

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS UTS: JOURNALISM

## BACHELOR OF ARTS IN COMMUNICATION (JOURNALISM)

### ACADEMIC PROFILES

Eurydice Aroney  
*Radio and television journalist; short film.*

Wendy Bacon  
*Investigative journalist and lawyer; print, television and radio.*

Annette Blackwell  
*Print media and news agency journalist.*

Chris Conlon  
*Journalist, new media producer and researcher.*

Susie Eisenhuth  
*Journalist in print and broadcast media.*

Liz Jacka  
*Media academic, author of books on the Australian film and television industry.*

Sue Joseph  
*Journalist and author.*

Katrina Lee  
*Journalist, producer, and news presenter.*

Peter Manning  
*Journalist and television producer.*

David McKnight  
*Journalist, author and researcher.*

Chris Nash  
*Journalist, documentary and multimedia producer.*

Penny O'Donnell  
*Radio broadcaster, writer and media studies academic.*

Sandra Symons  
*Feature writer, magazine editor, columnist and radio broadcaster.*

### WHAT IS THIS COURSE ABOUT?

Journalism education at UTS is driven by the principle that professional journalism is founded on the public's right to know. The aim of the BA in Communication (Journalism) is to produce graduates who understand the role that journalists play in creating a democratic public sphere that gives voice to diverse communities, provides a forum for community discussion and asks questions of the powerful.

### WHAT WILL I STUDY?

Each Communication course structure includes professional, disciplinary and elective subjects. In this course, you will study professional subjects from the *Journalism* strand and disciplinary subjects from the *Communication and Information Studies* strand.

Your *professional* subjects will equip you with professional skills in one or more of the print, radio, television and online media. You will engage critically with the intellectual, industrial, ethical and political issues of professional practice in journalism.

Your *disciplinary* subjects will give you a comprehensive knowledge of significant issues relating to communication and information, as well as a theoretically informed and critical approach to dealing with these issues as a professional. You will study the major debates in the field and be able to apply this knowledge in analysing particular situations. You will also be knowledgeable about information and communication policies and the effects of technology and internationalisation.

Your *elective* subjects allow you to broaden or specialise your program as suits your career and personal goals. You can choose electives from other courses in the Faculty, from other faculties at UTS, even from other universities

### WILL I GET TO PRODUCE STORIES?

The Journalism program has been designed to help you develop your professional portfolio. You will have many opportunities throughout your course to engage in the various activities that surround the production of a journalistic piece. This includes undertaking research, conducting interviews, producing and editing your work, reporting your stories, and much more.

### WHAT OPPORTUNITIES WILL I HAVE TO PUBLISH MY WORK?

You are encouraged to publish your work at every opportunity, as your portfolio will be vital in securing you a job in the field. Aside from the opportunities that you create for yourself, you will have a head start right here at uni. UTS has a student paper – *Vertigo*, as well as a community radio station, 2SER-FM. Students and staff in the Journalism program produce local newspapers: *The Point* for the Pyrmont/Ultimo/Glebe/CBD precinct, and *Southside News* for the Redfern/Surry Hills/Waterloo precinct; and you can submit your work to online journal *Reportage*, a publication produced by the Australian Centre for Independent Journalism, which is located in the Faculty.

## WHAT WAS THE UAI FOR THIS COURSE IN 2005?

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## FOR MORE INFORMATION

*Journalism Program Website*  
[www.journalism.uts.edu.au](http://www.journalism.uts.edu.au)

*Humanities and Social Sciences Website*

[www.hss.uts.edu.au](http://www.hss.uts.edu.au)

## WHAT FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT ARE AVAILABLE?

In this program you have access to advanced technology and equipment for journalism production, including sound and film editing suites, radio and television studios, computer labs with the latest production programs available; plus all the hand-held equipment you need to develop your own production, including digital video cameras, sound recorders, portable lighting and accessories. You will also have access to the Journalism Workroom, a designated workspace for Journalism students that contains daily newspapers, industry journals, computers, and an interview booth.

## CAN I DO WORK EXPERIENCE AS PART OF THE COURSE?

Yes, in this course you can choose to use one of your electives to undertake the subject *Professional Attachment*, in which you develop a structured industry experience project in the area of your professional study and spend approximately 80 hours over a semester with an organisation.

## HOW MANY HOURS WILL I DO EACH WEEK?

You will normally attend a three-hour session for each subject per week, including a lecture and tutorial class. You will need to allocate extra hours per subject each week to allow for readings, tutorial preparation and assessment tasks.

## HOW LONG IS THE COURSE?

The Bachelor of Arts in Communication (Journalism) is usually taken full-time over 3 years, or full-time over 5 years if you do a combined degree.

## WHAT COMBINED DEGREES ARE THERE?

You can combine the Journalism course with a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies or with a Bachelor of Laws. These are both 5 year degrees in which you complete the Journalism course, plus either International Studies – in which you learn another language and culture, and spend your fourth year studying at an institution overseas; or Law, through which you can graduate as a fully qualified lawyer if you complete the Practical Legal Training component in your final year.

## CAN I STUDY OVERSEAS WITHOUT DOING THE COMBINED DEGREE IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES?

Yes, the Faculty has exchange agreements with universities around the world. If you wish to study somewhere different however, this can usually be arranged as a Study Abroad placement. You can apply for Exchange or Study Abroad after your first year.

## IS THERE SPECIAL ENTRY?

UTS provides educational schemes and pathways to ensure that people from the widest range of backgrounds have an opportunity to access our courses. If you have experienced long-term educational disadvantage, you can apply to enter UTS as a current or non-current school leaver through the InpUTS educational access scheme. (for details visit: [www.hss.uts.edu.au/info/inpUTS.html](http://www.hss.uts.edu.au/info/inpUTS.html)).

## AM I ELIGIBLE FOR RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING IF I HAVE DONE ANOTHER COURSE?

Students who have completed tertiary studies at another institution can apply for exemption from specific subjects or from electives. In addition, the Faculty has established a Recognition of Prior Learning package with *Insearch UTS: Diploma of Communication*. Graduates of this course may be offered a standard pattern of exemptions as a result of their previous study.

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