Unit sets: Communication

**Year offered:** 2010

**Admissions:** Yes

**Unit sets**

These unit sets have been designed such that introductory units have no prerequisites. Later units in each set may have earlier units as prerequisites.

Due to timetabling constraints it may not be possible to complete all units in a University Wide Elective Set.

Consult with your course coordinator and relevant discipline coordinators prior to undertaking interfaculty studies.

Please be aware that the units you complete in a University Wide Elective Sets will appear on your academic transcript but the unit set title will not unless the set exists as a minor in your course.

**Audience and User Research unit set**

- KCB102 Media Myth Busting 1
- KCB105 Media Myth Busting 2
- KCB203 Consumption Matters: Consumer Cultures and Identity
- KCB301 Media Audiences

**Communication for the Professions unit set**

- KCB103 Strategic Speech Communication
- KCB302 Political Communication
- KCB304 Managing Communication Resources
- KWB103 Persuasive Writing
- KWB106 Corporate Writing and Editing

**Creative Writing unit set**

- KWB101 Introduction to Creative Writing
- KWB102 Media Writing
- KWB104 Creative Writing: The Short Story
- KWB107 Creative Non-Fiction
- KWB207 Great Books: Creative Writing Classics
- KWB313 Novel and Memoir

* Please note: KWB204 is permitted to count towards this unit set.

**Digital Media unit set**

- KIB101 Visual Communication
- KIB103 Introduction to Web Design and Development
- KCB201 New Media 1: Information and Knowledge
- KCB202 New Media 2: Applications and Implications
- KVB306 Video Art and Culture

**Journalism unit set**

- KJB101 Digital Journalism
- KJB120 Newswriting
- KJB121 Journalistic Inquiry
- KJB224 Feature Writing

**Professional Writing unit set**

- KWB102 Media Writing
- KWB103 Persuasive Writing
- KWB106 Corporate Writing and Editing
- KWB303 Writing and Publishing Industry

**UNIT SYNOPSIS**

**KCB102 MEDIA MYTH BUSTING 1**

Innovations in media and communication technologies have been deeply implicated in the evolution of human society from ancient times to the present. This unit explores the enabling capacities of media and communications, as well as other aspects of media power from a variety of perspectives. This unit also explores key controversies and debates surrounding the relationships between media and society.

**Equivalents:** KCB140  
**Credit points:** 12  
**Contact hours:** 2.5 per week  
**Campus:** Kelvin Grove  
**Teaching period:** 2010 SEM-1

**KCB103 STRATEGIC SPEECH COMMUNICATION**

This unit is based in rhetorical and group communication theories, as a base for developing professionals who are...
articulate presenters, probing but empathic interviewers and interviewees, and good team players. Theory and practice are interrelated to develop understanding and self-reflexivity within students concerning their own communication skills, and to guide them to become effective leaders in the communication industries professions. Practice in simulated work situations will allow growth and learning in the laboratory of the classroom.

**Equivalents:** KCB213  **Credit points:** 12  **Contact hours:** 3 per week  **Campus:** Kelvin Grove and Caboolture  **Teaching period:** 2010 SEM-1 and 2010 SEM-2

**KCB105 MEDIA MYTH BUSTING 2**

The research process (define problem, collect relevant information, analyse information, formulate conclusions/outcomes) underlies many decisions that confront media and communication professionals. This subject introduces foundational research skills and contextualises them with a number of media and communication problems. The unit involves qualitative and quantitative research methods including observation, focus groups, case studies, survey research and experiments studied in the context of media and communication problems and issues. You will carry out research using some of these methods, analyse the results and present their conclusions and recommendations.

**Equivalents:** KCB334  **Credit points:** 12  **Contact hours:** 3 per week, plus several lectures during semester  **Campus:** Kelvin Grove  **Teaching period:** 2010 SEM-2

**KCB201 NEW MEDIA 1: INFORMATION AND KNOWLEDGE**

This unit provides both a critical and conceptual introduction to the issues arising from the emergence of 'virtual communities', and a practical introduction to the skills and competencies required for the development and maintenance of successful online social networks. It considers issues arising from the development of online communities from the perspectives of corporate cultures and public or civic action, as well as questions of community, identity and social inequality in Internet culture, conflict management, and ethical and privacy issues on the Web.

**Assumed knowledge:**
- advanced academic writing skills
- advanced research and referencing skills in offline and online contexts
- good working knowledge of the Web and other new media technologies
- some practical experience using blogs, wikis, and/or social networking
- Websites as a reader and/or contributor
- ability to conduct academic work independently and in groups

**Credit points:** 12  **Contact hours:** 3 per week  **Campus:** Kelvin Grove  **Teaching period:** 2010 SEM-1

**KCB202 NEW MEDIA 2: APPLICATIONS AND IMPLICATIONS**

New media technologies now affect virtually all aspects of our life, from leisure to work. A thorough understanding of their social, cultural, political and economic impacts is crucial for creative industries practitioners. This unit identifies key new media technologies and provides a contextual understanding of their current roles and potential future trajectories.

**Assumed knowledge:**
- advanced academic writing skills
- advanced research and referencing skills in offline and online contexts
- good working knowledge of the Web and other new media technologies
- some practical experience using blogs, wikis, and/or social networking
- Websites as a reader and/or contributor
- ability to conduct academic work independently and in groups

**Equivalents:** KCB336  **Credit points:** 12  **Contact hours:** 3 per week  **Campus:** Kelvin Grove  **Teaching period:** 2010 SEM-2

**KCB203 CONSUMPTION MATTERS: CONSUMER CULTURES AND IDENTITY**

A knowledge of and ability to research consumer cultures is essential to those working in the Creative Industries: it is crucial to understand the ways in which consumption actively shapes not only media and production industries, but also the value and meanings of products themselves. This unit builds on your first-year studies, requiring you to synthesise and apply concepts and methodologies that you have learned in earlier units. This unit prepares you for your final year by focusing broader understandings of media, communication, and production through the lens of consumer cultures. The knowledge that you will gain in this unit will inform your professional, academic, and creative practices in your final year.

**Assumed knowledge:**
- Introductory understanding of the relationship between media texts, institutions and society
- Introductory skills in media text analysis (e.g. semiotics and discourse analysis)

**Credit points:** 12  **Contact hours:** 3 per week  **Campus:** Kelvin Grove  **Teaching period:** 2010 SEM-2
KCB301 MEDIA AUDIENCES
A knowledge of and ability to research audiences is essential to a detailed and comprehensive understanding of the media. The ability to undertake quantitative and qualitative research into various audience groupings, the use of associated analytical tools and the ability to critically analyse academic and industry based audience research are important skills for students undertaking research in Media Communication and those seeking employment in media industries.

Assumed knowledge:
* Introductory understanding of the relationship between media texts, institutions and society
* Introductory knowledge of the following, as they apply to media or market research:
  - Quantitative and Qualitative research design
  - Basic statistical analysis skills
  - Qualitative research methods such as interviews and participant observation

**Assumed knowledge:** Introductory understanding of the relationship between media texts, institutions and society, media or market research, quantitative and qualitative research design, basic statistical analysis skills, and qualitative research methods **Equivalents:** KCB349

**Credit points:** 12  **Contact hours:** 3 per week  **Campus:** Kelvin Grove  **Teaching period:** 2010 SEM-1

KCB302 POLITICAL COMMUNICATION
This unit provides an overview of the theory and practice of political communication and the role of discursive strategies in the social construction of meaning, with particular reference to media and communications industries. The unit examines political campaigns in Australia and internationally, through a critical examination of theories of media influence, as well as notions of crisis management, rhetorical models, persuasion theory, and the use of images as a power resource to succeed in political campaigns. The unit explores how survey research helps the planning and development of political strategies through an analysis of their application in recent political campaigns.

**Equivalents:** KCB311  **Credit points:** 12  **Contact hours:** 4 per week  **Campus:** Kelvin Grove  **Teaching period:** 2010 SEM-1

KCB304 MANAGING COMMUNICATION RESOURCES
An understanding of controlled media (ie media in which the communicator, rather than a gatekeeper, controls the final content), in both print and electronic forms, is critical for professional communicators. Controlled media resources remain the most common tools developed during communication campaigns. This unit develops your ability to devise effective resources for clients. You will develop practical skills in managing projects, researching the audience, writing and designing resources, testing their work, and seeing the product through to final production. This unit involves desktop publishing training and offers you an opportunity to develop a print or electronic resource for a client.

**Prerequisites:** Completion of 72 credit points of study

**Equivalents:** KCB335  **Credit points:** 12  **Contact hours:** 5.5 per week  **Campus:** Kelvin Grove  **Teaching period:** 2010 SEM-1

KIB101 VISUAL COMMUNICATION
Communication Design deals with visual communication and the creation of meaning through images. This unit will introduce you to the principles, production and presentation of visual design and communication.

**Equivalents:** KIB801  **Credit points:** 12  **Contact hours:** 4 per week  **Campus:** Kelvin Grove  **Teaching period:** 2010 SEM-1 and 2010 SEM-2

KIB103 INTRODUCTION TO WEB DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT
This unit provides an introduction to theories and skills underpinning the application of multimedia technology with the Creative Industries, providing a foundation of conceptual and practical skills related to contemporary modes of electronic hypermedia production, communication and publishing.

**Antirequisites:** INB271, KIP403  **Equivalents:** KIB807, KKB007, KKB818  **Credit points:** 12  **Contact hours:** 3 per week  **Campus:** Kelvin Grove  **Teaching period:** 2010 SEM-1

KJB101 DIGITAL JOURNALISM
This unit acquaints you with the uses journalists make of computers in their work, for word-processing, personal information management, time management, and gathering information for stories and journalism assignments by searching online and CD-ROM databases, by analysing public records with spreadsheets and by using email to interview sources found on Internet bulletin boards and in newsgroups, usergroups, and listservers.

**Credit points:** 12  **Contact hours:** 3 per week  **Campus:** Kelvin Grove  **Teaching period:** 2010 SEM-1 and 2010 SEM-2

KJB120 NEWSWRITING
In this unit you learn to think like journalists, to evaluate events for their potential news value, to record interviews and perform other reporting tasks and to write news stories. It includes the evolution and theories of reporting.

**Antirequisites:** KJP401  **Credit points:** 12  **Contact hours:** 3 per week  **Campus:** Kelvin Grove  **Teaching period:** 2010 SEM-1 and 2010 SEM-2
KJB121 JOURNALISTIC INQUIRY
This unit develops the basic skills learnt in Newswriting: generating story ideas; researching; conducting interviews; finding news values and news angles and applying them in a practical context. You also learn about how practical newswriting skills fit into an online environment. You are introduced to the rigours of deadlines and have opportunities to write stories related to different news rounds throughout the semester.
Prerequisites: KJB120  Antirequisites: KJP402  Credit points: 12  Contact hours: 3 per week  Campus: Kelvin Grove  Teaching period: 2010 SEM-1 and 2010 SEM-2

KJB224 FEATURE WRITING
Students conduct interviews and other research that they use to write Internet, newspaper and/or magazine articles that profile personalities or stories or that treat processes, events and places to exploit their human-interest value.
Prerequisites: KJB120 or KWB107 or KWB381
Antirequisites: KJP403  Credit points: 12  Contact hours: 3 per week  Campus: Kelvin Grove  Teaching period: 2010 SEM-1 and 2010 SEM-2

KVB306 VIDEO ART AND CULTURE
Existing Visual Arts units examine a broad range of subjects addressing artistic media such as painting, sculpture and installation. The ‘Video Art and Culture’ unit supplements these by instituting a specialised study of artistic and cultural practice that focuses on new mass media technology. The unit therefore enhances, extends and updates knowledge of recent art strategies in contemporary society.
Equivalents: KVB703  Credit points: 12  Contact hours: 3 per week  Campus: Kelvin Grove  Teaching period: 2010 SEM-2

KWB101 INTRODUCTION TO CREATIVE WRITING
This course develops creative, critical and analytical skills in reading and writing a variety of creative textual forms. You acquire an understanding and some practice in crafting various forms of poetry and short fiction.
Equivalents: KWB250  Credit points: 12  Contact hours: 3 per week  Campus: Kelvin Grove  Teaching period: 2010 SEM-1

KWB102 MEDIA WRITING
This unit introduces you to the formats, terminology and protocols used in the preparation of proposal documents and short scripts. It will explore fundamental concepts including narrative structures, metaphors, point of view, plotting, character and voice. You will examine a range of professional scripts and development documents and be asked to apply their knowledge of typical script problems and solutions to their own work.
Antirequisites: KWP401  Equivalents: KWB111

KWB103 PERSUASIVE WRITING
This unit teaches the use of persuasive writing in the workplace. The unit analyses a variety of writing genres to reveal how they persuade their audiences. The analysis is founded on critical discourse and semiotic theory. You will apply these learned techniques and theories to produce a portfolio of persuasive writing. It covers a range of genres such as public health campaigns, proposals, speechwriting and political persuasion.
Antirequisites: KWP402  Equivalents: KWB315
Credit points: 12  Contact hours: 3 per week  Campus: Kelvin Grove  Teaching period: 2010 SEM-1

KWB104 CREATIVE WRITING: THE SHORT STORY
This unit introduces you to the formats, terminology and protocols used in the preparation of proposal documents and short scripts. It will explore fundamental concepts including narrative structures, metaphors, point of view, plotting, character and voice. You will examine a range of professional scripts and development documents and be asked to apply their knowledge of typical script problems and solutions to their own work.
Antirequisites: KWB107 or KWB381
Credit points: 12  Contact hours: 3 per week  Campus: Kelvin Grove  Teaching period: 2010 SEM-1 and 2010 SEM-2

KWB106 CORPORATE WRITING AND EDITING
This unit deals with both the fundamentals of language (grammar, punctuation, style) and the dominant corporate writing genres (manuals, report, speeches, brochures).
Antirequisites: KWP405  Equivalents: KWB314
Credit points: 12  Contact hours: 4 per week  Campus: Kelvin Grove  Teaching period: 2010 SEM-2

KWB107 CREATIVIE NON-FICTION
This unit covers the writing of the short story in detail.
Antirequisites: KWP403  Equivalents: KWB350
Credit points: 12  Contact hours: 3 per week  Campus: Kelvin Grove  Teaching period: 2010 SEM-1 and 2010 SEM-2

KWB108 GREAT BOOKS: CREATIVE WRITING
This unit provides an overview of the enduring classic literary works. It will give you a better knowledge and understanding of the craft of storytelling and stimulate you to develop your own critical and creative writing as well as an understanding of yourself and others. The course commences with several of Chaucer's medieval tales and concludes with Vonnegut's modern anti-war classic
Slaughterhouse Five. It includes Swift's biting satire and Emily Bronte's passionate Wuthering Heights. The unit aims to make such works accessible to students from all disciplines in the university, and provides valuable historical context and analysis of the writing craft in each case.

**Antirequisites:** KWP407  **Equivalents:** KWB301  
**Credit points:** 12  **Contact hours:** 3 per week  **Campus:** Kelvin Grove  **Teaching period:** 2010 SEM-1

**KWB303 WRITING AND PUBLISHING INDUSTRY**
This unit provides an introduction to the function and structure of the writing and publishing industry.  
**Equivalents:** KWB399  **Credit points:** 12  **Contact hours:** 2.5 per week  **Campus:** Kelvin Grove  **Teaching period:** 2010 SEM-2

**KWB313 NOVEL AND MEMOIR**
This unit allows students to significantly advance their writing practice and associated critical and editorial skills through close analysis of the novel and memoir, with an emphasis on story-level and narrative concerns. In Novel and Memoir, students will engage in detailed analysis from a writer’s point of view of how a novel is made – the problem-solving process, which includes overall and chapter structure, character development, and other key narrative elements. This unit also gives students a unique opportunity to consider the synergies and differences between writing novels and longer forms of life writing, with extended analysis of the conventions of memoir writing. Lectures, intensive workshop activities, self-directed creative practice, guided critical analysis, and on-line collaboration characterise the teaching and learning in this unit.  
**Credit points:** 12  **Contact hours:** 3hr combined lecture and workshop per week, plus self-directed creative practice, plus weekly analysis activities, plus peer reflection activities – ten hours in total.  **Campus:** Kelvin Grove  **Teaching period:** 2010 SEM-1