This course will provide you with a broad knowledge of the foundations of news reporting focusing on identifying, researching and then structuring news reports in an evolving news environment.

Early in your degree you’ll learn how to recognise the fundamental attributes of news and other journalism forms, use the mobile technologies available and evaluate events for their potential news value, while learning how to record interviews and perform other reporting tasks including how to write socially responsible news stories.

Further study areas will prepare you for the future of journalism covering communication theory and practice, journalism law, managing social media, writing and production techniques, journalism ethics and a comprehensive understanding of industry structures and functions. Your studies will be rounded by the choice of either a second major, which is a sequence of eight units from another study area, or minors and electives such as work integrated learning, internships or international study tours that allow you to graduate work ready through engagement with the industry.

**Why choose this course?**

The world is a noisy place. So much chatter. So many points of view. There’s a flood of facts flowing through our phones. How many of those facts are true? And how can today’s journalist report on news and feature stories that people can connect to? That’s exactly what you’re going to learn in this course.

This is a journalism degree that will ensure you are ready for a changing world. You’ll learn to prepare and present news and features for traditional outlets, as well as social media, podcasts, YouTube and emerging technologies and write socially responsible news stories.

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**Real-world learning**

This course goes beyond the writing, communication and ethical foundations of journalism and builds your production skills through hands-on experience in world class facilities. You’ll access newsrooms, radio and TV studios and contribute to QUT News and other outlets. You’ll also have the opportunity to apply for industry internships and international exchanges.

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Learn from working professionals and internationally renowned scholars of journalism and media studies. QUT Journalism staff maintain close links to the industry through their association with high-profile awards and organisations including the Walkley Awards for Excellence in Journalism and the Queensland Clarion Awards.
Bachelor of Communication (Journalism)

Assumed knowledge
Before you start this course we assume you have sound knowledge in these areas:

- English

We assume that you have knowledge equivalent to four semesters at high school level (Years 11 and 12) with sound achievement (4, SA).

Course structure
To meet the course requirements of the Bachelor of Communication (Journalism), you must complete a total of 288 credit points, made up of:

- a journalism major (144 credit points)
- four core units (48 credit points)
- complementary studies: a second major (96 credit points), two minors (48 credit points each), or one minor (48 credit points) and 48 credit points chosen from unit options (electives).

Study overseas
Study overseas while earning credit towards your QUT creative industries degree with one of our worldwide exchange partners.

Overseas study can be for one or two semesters (or during the semester break) and the units you take can be in a creative or non-creative discipline area, depending on how they match with your QUT course.

Careers and outcomes
Our journalism graduates have achieved distinction in high-profile news, media and public relations positions. Our graduates include senior Australian journalists such as Leigh Sales, Peter Greste, Leila McKinnon, Conor Duffy and Karl Stefanovic.

Double degrees
Prepare for a journalism career with a specialist focus, or use your advanced research and writing skills in other industries. Choose a double degree with:

- business to forge a career as a journalist with a specialty in finance, international affairs, or political and social commentary. You may also work as a media executive, business analyst or researcher.
- justice for opportunities include working as a journalist with a specialty in areas of justice such as criminology, policing, policy and governance, as a media manager for legal environments, or an analyst of legal matters for media organisations.
- law to develop a career in journalism focusing on legal affairs, politics, crime reporting and foreign affairs, or work as a solicitor, barrister or in-house lawyer, including media lawyer.
- science where you may expect a range of employment opportunities within the public and private sector due to the growing demand for science communicators.

Professional recognition
Our journalism degree is recognised by the Australian Journalists’ Association section of the Media, Entertainment and Arts Alliance.

Fees
HECS-HELP
You may be eligible for HECS-HELP, a loan scheme to help you pay your course fees, if you are an Australian citizen or hold an Australian permanent humanitarian visa. For other conditions read the HECS-HELP information.

Student Services and Amenities Fee
You'll need to pay the student services and amenities fee as part of your course costs. You may be eligible for SA-HELP, a loan scheme to help you pay your student services and amenities fee, if you are an Australian citizen or hold an Australian permanent humanitarian visa. For other conditions read the SA-HELP information.

Scholarships
You can apply for scholarships to help you with study and living costs.

- Creative Industries International Scholarship
- QUT Sport Scholarship (Elite Athlete)
- Equity scholarships scheme

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