



THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME AUSTRALIA

Bachelor of Arts (Major: Journalism)

School of Arts & Sciences, Sydney Campus

Spanning every area of media activity -- from print to video -- this industry-focused degree will teach you the practical skills you will need 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.

Why study this degree?

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. Here at The University of Notre Dame Australia, our 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.

Apart from entering the news industry, journalism graduates from Notre Dame can find work in book publishing, public relations and the film industry. The digital revolution is also creating a huge demand for high-quality communications among companies which need to engage with their consumers, stakeholders, suppliers and other interested parties.

Program summary

Core Curriculum

- CORE1001 Logos I
- CORE1002 Logos II
- CORE1003 Logos III

Compulsory courses

- ARTS1000 Academic Writing, Communication and Research
- COMM1420 Introduction to Journalism
- COMM2340 Journalism: Theory and Practice

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

- COMM3060 Online Newsroom
- COMM3008 Communications Internship

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

Electives

Plus up to FOUR (4) of the following electives, as needed to make an 8 unit major

- COMM1210 Introduction to Screen Production
- COMM2300 Digital Media Production
- COMM3050 Media Ethics and Law
- COMM3300 Documentary Studies
- POLI3003 Setting the Agenda: Politics and the Media
- BUSN2090 Professional Writing

Plus 13 electives which may form another major or minor (undertaken during years one, two and/or three).

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

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

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

- HSC Performance Band Results with a Band 4 in English, a minimum average of Bands 4s and an overall minimum average HSC mark of 70% in HSC Category A Courses (or Interstate equivalent). Applicants must be eligible for an ATAR or OP; or
- Minimum International Baccalaureate (IB) score of 24.

Applicants with Higher Education Study

- Other University Studies completed at undergraduate level or higher. A minimum number of 2 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/sydney/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 with relevant work and life experience who left secondary education more than two years ago and have not undertaken VET or higher education study since then may seek admission on the basis of:

- Their experience. 'Experience' could include a combination of factors sufficient to demonstrate readiness for higher education such as Mature Age entry, relevant professional experience, community involvement or work experience. Applicants may have undertaken non-formal programs that have helped prepare them for tertiary education or are relevant to the proposed higher education field of study. Evidence must be provided as to the type and duration or employment (minimum of two years) in a relevant industry. The Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT) may be required.
- STAT – Scores of 150 in the Multiple Choice and Written English sections are required.
- Higher School Certificate (HSC) (or equivalent) results if these have been completed within the last 5 years.

Fees

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)

(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/sydney/arts-and-sciences/contact-us)

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More information

For more information on the Bachelor of Arts (Major: Journalism), please contact the Prospective Students Office on +61 (2) 8204 4404 or email sydney@nd.edu.au

<mailto:sydney@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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Duration: 3 years full-time or equivalent part-time

Campus: Sydney

Loan Scheme: FEE-Help

Study mode: Full-time, Part-time

Code: Course Code 3009, CRICOS Code 015324A