Photojournalists photograph newsworthy people, places, and events for newspapers, journals, magazines, websites, or television. Some photographers are salaried staff while others are freelance photographers. Photographers work with writers, editors, and designers to successfully capture an event or to tell a story.

Migrant Mother by Dorothea Lange
Library of Congress, Prints & Photographs Division, FSA/OWI Collection
Skills & Abilities/Typical Careers

Skills & Abilities: artistic, creative, and imaginative; good technical understanding of photography and a discerning eye; the ability to be patient, accurate, detail-oriented, decisive, and ethical; the ability to communicate ideas and information; and knowledge of photo imaging software.

 Typical Careers: staff photographer, photo editor, photo director, and freelancer.

Related Majors at Mizzou

- Photojournalism (JOURN)
- Art - Photography (A&S)

Some employers may consider a 4-year liberal arts degree with appropriate experience.

"Entry-level positions in photojournalism are likely to require a college degree although few employers require a degree in journalism or photojournalism. Some employers even suggest photographers have a degree in something other than journalism/photography, giving them deeper insight into other fields."

-National Press Photographers Association