

Immersion Course Policy

The University of Florida's College of Journalism and Communication's Immersion Courses are designed to provide students with real-world, hands-on learning experiences through immersive academic and applied learning opportunities.

I. Immersion Course Definition

- Immersion courses are courses that take place in functioning industry venues, serving an external facing audience/client
- Within immersion courses, students are supervised by industry professionals for quality control, product consistency, and student professional skill development.
- Immersion course grades are based on their contribution towards the professional product.
- Examples of Immersion Course venues include, The Agency, The Innovation News Center, WRUF and WUFT.

II. Student Participation in Immersion Experiences

- **Registration:** All students engaging in an immersion experience must be enrolled for the corresponding immersion course credit or in a paid position within the immersion venue. A student in a paid immersion position cannot simultaneously enroll in credit for the same work.
- **Expectations:** Students participating in immersion courses must adhere to both the Student Code of Conduct and University of Florida/ College of Journalism and Communications Human Resource policies.
- **Shadowing Opportunity:** Students can shadow professionals without registering for course credit or receiving payment. Students shadowing are visiting a venue for observation only. They should not contribute to professional product output.
- **Eligibility:** Requirements and Pre-requisites will be determined by the individual immersion venues, based on skill requirements, enrollment priorities, and course capacity. All venues will require students to be actively enrolled and in good standing with the University of Florida.

We are dedicated to the success of all members of our student body and are deeply committed to the creation of an inclusive and connective way to build communities across our industries.

FOR INQUIRIES:

For questions, clarification, or further interpretation of this policy, you are encouraged to contact the Assistant Dean of Student Experiences, Katrice Graham, kgraham@jou.ufl.edu