

# ALEX LEISK

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## EDUCATION

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**University of Texas at Austin, B.J. — Journalism,** Expected May 2027  
*Programming & Computation Certificate*

## EXPERIENCE

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**The Daily Texan** **Austin, TX**  
*News Editor* May 2026 to Present

- Oversees news coverage and operations. Coordinates responses to breaking news.
- Manages an associate editor, desk editor, senior reporters, and general reporters who produce content daily for the flipbook and website.
- Attends newsroom leadership meetings. Holds weekly pitch meetings.

*News Desk Editor* January 2026 to May 2026

- Edited around three to five news stories, two nights a week, for print and website production
- Occasionally wrote and reported original stories for production
- Led and mentored a small group of four reporters

*General Photographer* January 2026 to May 2026

- Shot at least one photo assignment a week of the UT campus and Austin community
- Captioned photos and produced a photo story

*General Projects Reporter* January 2026 to May 2026

- Pitched and reported extensively on two long-form feature or investigative stories

*Senior News Reporter* August 2025 to Jan 2026

- Pitched and reported at least two stories a week within the Student Government and university administration beat for the website and bi-weekly flipbook.
- Regularly wrote articles in response to breaking news

*General News Reporter* January 2025 to August 2025

- Pitched and reported one story a week about the UT community

**SPARK Magazine** **Austin, TX**

*Associate Web Editor* January 2026 to May 2026

- Edited stories in AP Style and SPARK house style for its website
- Wrote two fashion feature stories for the [SPARK website](#)

*Web Writer* August 2025 to December 2025

- Pitched and wrote stories on fashion, pop culture, and art/media

## SKILLS

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- Reporting, interviewing, writing, AP Style, fact-checking
  - Camera operation and photography
  - Interviewing sources
  - Python, R, Premiere Pro, Lightroom

## AWARDS

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- Pratima Khan Shah Award for news coverage that thoughtfully and accurately reflects the contributions of immigrants to Texas and to the U.S.