

Masters of Science in Journalism Program
Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the MSJ program?

The Masters of Science in Journalism program allows students to immerse themselves in all forms of journalism – digital, audio and video – and gain practical experience in a newsroom under the guidance of experienced instructors. This is an opportunity for students to learn modern skills to enable them to find employment in reporting and production across media platforms and learn about the intersection of technology and media, and the impact it will have on the industry in Pakistan.

2. What is the duration of the program?

The MSJ program is 1.5-years long. During the first-year (3 semesters), students study the core courses while in the last semester, they work on a final project putting to use all the skills acquired during the course of study.

3. What are the courses offered?

Semester 1 (Fall)

- News Writing & Reporting
- The Profession of Journalism
- Digital News Reporting
- Governance & Society in Pakistan
- CEJ Newsroom I

Semester 2 (Spring)

- Current Affairs TV Lab
- Multimedia Journalism
- International Affairs
- MPhil Seminar (Specialized Modules)
- CEJ Newsroom II

Semester 3 (Summer)

- Specialized Journalism
- CEJ Newsroom

Semester 4 (Fall)

- Capstone Reporting Project
- Internship

4. What is the syllabus like?

The MSJ’s syllabus reflects new media global trends and was created in collaboration with Northwestern University’s Medill School of Journalism. All courses include hands-on training using the latest equipment.

5. Who are the MSJ faculty members?

Our instructors have international degrees along with vast journalism experience, in and outside of Pakistan.

6. What is the eligibility criteria?

- Minimum of 16 years of education
- Minimum CGPA of 2.5 or 50% marks in last degree
- Applicants with prior journalism experience encouraged to apply

7. What is the fee for the program?

Fee for	Amount
Semester 1 (Fall)	Rs. 181,500
Semester 2 (Spring)	Rs. 150,000
Semester 3 (Summer)	Rs. 55,000
Semester 4 (Fall)	Rs. 42,500
Total	Rs. 429,000
Hostel fee (per semester)	Rs. 55,000

(This fee is estimated for the 2019-20 academic year)

8. Are there any scholarships for the program?

CEJ offers full or partial need-based and merit scholarships to students accepted in to the program. IBA also offers need-based financial aid to students.

9. When do the admissions open?

The admission to the MSJ program will open on May 8, 2020. More details about the admission procedure can be found at: <https://admissions.iba.edu.pk/index.php>

10. What is the admission timeline for the program?

Activity	Deadline	Details
Online Forms Available	Friday, May 08, 2020	Form can be found at https://onlineadmission.iba.edu.pk/
Deadline to Submit Form	Friday, July 17, 2020	To be submitted online
Deadline to Submit Test Fee	Friday, July 17, 2020	After filling the online application form, print the generated bank challan and take it to the designated bank branches to deposit the admission processing fee. Please keep the finance department and admission office copy of the slip. If needed, IBA will ask for it.
Issuance of Admit Cards	July 15 - 17, 2020	Admit cards will be emailed to the applicants
Aptitude Test	Sunday, July 19, 2020	Test will take place in Karachi, Lahore and Islamabad. Past paper can be accessed at https://admissions.iba.edu.pk/past_entry_test/msj_paper_16.pdf Admission test will consist of English Composition (grammar based MCQ's), English Essay and General Knowledge/Current Affairs. There will be no component on Mathematics in the upcoming test.
Announcement of Aptitude Test Result	Wednesday, July 22, 2020	Result will be available on IBA's website. It will also include details for the interview
Final Result (After Interviews)	Monday, August 03, 2020	Result will be available on IBA's website.
Orientation Session	Sunday, August 16, 2020	At IBA City Campus
Commencement of Classes	Monday, August 17, 2020	At CEJ, IBA City Campus

11. What documents do I have to submit along with the online application form and how will those documents be submitted?

For details about admissions procedure, please refer to this link:
<https://admissions.iba.edu.pk/AdmissionProcedure.php>

12. What are the various components of the entry test?

The entry test consists of an English essay, an English composition and a component on General Knowledge/Current Affairs.

13. What is the next step after the entry test?

Candidates who clear the test then appear for an interview and successful candidates are offered admission to the program.

14. Does CEJ organize open-houses for potential students?

Yes, CEJ organizes open-houses every year. Potential students can also visit the Centre by taking an appointment. Announcements for open-houses are made on CEJ's social media pages.

15. Is accommodation available for out-of-city students?

IBA has hostels for both men and women with proper facilities for out-of-city students.

- Hostel charges are Rs.60000/- per semester.
- Mess charges are Rs. 325/- per day for three meals (breakfast, lunch & dinner).
- Laundry charges are Rs.4000/- per semester.
- There are two type rooms i.e. single rooms (for 01 student) and twin rooms (sharing by two students), all rooms are non-air-conditioned.