

# Melina Chalkia

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## EDUCATION

**Northwestern University, Medill School of Journalism** | Evanston, Ill.

**September 2019 – June 2023**

- *Bachelor of Science*, Major in Journalism, Minor in International Studies
- GPA: 3.85/4.00, *Dean's List: Spring 2020-Spring 2023*
- Relevant Coursework: [Partnership with WTTW](#), Video Producing for Broadcast, [Video Reporting](#), [Reporting on Immigrants and Refugees](#), Producing for Social Media

## SKILLS & AWARDS

**Computer:** Adobe Premiere Pro Editing, Photoshop, Illustrator, XD, After Effects, iNews, Media Source, Canon XF705 and similar, SnapStream, Microsoft Office, Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, TikTok, Snapchat

**Languages:** English, Native Greek, Conversational Spanish

**Certificates:** Pursuing *Bloomberg* Market Concepts Certificate, *Stanford* Economics Certificate, *Sciences Po* Politics and Economics of International Energy Certificate, *The Economist* International Relations: China, Russia, the US

**Awards:** 2023 SPJ Mark of Excellence Award for Best Broadcast In-Depth Reporting and Best All-Around TV News Magazine, 2022-2023 NATAS Student Emmy Award Nominee

## BROADCAST JOURNALISM

**NGTV – ERT World** / New York, NY

**September 2022 – present**

*Greek Correspondent in the U.S.*

- Interview Greek Prime Minister Kiriakos Mitsotakis, cover the 2023 UN General Assembly from the UN headquarters, speak to Greek Ambassadors, the Greek Consul General, members of Greek parliament
- Work as an on-air reporter, covering stories from the Greek wildfires to Greek-Turkish geopolitics in the Mediterranean

**Scripps News** / Chicago, Ill.

**January 2023 – March 2023**

*Intern for The Why*

- Worked as a reporter and segment producer on a primetime news program focused on hyper-visual explainer journalism, reporting and fronting [stories](#) from business to lifestyle, diving deeper into the context behind the headlines
- Produced three-block topic segments for *The Why*, planning and writing the rundown, working with a booker to schedule show guests, writing guest interview questions with talent, finding visual elements, producing explainers for the show
- Assisted producers in writing, editing, cutting soundbites and video for the show, worked with graphics team

**NBC** / New York City, N.Y.

**June 2022 – August 2022**

*Social Newsgathering Intern*

- Used social forensic, newsgathering and verification techniques to find visual elements and sources for all NBCU platforms, conducting interviews and covering national and global news ranging from mass shootings to wildfires
- Incorporated open-source storytelling to write breaking news and human-interest [articles](#), learning how to verify information and working with the standards team to make editorial decisions on ethical considerations for each story

**CNN** / Remote, Washington D.C.

**January 2022 – April 2022**

*Political Unit Intern*

- Communicated with state and local officials from more than 30 states and compiled research ahead of the 2022 midterm elections, including candidate information, voter and polling information
- Contributed to live election coverage for the Texas midterm elections, by monitoring 20 news networks on their poll results for every office

**Northwestern News Network** | Evanston, Ill.

**September 2021 – May 2023**

*Anchor, Producer and Field Reporter*

- Co-anchored NNN's 30-minute weekly show on city and campus news, which airs live on [Facebook](#)
- Wrote and edited news packages weekly, covering campus and city stories, with more than 15 [stories](#) on the field
- Produced NNN's political show on national news, producing panels and newscasts on the 2022 midterm elections, while coordinating reporters, anchors, and associate producers
- Produced award-winning newscast "NNN Around The World," localizing international news to Chicago's communities

**CNN** | Abu Dhabi, UAE

**August 2021 – September 2021**

*Intern for CNN Connect the World*

- Found and cut file footage through Media Source, conducted research, pitched stories and guests daily, and assisted with newsgathering, floor managing and teleprompting
- Wrote and published content for social media using SnapStream, getting more than 60k impressions on breaking news across platforms, including Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook
- Produced, wrote, and edited a [segment](#) that was aired, honoring the work of an Afghan photographer