



THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME AUSTRALIA

Bachelor of Arts (Major: Journalism)

School of Arts & Sciences, Fremantle Campus

Spanning every area of media activity the Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Journalism is an industry-focused program that will teach you the practical skills you need to succeed in the competitive world of journalism. As well as hands-on training in print, radio, television, video and online journalism you also learn about media theory plus your legal and ethical obligations as a media professional.

Why study this major?

The Journalism Major teaches you the practical skills you need to succeed in the competitive world of journalism. You will receive hands-on training in all genres of news reporting, including print, radio, television, video and online journalism. As well as these practical skills, you will learn the theoretical background needed to work in today's media environment, including your legal and ethical obligations as a media professional.

You will be encouraged to think critically about the media industry and journalism in particular. This includes how the media, often known as the Fourth Estate, impacts on our political institutions, the legal system, personal freedom and other aspects of a modern, pluralist society.

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

Work Integrated Learning

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.

Structure of Journalism Major in the Bachelor of Arts

The Journalism Major includes these requirements:

Students are required to complete 8 courses of 25 units of credit (200 units of credit), as follows.

THREE (3) required courses:

- Foundation level: COMM1420 Introduction to Journalism
- Intermediate level: COMM2340 Journalism: Theory and Practice
- Upper level: COMM3050 Media Ethics and Law

Plus at least ONE (1) of the following capstone courses:

- COMM3002 Digital Journalism Portfolio
- COMM3008 Communications Internship

Plus at least ONE (1) of the following courses:

- COMM2330 Journalism for Television and Video
- COMM3040 Feature Writing
- COMM3700 Radio

Plus any of the following courses as needed to complete EIGHT (8) courses:

- COMM1000 Digital Photography
- COMM1060 Media and Society*
- COMM1210 Introduction to Screen Production
- COMM2040 Digital Cultures

- COMM2300 Digital Media Production
 - COMM2330 Journalism for Television and Video
 - COMM3002 Digital Journalism Portfolio
 - COMM3040 Feature Writing
 - COMM3070 Photojournalism
 - COMM3210 Interactive Media
 - COMM3300 Documentary Studies
 - COMM3700 Radio
 - COMM3008 Communications Internship
 - POLI3003 Setting the Agenda: the Media and Politics
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Full details of the program requirements are contained in the Program Regulations

(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

Here you can find full details of the courses on offer in 2020 and 2021

(https://www.notredame.edu.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0021/245/on-Offer.pdf).

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

Study Abroad

You will have the opportunity to complete part of your degree at one of our partner institutions through our exchange program. Get in touch with the

Study Abroad Office

(<https://www.notredame.edu.au/international/study-abroad>) to find out more about studying in Asia, Europe and North America.

Real-world experience

You will learn from academics who are industry leaders and, through our practicum placements and internship programs, you will gain real professional experience and make valuable contacts with potential employers.

Entry requirements

Academic requirements for this program are outlined below. In addition, to be eligible for admission, all applicants need to satisfy minimum requirements outlined at [admission requirements](#)

(<https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/admission-requirements>). These include those relating to age and [English Language Proficiency](#)

(<https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/admission-requirements/english-language-proficiency-requirements>). We also consider your application more broadly - your non-academic achievements (such as any previous leadership roles, volunteering, work, church and/or community involvement) as well as personal qualities - your aspirations and interests and your capacity to complete your chosen program.

Applicants with recent Secondary Education:

- Indicative ATAR of 70 with a score of 50+ in ATAR English, ATAR Literature or ATAR English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EALD)
OR

- Minimum International Baccalaureate (IB) score of 24
OR
- Completed AQF Certificate IV or higher in a relevant discipline, from an accredited provider such as TAFE or a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) with a score of 50+ in ATAR English, ATAR Literature or ATAR English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EALD).

Applicants with Higher Education Study

- Other university studies completed at undergraduate level or higher, a minimum of 4 successfully completed subjects;
OR
- Successful completion of the Notre Dame Tertiary Pathway Program or of another Enabling Program at a level deemed sufficient by the University;

Applicants who have successfully completed subjects at another University, which are relevant to the selected program of study, may be eligible for Advanced Standing (<https://www.notredame.edu.au/current-students/your-enrolment/admin-and-fees/fremantle/advanced-standing>).

Applicants with Vocational Education and Training (VET) study

- Completed AQF Certificate IV or higher in a relevant discipline, from an accredited provider such as TAFE or a Registered Training Organisation (RTO).

Applicants with Work and Life Experience

Applicants who left secondary education more than two years previously and who have not undertaken VET or higher education study since then, but with relevant work and life experience. Such experience may include, but is not limited to:

- STAT scores of at least 135 in the Multiple Choice section **and** 140 in the Written English section are required
OR
- Mature-age completion of two Year 12 WACE or HSC exams with a resulting ATAR of 70 or above
OR
- Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) or equivalent results if these have been completed within the last 5 years.

Please note: all applicants must be of school leaving age or older to apply.

Fees and costs

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

FEE-HELP

The FEE-HELP loan scheme assists eligible fee-paying students with the payment of all, or part, of their tuition fees, not including additional study costs such as accommodation or textbooks. Your FEE-HELP debt will be indexed each year in line with the Consumer Price Index. Please note, from 1 January 2019, students studying an undergraduate program at the University of Notre Dame will no longer be charged the 25% FEE-HELP loan fee.

For further information, or for indicative fees for domestic or international students, please visit our [Fees page](https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/fees) (<https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/fees>).

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/schools/fremantle/arts-and-sciences/contact-us>).

Career opportunities

Communications specialists are needed in many organisations and as a result communications and media graduates generally, and Journalism graduates in particular, are in demand. Strong future employment growth is expected. The skills developed in this Major can be used in a range of roles across a range of industries.

Careers include: journalist, digital marketer, communication consultant, PR advisor, sports reporter, social media marketing specialist, media and communications advisor, events coordinator, campaign officer, research officer, photographer, editor, travel writer, and videographer.

More information

For more information on the Bachelor of Arts (Major: Journalism), please call our Prospective Students Office on +61 8 9433 0533 or email future@nd.edu.au (<mailto:future@nd.edu.au>).

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

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Need help? Ask Notre Dame

(08) 9433 0533

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

Campus: Fremantle

Practical Component: 90 hours

Loan Scheme: FEE-HELP

Study mode: On Campus

Code: Program Code 3009, CRICOS Code 015324A

Commencement: Semester 1 or Semester 2

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