

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 may wish to consider transitioning to the 2026 BJ program requirements and you can view the Transition Planner for more information. Students who are close to graduating may be best suited to completing the program under the 2025 BJ program requirements.

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) Completion 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
COMU1120	Media and Society	
COMU1130	Data and Society	
COMU1140	Multimedia	
JOUR1112	Journalistic Narratives	<i>Course Title Change: News Practice</i>
JOUR1710 (Inc JOUR2720)	Journalistic Investigation	If you have completed JOUR1710 it still counts as a BJ Core Course, if you have not completed JOUR1710 you can replace this course with: JOUR2720 Journalistic Investigation (Semester 2)
COMU2120	Media Design	
COMU2160	Communication Law and Ethics	
JOUR2221	International Journalism & Mass Communication	
WRIT2000	Writing & Editing for the Professions	
JOUR3000	Data Journalism	
JOUR3100	Social Justice Storytelling	<i>Course Title Change: Civic Journalism</i>
JOUR3401	Journalism Project	

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BJ Flexible Core Courses

Complete **8 units** comprising:

2 units to 6 units from the BJ Flexible Core Courses (Section 1) –

Course Code	Course Title	Completion Notes
BJ Flexible Core Courses (Section 1)		
JOUR1001*	Audio Journalism	New course for 2026 and can be completed as a BJ Flexible Core Course
COMU1050*	Understanding the News	
COMU2140	Digital Media Industries	
COMU2170	Intercultural Communication	
JOUR2000 (Inc JOUR2001)	Broadcast Journalism	If you have completed JOUR2000 it still counts as a BJ Flexible Core Course, if you have not completed JOUR2000 you can replace it with: JOUR2001 Video Journalism (Semester 1)

2 units to 6 units from the BJ Flexible Core Courses (Section 2) –

Course Code	Course Title	Completion Notes
BJ Flexible Core Courses (Section 2)		
JOUR3122	Field Study - Journalism & Communication	
JOUR3222	Journalism Design	
JOUR3801	Journalism Internship	If you have completed JOUR3801 it still counts as a BJ Flexible Core Course, if you have not completed JOUR3801 you can replace it with: COMU3801 Communication Internship

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 JOUR1001 and COMU1050 depending on the number of Level 1 courses completed for their BJ Elective Courses and the required 10 units at Level 1 for BJ Core Courses.