

Overview

The Bachelor of Journalism (BJ) has recently undergone changes to the BJ Core Courses and BJ Flexible Core Courses for 2026.

Students who commenced in this program in 2025 or earlier and who are close to graduating may be best suited to completing the program under the 2025 BJ program requirements and you can view the Completion Planner for more information.

Continuing students who wish to consider transitioning to the 2026 BJ program requirements can view the Transition Planner below to review how your completed courses will now be credited towards your program requirements and to plan your enrolment for 2026 onwards.

Important Information

- Review your studies report and tick off the courses you have completed. If you have not completed a compulsory course and this course is no longer offered, see the advice for alternatives below.
- Discontinued courses are marked in *red italic*.
- New courses are marked in **purple bold**.
- Some courses are marked Inc = Incompatible course. If you have completed one course, you cannot complete the incompatible course as they are too similar in content.
- Courses that have not had any changes will not have any transition notes on the planner.
- This information should be read in conjunction with the program requirements for the **BJ**.

Still have questions?

Students are responsible for ensuring that they have complied with the rules relating to their program and have completed sufficient units to meet graduation requirements. Program planning advice is not binding on the Faculty of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences or The University of Queensland.

If you would like a Faculty Student Administration staff member to check your program planner, please email it to hass@uq.edu.au from your UQ student email address. We recommend that you request a **progression check** from the Faculty Student Administration team **two semesters before your planned graduation**. This will help ensure you are on track to complete all program requirements

If you require assistance completing your program planner or have concerns about meeting program requirements, please contact the [HASS Faculty Student Administration team](#) or you can book an Advising appointment with a team member via the [Student Hub](#).

Bachelor of Journalism (BJ) Transition Planner



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Bachelor of Journalism

Complete 48 units comprising:

- **24 units** for all BJ Core Courses, and
- **8 units** for BJ Flexible Core Courses, and
- **16 units** for BJ Elective Courses

Selected courses must include at most 24 units at level 1.

Selected courses must include at least 8 units at level 3.

BJ Core Courses

Complete **24 units** for **ALL** of the following –

Course Code	Course Title	Completion Notes
COMU1050	Understanding the News	
COMU1130	Data and Society	
JOUR1001	Audio Journalism	
JOUR1112	News Practice	<i>Course Title Change: was previously Journalistic Narratives</i>
COMU2160	Communication Law and Ethics	
JOUR2001 (Inc JOUR2000)	Video Journalism	If you have completed JOUR2000 Broadcast Journalism this course will be credited in lieu of JOUR2001 (as it is incompatible)
JOUR2221	International Journalism & Mass Communication	
JOUR2720 (Inc JOUR1710)	Journalistic Investigation	If you have completed JOUR1710* Journalistic Investigation this course will be credited in lieu of JOUR2720 (as it is incompatible)
JOUR3000	Data Journalism	
JOUR3100	Civic Journalism	
JOUR3222	Journalism Design	
JOUR3401	Journalism Project	

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BJ Flexible Core Courses

Complete exactly **8 units** from the following –

Course Code	Course Title	Completion Notes
AUST1000*	Contemporary Australia	
COMU1120*	Media and Society	
POLS1101*	Introduction to Australian Politics	If COMU1140 has been completed towards BJ Core Courses, it can be credited towards BJ Flexible Core Courses in lieu of POLS1101 or AUST1000 if the student has room in their BJ Flexible Core program requirements
WRIT2000	Writing & Editing for the Professions	If WRIT2000 has been completed towards BJ Core Courses, it can be credited towards the BJ Flexible Core Courses if the student has room in their BJ Flexible Core program requirements
WRIT2250	Writing: English Structure and Style	If COMU2120 has been completed towards BJ Core Courses, it can be credited towards BJ Flexible Core Courses in lieu of WRIT2250 if the student has room in their BJ Flexible Core program requirements
COMU3150	Social Media Communication	
COMU3801	Communication Internship	If JOUR3801 has been completed, it can be credited towards BJ Flexible Core Courses in lieu of COMU3801 if the student has room in their BJ Flexible Core program requirements
JOUR3122	Field Study - Journalism & Communication	

BJ Elective Courses*

Complete **16 units** comprising:

- 16 units from General Elective Courses, or
- 16 units for One BJ Minor and Elective Courses, or
- 16 units for Two BJ Minors

* A student can complete a **maximum of 24 units at Level 1 for their program** and may not be able to complete AUST1000, COMU1120 and POLS1101 depending on the number of Level 1 courses completed for their BJ Elective Courses and the required 8 units at Level 1 for BJ Core Courses.