

Bachelor of Journalism Dual Degree Exchange Fact Sheet

What do I need to do?

1. Start planning early!!

You need to start preparing for exchange at least 12 months prior:

- **Visit** the [UQ Abroad website](#) for information on eligibility, the application process, links to seminars and to read about others' experiences.
- **Attend** an information session conducted by [UQ Abroad](#).
- Refer to the [BJ Dual Degree Exchange planner](#) that demonstrates how an exchange semester can be incorporated into the BJ component of your dual degree program. As this is a structured program, students must undertake **exchange in Year 2 Semester 2, or Year 3 Semester 1**.
- **Remember** to save 6 to 8 units of courses from Part B for your exchange semester.
- **If you need help** with planning your program, contact the [Faculty of HaSS](#)

2. Consider Course Constraints

- Students in the BJ must go on **exchange in Year 2, Semester 2 or Year 3, Semester 1**, and for the duration of one semester only, as the program is structured with core compulsory courses that are offered in specific semesters and must be studied at UQ.
- **No student will be permitted to undertake courses towards Part A** of the course list, as these courses have Australian context that cannot be replicated overseas.
- It is **strongly recommended** that you save your **Part B courses** and undertake these while on exchange to give yourself the most choice and flexibility when choosing universities and should your pre-approved courses at your host university not be available on arrival.
- Sufficiently detailed course profiles **must be provided** to demonstrate that the content covered within the course is sufficiently equivalent to content studied in the course at UQ. **Course profiles should include information about the extended syllabus, aims and objectives, contact hours, texts and references and assessment.**

3. Decide on a Host University

- It is recommended that students attend one of the following host universities, however, other universities will be considered. You should refer to the [List of Host Institutions](#) provided on the UQ Abroad website, take heed of additional advice specific to host and choose those that offer courses in your desired elective areas.
- Only universities that offer the study areas you require, whose semesters align with UQ and who can provide detailed course profiles will be considered.

Country	Host Institution	Comments
Thailand	Thammasat Uni	Range of journalism and related courses
UK	Uni of Leeds	Highly competitive for entry to communication courses
USA	Uni of Massachusetts	Must include a choice of several electives as well as journalism
	Uni of Maryland	Maximum of two journalism courses plus electives
	Uni of North Carolina	Majority of courses must come from the School of Media and Journalism
	Uni of South Carolina	Best for complementary electives and minors (entry to 300-400 level highly competitive so have a range of options prepared)
	Uni of Texas at Austin	Maximum of three journalism related courses plus electives.

4. Applying for Exchange

Please refer to the [UQ Abroad website](#) for application details and deadlines. Documentation to be submitted **must include** the following:

- Completed UQ Abroad exchange Study Plan form.
- Relevant course profiles detailing the extended syllabus, aims and objectives, contact hours, texts and references and assessment for each of the courses listed on the study plan so that they can be assessed.
- The completed [BJ Dual Degree exchange study planner](#).

Remember while an exchange semester is a great opportunity, you should be prepared for experiences outside your comfort zone. You may have setbacks such as approved courses not being available when you arrive, so a flexible attitude is important, and while UQ Abroad and the Faculty will try to assist, be ready to take

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responsibility for resolving challenges that arise as well as taking advantage of the exciting experiences in front of you.

Important Things to Consider

An exchange semester may add time to complete your program

- You should understand that undertaking a semester on exchange may add up to one year onto your program subject to the prerequisite requirements of your UQ courses and the sequence of study required. Requests for program variations will not be approved due the completion of exchange and the scheduling of courses. It is up to you to ensure you plan your program requirements around your exchange semester.
- If you are a student who is on a scholarship, requires Centrelink funding, or any other funding where continuous full time enrolment is required we ask that you carefully consider taking an exchange semester and be aware that subject to circumstances that may arise, when you return you may not be able to enrol full-time due to the prerequisite requirements of your courses.

International students only

As complications during an exchange semester may add time onto the completion of your program, due to stringent visa requirements international students should think very carefully before undertaking an exchange semester and if you choose to do so, plan your program and select host institutions very carefully.

Applying for credit for previous studies

If you are eligible, think carefully before applying for credit for previous studies towards Part B of your degree. Part B courses are the only courses available for you to undertake an exchange, so is recommended that you keep 6 to 8 units of Part B courses if you are wanting to undertake a semester long exchange.

Short Term Global Experiences

If you are unable to undertake a semester long exchange, an alternative is to participate in a short-term global experience (e.g. 4-6 weeks over winter or summer semester). Some global experiences may be for credit such as towards unspecified electives. More information is available from the Student Employability Centre website – [Global Experiences](#).

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Exchange Study Planner Bachelor of Journalism Dual Degree

To complete this planner please list your proposed minor/s if applicable, then enter:

- the courses that you have completed to date;
- the courses that you are currently enrolled in;
- the courses that you intend to take on exchange; and
- the courses that you intend to complete upon your return from exchange.

Core courses that must be taken in sequence are pre-filled.

Please submit a copy of this completed study planner with your application for exchange.

SAMPLE BJ PLANNER ¹		YOUR PLANNER	
Year 1 semester 1		Year 1 semester 1	
COMU1120	2 units	COMU1120	2 units
JOUR1112	2 units	JOUR1112	2 units
Courses towards the other component of your dual degree	2 units		2 units
	2 units		
Year 1 semester 2		Year 1 semester 2	
COMU1130	2 units	COMU1130	2 units
JOUR1710	2 units	JOUR1710	2 units
Courses towards the other component of your dual degree	2 units		2 units
	2 units		2 units
Year 2 semester 1		Year 2 semester 1	
COMU1140	2 units	COMU1140	2 units
COMU2130	2 units	COMU2130	2 units
Courses towards the other component of your dual degree	2 units		2 units
	2 units		2 units
Year 2 semester 2 Exchange Semester		Year 2 semester 2 Exchange Semester	
Part B level 2/3	2 units		2 units
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Courses towards the other component of your dual degree	2 units		2 units
	2 units		2 units
Year 3 semester 1		Year 3 semester 1	
COMU2160	2 units	COMU2160	2 units
Part B level 2/3	2 units		2 units
Courses towards the other component of your dual degree	2 units		2 units
	2 units		2 units

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Year 3 semester 2		Year 3 semester 2	
JOUR2221	2 units	JOUR2221	2 units
COMU2120	2 units	COMU2120	2 units
Courses towards the other component of your dual degree	2 units		2 units
	2 units		2 units
Year 4 semester 1		Year 4 semester 1	
JOUR3000	2 units	JOUR3000	2 units
Part B level 2/3	2 units		2 units
Courses towards the other component of your dual degree	2 units		2 units
	2 units		2 units
Year 4 semester 2		Year 4 semester 2	
WRIT2000	2 units	WRIT2000	2 units
JOUR3401	2 units	JOUR3401	2 units
Courses towards the other component of your dual degree	2 units		2 units
	2 units		2 units

Notes:

1. This is an EXAMPLE only. The exact sequence depends on the choice of courses and their prerequisite requirements. Course scheduling and timetabling change each semester. Accommodating your choice of exchange semester within the timetable is your responsibility and may affect the availability of some courses.

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