



THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME AUSTRALIA

Bachelor of Arts (Major: Journalism)

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School of Arts & Sciences

Is it your ambition to become a journalist? The University of Notre Dame Australia's Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Journalism is an industry-focused degree that spans every area of media activity from print to video. You will learn the practical skills to succeed in the competitive world of journalism. In addition to hands-on training in print, radio, television, video, and online journalism, you will also learn about media theory, plus your legal and ethical obligations as a media professional. Get in touch today to find out more about this exciting degree.

Why study this major?

If you want to be part of an exciting career in journalism that can take you around the world, our Bachelor of Arts with a major in Journalism is the degree for you.

A free press is vital for the functioning of any democratic society, and Australia has always supported an energetic media industry. Working journalists require a variety of practical skills, such as news gathering, interviewing, writing, and editing, as well as a thorough understanding of the legal and ethical framework in which they operate. The University of Notre Dame Australia, Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Journalism, covers this entire spectrum.

This program will give you the skills you need to become a successful journalist, whether you want to work as a traditional print or broadcast journalist or focus on the fast-growing digital space. Along the way, you'll also be introduced to the world of documentary making, explore the relationship between politics and the media and learn how to craft a feature story for a newspaper or magazine.

Completing a Bachelor of Arts with a Journalism Major allows you to work almost anywhere in the world. You might decide to travel during your degree, with both long and short-term opportunities available through our Study Abroad or Experience the World programs.

Besides entering the news industry, journalism graduates from Notre Dame can find work in book publishing, public relations, and film industries. The digital revolution also creates a massive demand for high-quality communications among companies that must engage with their consumers, stakeholders, suppliers, and other interested parties.

Journalism is available as a Major and Minor in the following programs, including double-degree variations:

- Bachelor of Arts
(<https://www.notredame.edu.au/programs/arts-and-sciences/undergraduate/bachelor-of-arts>)
- Bachelor of Arts (Architecture)
(<https://www.notredame.edu.au/programs/arts-and-sciences/undergraduate/bachelor-of-arts-architecture>)
(Minor only)
- Bachelor of Behavioural Science
(<https://www.notredame.edu.au/programs/arts-and-sciences/undergraduate/bachelor-of-behavioural-science>)
- Bachelor of Communications and Media
(<https://www.notredame.edu.au/programs/arts-and-sciences/undergraduate/bachelor-of-communications-and-media>)
- Bachelor of Science
(<https://www.notredame.edu.au/programs/arts-and-sciences/undergraduate/bachelor-of-science>) (Minor only)

Program summary

The Journalism Major includes these requirements:

Students must complete 200 units of credit as follows:

Students complete these THREE courses:

- COMM1420 Introduction to Journalism
- COMM2340 Journalism: Theory and Practice
- COMM3050 Media Ethics and Law **

Students complete AT LEAST ONE of these courses:

- COMM3002 Digital Journalism Portfolio
- COMM3060 Online Newsroom

- COMM3008 Communications Internship^

Students must complete AT LEAST ONE of these courses

- COMM2330 Journalism Production: Video
- COMM3040 Feature Writing
- COMM3700 Journalism Production: Audio

Students complete ANY of these courses:

- COMM1000 Digital Photography
- COMM1060 Media and Society **
- COMM1210 Introduction to Screen Production
- COMM2002 Travel Writing and Photography
- COMM2040 Digital Cultures
- COMM2300 Digital Media Production
- COMM2330 Journalism Production: Video
- COMM3000 News and Current Affairs
- COMM3002 Digital Journalism Portfolio
- COMM3040 Feature Writing
- COMM3060 Online Newsroom
- COMM3070 Photojournalism
- COMM3210 Interactive Media
- COMM3300 Documentary Studies
- COMM3700 Journalism Production: Audio
- COMM3008 Communications Internship^
- POLI3003 Setting the Agenda: the Media and Politics

****Bachelor of Communications and Media students will complete COMM3050 and COMM1060 in the Core component of their degree and will undertake additional journalism electives to complete their Major. ^ substitute ARTS3002 Internship or Professional Project**

core-curriculum

Core Curriculum

- CORE I: Foundations of Wisdom
- CORE II: Elective
 - Electives in philosophy and/or theology
 - Professional embedded electives that integrate studies in a profession with philosophy and/or theology
 - An option to undertake a pilgrimage embedded in the study of the philosophy and theology of pilgrimage, e.g., World Youth Day
 - An option to undertake a course that integrates philosophy & theology with community service and charity work
 - An option to undertake an elective in philosophy, theology, and the liberal arts contained within an international experience

Full details of the program requirements are contained in the Program Requirements

(https://www.notredame.edu.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0023/384/of-Arts.pdf).

Here you can find full details of the Major, Second Major and Minor requirements

(https://www.notredame.edu.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0015/219

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More information regarding courses can be found at the course descriptions pages Fremantle (<https://www.notredame.edu.au/about/schools/fremantle/arts-and-sciences/course-descriptions>) Sydney (<https://www.notredame.edu.au/about/schools/sydney/arts-and-sciences/course-descriptions>).

Please note: The availability of these courses is indicative only and may be subject to change.

Entry requirements

drop-down code

Entry requirements WA

Entry requirements NSW

Learning outcomes

Upon successful completion of the Bachelor of Arts graduates should be able to;

1. Demonstrate broad theoretical and practical knowledge, with depth in the underlying principles and concepts of one or more disciplines or practice areas
2. Identify appropriate sources and evaluate information
3. Demonstrate an awareness of different conceptual approaches and/or research methods
4. Demonstrate the technical skills, professional skills and ethical practice required by one or more disciplines
5. Synthesise knowledge and apply skills in order to solve complex problems
6. Communicate arguments and/or ideas in a range of

forms

7. Work independently and, where appropriate, in collaboration with others
3. Reflect upon personal knowledge, skills and experiences

Practical component

When you study the Journalism Major, you will have the opportunity to complete an internship of approximately 90 hours that will allow you to put the theory into practice in a workplace environment.

Career opportunities

Graduates of this program can follow diverse career paths in the private and public sectors; Many employers will welcome the transferable skills. The following careers are open to graduates of this program: Journalists in the news industry, book publishing, public relations, and the film industry.

Real-world experience

You will learn from our academics, who are leaders in their field. While not a requirement, internship courses and work-integrated learning opportunities are available to enable you to gain on-the-job experience with professionals in your chosen field.

Honours

An Honours award is available for this program. Further information can be found in the [Bachelor of Arts \(Honours\) regulations](#)

(https://www.notredame.edu.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0024/384/of-Arts-Honours.pdf), or by contacting the [School of Arts & Sciences](#) (<https://www.notredame.edu.au/about-us/faculties-and-schools/school-of-arts-and-sciences>).

Study abroad

A global perspective adds a valuable dimension to your university education. At Notre Dame University you can study while experiencing the world. We encourage students to become active global citizens through a range of exchange programs, professional placements, study tours, and volunteer opportunities. Visit International Opportunities

(<https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/international-students>) to find out more.

Fees and costs

This Program has the following loan scheme(s) available for eligible students:

Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP)

A Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP) is a place at a university where the Australian Government pays part of your fees. This part is a subsidy, not a loan, and you don't have to pay it back. However, this subsidy does not cover the entire cost of your study. Students must pay the rest, which is called the 'student contribution amount'.

In a Commonwealth Supported Place, your fees are subsidised by the Australian Government. Your fees will be split into two portions:

The Commonwealth contribution, which is the portion paid by the Australian Government.

The student contribution, which is the portion you pay. You may choose to pay upfront or defer your student contribution with a HECS-HELP Loan. The HECS-HELP loan scheme (<https://www.studyassist.gov.au/preview->

[link/node/106/5de65e70-6656-4297-a79d-19fd4a6deadd\)](https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/fees-costs-and-scholarships)

assists eligible students with the payment of all, or part, of their tuition fees, not including additional study costs such as accommodation or textbooks. Your HECS-HELP debt will be indexed each year in line with the Consumer Price Index.

Eligible students will be offered a CSP – you do not need to apply.

International Full-Fee Paying

Tuition costs depend on an international student's study load and discipline. Fees are payable each semester at least four weeks prior to the commencement of your program.

For indicative fees and information on how to pay, including Government loan schemes and our online calculator, visit our [Fees, costs and scholarships page](https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/fees-costs-and-scholarships) (<https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/fees-costs-and-scholarships>).

Student profile data

Tables 1 and 2 below give an indication of the likely peer cohort for new students in this Program. It provides data on all students who commenced in this Program in the most relevant recent intake period, including those admitted through all offer rounds and international students studying in Australia.

Fremantle Student Profile Data

TABLE 1a - Bachelor of Arts BASIS OF ADMISSION IN SEMESTER 1, 2022 INTAKE

Applicant background	Semester 1 2022	
	Number of students	Percentage of all students
(A) Higher education study (includes a bridging or enabling course)	17	37%
(B) Vocational education and training (VET) study	<5	N/P
(C) Work and life experience (Admitted on the basis of previous achievement not in the other three categories)	5	11%
(D) Recent secondary education: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Admitted solely on the basis of ATAR (regardless of whether this includes the consideration of adjustment factors such as equity or subject bonus points) 	<5	N/P
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Admitted where both ATAR and additional criteria were considered (e.g. portfolio, audition, interview, extra test, early offer conditional on minimum ATAR) 	<5	N/P
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Admitted on the basis of other criteria only and ATAR 	13	28%

was <i>not</i> a factor (e.g. special consideration, audition alone, interview, school marks & recommendation with no minimum ATAR requirement)		
International students	<5	N/P
All students	46	100.0%

TABLE 1b - Bachelor of Arts ATAR PROFILE DATA FOR APPLICANTS ENTERING ON THE BASIS OF RECENT SECONDARY EDUCATION IN SEMESTER 1, 2022 INTAKE

RECENT SECONDARY EDUCATION - ATAR-based offers	ATAR (Excluding adjustment factors) *	Selection Rank (ATAR plus any adjustment factors) *[only if relevant]
Highest rank to receive an offer	96.85	96.85
Median rank to receive an offer	74.20	77.20
Lowest rank to receive an offer	64.65	70.00

Sydney Student Profile Data

TABLE 1a - Bachelor of Arts BASIS OF ADMISSION IN SEMESTER 1, 2022 INTAKE

Applicant background	Semester 1 2022	
	Number of students	Percentage of all students

(A) Higher education study (includes a bridging or enabling course)	7	13%
(B) Vocational education and training (VET) study	8	15%
(C) Work and life experience (Admitted on the basis of previous achievement, not in the other three categories)	<5	NP
(D) Recent secondary education: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Admitted solely on the basis of ATAR (regardless of whether this includes the consideration of adjustment factors such as equity or subject bonus points) 	<5	N/P
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Admitted where both ATAR and additional criteria were considered (e.g. portfolio, audition, interview, extra test, early offer conditional on minimum ATAR) 	11	21%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Admitted on the basis of other criteria only and ATAR was <i>not</i> a factor (e.g. special consideration, audition alone, interview, school marks & recommendation with no minimum ATAR requirement) 	22	42%
International students	<5	N/P
All students	52	100.0%

TABLE 1b - Bachelor of Arts ATAR PROFILE DATA FOR APPLICANTS ENTERING ON THE BASIS OF RECENT SECONDARY EDUCATION IN SEMESTER 1, 2022 INTAKE

RECENT SECONDARY EDUCATION - ATAR-based offers	ATAR (Excluding adjustment factors) *	Selection Rank (ATAR plus any adjustment factors) *[only if relevant]
Highest rank to receive an offer	82.85	97.85
Median rank to receive an offer	65.90	75.15
Lowest rank to receive an offer	55.20	69.05

TABLE 2a - Bachelor of Arts (Honours) BASIS OF ADMISSION IN SEMESTER 1, 2022 INTAKE

Applicant background	Semester 1 2022	
	Number of students	Percentage of all students
(A) Higher education study (includes a bridging or enabling course)	<5	N/P
(D) Recent secondary education: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Admitted on the basis of other criteria only and ATAR was <i>not</i> a factor (e.g. special consideration, audition alone, 	<5	N/P

interview, school marks & recommendation with no minimum ATAR requirement)		
All students	N/P	100.0%

Notes:

“<5” – the number of students is less than 5

N/A – Students not accepted in this category

N/P – Not published: the number is hidden to prevent the calculation of numbers in cells with less than 5 students

In 2022, due to COVID, additional adjustment factor points were granted to applicants from NSW, ACT and VIC.

More information

Considering your uni options?

Talk to one of our career advisors for a personalised advice session (<https://calendly.com/d/dmr-5gg-c2h>). Our advisors provide support while choosing a program of study and completing our application process. **Book my session. (<https://calendly.com/d/dmr-5gg-c2h>)**

For more information, please contact our Prospective Students Office.

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All international enquiries should contact the International Students Office on international@nd.edu.au (<mailto:international@nd.edu.au>).

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(02) 8204 4404 - NSW

Duration: 3 years full-time or equivalent part-time

Duration type: Full time; Part time

Campus: Fremantle; Sydney

Study mode: On campus

Commencement: Semester 1; Semester 2

Program code: 3009

CRICOS code: 015324A

Fee: Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP); International
II Fees

Practical Component: 90 hours

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