern professional technologies and devices. There, our students are able to try working as editors, producers, speakers, operators, multimedia editors, and montage managers on television, radio, and multimedia platforms.

School LIFE

The lecture of UCU president Bishop Borys Gudziak

The School of Journalism and Media Communications students from Ukrainian Catholic University on Euromaidan

During the internship at Vatican Radio in Rome

We educate:
- universal journalists
- media researchers
- media analysts
- new media journalists