

2.20 What qualifications must the Managing Editor meet?

(a) An applicant for Managing Editor must—

(1) be a registered U.T. Austin student in good standing in the semester they are applying. If application is made during the summer, registration during the previous spring semester shall be considered to satisfy this requirement;

(2) have completed at least 45 hours of college work;

(3) have completed at least 30 hours at U.T. Austin with a minimum grade point average of 2.25;

(4) have completed J315 (Reporting) course and J320D (Reporting) course with a grade of C or better or be enrolled at the time of application, or have the academic equivalents for the course;

(5) have completed at least one semester as a permanent staff member of The Daily Texan in any desk, except opinion; completed at least one semester as an issue staff member at The Daily Texan in another area. This qualification may be satisfied by an outside internship, subject to Board approval;

(6) show competence in editing in one of the following ways:

(A) have completed J330 (News Editing) course with a grade of C or better,
or

(B) have completed one of the following:

(i) one semester full-time editing, or

(ii) two semesters part-time editing, or

(iii) equivalent professional experience as defined by the Board;

(7) show competence in management by serving in a Daily Texan management position with supervisory and design responsibilities for at least one semester or summer session;

(8) have completed J360 (Media Law) course before taking office;

(9) have served at least once per week for nine weeks on the non-opinion editorial staff of The Daily Texan during each of at least two semesters (or one semester and one 12-week summer session);

(10) have five signatures from permanent editorial staff members; and
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(11) pass a libel test administered by the Editorial Adviser to ensure that he or she is fully

capable of maintaining libel-free content.

(b) If no qualified applicant for The Daily Texan managing editor has filed by the deadline, the Board shall make an appointment using the Handbook qualifications, each of which shall be waivable by an affirmative vote of two-thirds majority of the voting members present. If the grade point criterion is waived, the revised criterion cannot be less than 2.0.

(c) The Managing Editor shall be appointed by the voting members of the Board each semester, as well as the two summer sessions. Candidates may be reappointed for up to three semesters. Terms begin five days before classes begin during long semesters, and three days before the summer sessions begin. Terms end on the last day of classes.