

Journalism Department Exit Interview

As a graduate of the Department of Journalism, you will soon be a professional who can offer us important advice about our program. We value your assessment of the kinds of learning opportunities you were offered during your time here. Your answers will help us assess our program. Thank you for taking time to give us this important feedback.

Name: _____

Major emphasis (news editorial, public relations, visual journalism): _____

1. How would you assess yourself as a writer at the end of your journalism education? (circle one)

Excellent

Very Good

Competent

Needs Work

2. What opportunities or activities did journalism classes provide to help you develop as a writer?

3. Are you a better writer now than when you entered the major? Why or why not?

4. Tell us about a story, article, paper, design or visual project you completed that most fully demonstrated the knowledge and abilities you gained in your journalism major emphasis (news editorial, public relations, visual journalism).

5. Were you satisfied with the organization of the major (i.e.: were you able to take courses in a satisfying sequence)? How could we improve the organization of the major?

6. Which core requirements in the major did you find most useful? Are there any changes you would like to see in the major requirements?

7. Were you satisfied with the resources available to you as a journalism major? (e.g. journalism reading room, library resources, computer resources, classrooms, building)

8. Please feel free to comment on any area or issue within the journalism major that is not covered by these questions.

9. What do you anticipate doing now? Have you received any job offers? Do you feel prepared to move on to the next stage of your career? If so, why? If not, why not?

10. Please tell us about your achievements. In addition to student publications work here at Western, have you had any work published or accepted for publication? Have you been recognized in other ways, such as publications awards?