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Semester 1 2026 Orientation

Welcome to the Bachelor of Journalism

Dr Anne Kruger, Convenor Journalism programs

And... Special young guest from my old CNN stomping ground!

19 February, 2026

Acknowledgment of Country

The University of Queensland (UQ) acknowledges the Traditional Owners and their custodianship of the lands on which we meet.

We pay our respects to their Ancestors and their descendants, who continue cultural and spiritual connections to Country.

We recognise their valuable contributions to Australian and global society.





What's happening today?

1. Welcome
2. Understanding your program structure
3. Preparing for your courses
4. Settling into university life



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1. Welcome

Welcome to the BJ Program

Dr Anne Kruger

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Joyce Ackroyd Building – Level 2 - make this your home – look out for bootcamp



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2. Understanding your program structure

Getting started with the BJ

- **The Bachelor of Journalism at UQ teaches you how to tell important and impactful stories.**
- **Discover where it could take you.**
- **my.UQ is the go-to website.**



my.UQ website

- **This is a good place to start and hopefully you've already stumbled on it by now.**
- **my.UQ web page walks you through all you need to know.**
- **The link is: <https://my.uq.edu.au/starting-at-uq>**
- **my.UQ will guide you through everything.**

BJ Program overview and requirements

BJ Program rules

- 3-year full-time program (or part-time equivalent)
- 48 units required to complete the program

The 48 units comprise:

- 24 units for all BJ Core Courses, and
- 8 units from BJ Flexible Core Courses, and
- 16 units from BJ Minors and/or General Elective Courses

NOTE: Selected courses must include at most 24 units at Level 1.

How you will learn

Lectures

Overseas Study

Tutorials

Fieldwork

Work Placements

Workshops

Your lecturers & tutors

- **You can call us by our first name.**
- **Contact us if you are having difficulty with course content or an assessment item.**
- **Many of us have set consultation times but you can also email us.**
- **We are super busy (other courses, admin responsibilities, and research projects), so, be patient if it takes a day or two to receive a reply to your email.**

Daily discipline





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3. Preparing for your courses

UQ Bachelor of Journalism

Why study journalism?

What does journalism do for society?

What does journalism do for you?

Communicate local, national, and global stories through traditional and emerging media platforms.

Journalists tell important and impactful stories with a diverse skill set: writing, taking photographs, composing audio and video, developing interactive websites and much more. As a journalist, you will use powerful storytelling techniques to give a voice to local and global issues.

Using UQ's state-of-the-art production facilities, you'll extend your theoretical knowledge by gaining sought-after skills in field recording and camera work, sound editing, vision and pictures, data analysis, publishing and entrepreneurialism, and multi-platform distribution.

You'll also gain valuable insights into current production values and practices from the on-site Media and Production Support team, and industry professionals drawn from leading media outlets.

Despite the highly competitive nature of journalism, UQ graduates have high success rates in securing jobs across the media – in metropolitan and national newspapers, commercial and public radio and television, news agencies and magazines in Australia and around the world, with many now in senior positions.

Planning your BJ program

- In Semester 1, 2026, you should enrol in the following courses:
 - JOUR1112 (News Practice)
 - COMU1050 (Understanding the News)
 - Elective from level 1
 - Elective from level 1

Planning your BJ program

- **Stick to Level 1 courses in your first year**
- **In Semester 2, 2026, make sure to enrol in:**
 - JOUR1001 - Audio Journalism (new!) – Semester 2 only**
 - COMU1130 - Data and Society**
 - Elective Course**
 - Elective Course**

BJ's: Let's talk Electives

Complete 16 units for one of the following:

16 units from [General Elective Courses](#), or

16 units for [One BJ Minor and Elective Courses](#), or

16 units for [Two BJ Minors](#)

Then Flexible core comes from year 2

Visit: <https://programs-courses.uq.edu.au/requirements/program/2040>

BJ Elective Courses

Complete exactly 16 units from the following:

DIGMDA2040 8 units
Digital Media

ECONOA2040 8 units
Economics

FILMTA2040 8 units
Film and Television Studies

POLISA2040 8 units
Political Science

STRACA2507 8 units
Strategic Communication

SPORTA2040 8 units
Sports Studies

WRITGA2040 8 units
Writing

Level 1 General Electives

Level 1 courses from the BJ or other undergraduate course list(s)

Level 2 General Electives

Level 2 courses from the BJ or other undergraduate course list(s)

- 8 units from Digital Media Minor Elective Courses

Digital Media Minor Elective Courses

Complete exactly 8 units from the following:

COMU2120 2 units
Media Design

COMU2140 2 units
Digital Media Industries

COMU3100 2 units
Digital Project

COMU3110 2 units
Media Platforms

COMU3120 2 units
Digital Analytics

Media Platforms



Go to:
<https://hass.uq.edu.au/bachelor-journalism-program-advice>

Commencing Semester 1

Course offered in both Semester 1 & 2

	Core Courses	Flexible Core Courses	Elective Courses	TOTAL UNITS	
YEAR 1					
Sem 1	COMU1050 Understanding the News 2 units	JOUR1112 News Practice 2 units	Elective Course Level 1 2 units <small>Click or tap here to enter text.</small>	Elective Course Level 1 2 units <small>Click or tap here to enter text.</small>	8 units
Sem 2	COMU1130 Data and Society 2 units	JOUR1001 Audio Journalism 2 units	Elective Course 2 units <small>Click or tap here to enter text.</small>	Elective Course 2 units <small>Click or tap here to enter text.</small>	8 units
YEAR 2					
Sem 1	COMU2160 Communication Law and Ethics 2 units	JOUR2001 Video Journalism 2 units	Flexible Core Course 2 units <small>Click or tap here to enter text.</small>	Elective Course 2 units <small>Click or tap here to enter text.</small>	8 units
Sem 2	JOUR2221 International Journalism & Mass Communication 2 units	JOUR2720 Journalistic Investigation 2 units	Flexible Core Course 2 units <small>Click or tap here to enter text.</small>	Elective Course 2 units <small>Click or tap here to enter text.</small>	8 units
YEAR 3					
Sem 1	JOUR3000 Data Journalism 2 units	JOUR3222 Journalism Design 2 units	Flexible Core Course 2 units <small>Click or tap here to enter text.</small>	Elective Course 2 units <small>Click or tap here to enter text.</small>	8 units
Sem 2	JOUR3100 Civic Journalism 2 units	JOUR3401 Journalism Project 2 units	Flexible Core Course 2 units <small>Click or tap here to enter text.</small>	Elective Course 2 units <small>Click or tap here to enter text.</small>	8 units

What's the difference?



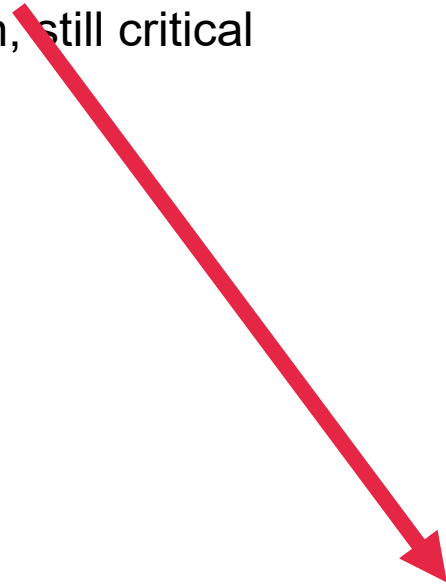
Electives?



Flexible core???

Everyone: Journalism Flexible core

It's like compulsory core, only we give you a bit more freedom to choose your style - e.g. active, doing every internship, field studies possible, or a bit more theoretical (but even then, still critical thinking active).



BJ Flexible Core Courses



Complete exactly 8 units from the following:

AUST1000 2 units
Contemporary Australia

COMU1120 2 units
Media and Society

POLS1101 2 units
Introduction to Australian Politics

WRIT2000 2 units
Writing & Editing for the Professions

COMU3150 2 units
Social Media Communication

COMU3222 2 units
Political Communication

COMU3801 2 units
Communication Internship

JOUR3122 2 units
Field Study - Journalism & Communication

Political Communication

Dual Degree

- Dual degree in Journalism requires you to select courses from BJ Core Courses and the BJ Flexible Core Courses only.
- You need 64 units to complete your dual degree program.
- You need to complete 32 units in Journalism and 32 units in another degree program (e.g., Arts or Communication).

The BJ component courses should be selected as follows:

- 24 units from the BJ Core Courses.
- 8 units from the BJ Flexible Core Courses.
- Follow your Dual Degree Planner.

Dual Degree

- **Dual degree programs for the Bachelor of Journalism are:**
 - Bachelors of Journalism / Arts**
 - Bachelors of Business Management / Journalism**
 - Bachelors of Communication / Journalism**
 - Bachelors of Science / Journalism**
 - Bachelors of Journalism / Laws (Honours)**

<https://programs-courses.uq.edu.au/requirements/program/2040/2026>

2026 Dual Program Planner

Bachelors of Communication / Journalism (BCommun/BJ)

Planner example

If BComm and Journalism with a Strat Comm major

Semester 1 Commencement | BCommun – Strategic Communication Major

		Bachelor of Communication			Bachelor of Journalism		
Year 1	Semester 1						
	COMU1052	Introduction to Strategic Communication BCommun Core Course	2 units	COMU1050	Understanding the News BJ Core Course	2 units	
	WRIT1200	Writing Creatively BCommun Core Course	2 units	JOUR1112	News Practice BJ Core Course	2 units	
	Semester 2						
	COMU1120	Media and Society BCommun Core Course	2 units	COMU1130	Data and Society BJ Core Course	2 units	
	COMU1152	Writing for Strategic Communication Strategic Communication Compulsory Course	2 units	JOUR1001	Audio Journalism BJ Core Course	2 units	

		Bachelor of Communication			Bachelor of Journalism		
Year 2	Semester 1						
	COMU1140	Multimedia BCommun Core Course	2 units	JOUR2001	Video Journalism BJ Core Course	2 units	
	COMU2180	Media Strategies Strategic Communication Compulsory Course	2 units		BJ Flexible Core Course	2 units	
	Semester 2						
			BCommun Program Elective Course	2 units	JOUR2221	International Journalism & Mass Communication BJ Core Course	2 units
		Strategic Communication Major Elective Course	2 units	JOUR2720	Journalistic Investigation BJ Core Course	2 units	

		Bachelor of Communication			Bachelor of Journalism		
Semester 1							24

Planner example

If BComm and Journalism with a Digital Media major

2026 Dual Program Planner

Bachelors of Communication / Journalism (BCommun/BJ)

Semester 1 Commencement | BCommun – Digital Media Major

Bachelor of Communication			Bachelor of Journalism			
Year 1	Semester 1					
	COMU1052	Introduction to Strategic Communication BCommun Core Course	2 units	COMU1050	Understanding the News BJ Core Course	2 units
	WRIT1200	Writing Creatively BCommun Core Course	2 units	JOUR1112	News Practice BJ Core Course	2 units
	Semester 2					
	COMU1120	Media and Society BCommun Core Course	2 units	COMU1130	Data and Society BJ Core Course	2 units
	COMU1140	Multimedia BCommun Core Course	2 units	JOUR1001	Audio Journalism BJ Core Course	2 units

Bachelor of Communication			Bachelor of Journalism			
Year 2	Semester 1					
	COMU2030	Communication Research Methods BCommun Core Course	2 units	JOUR2001	Video Journalism BJ Core Course	2 units
		Digital Media Major Elective Course	2 units		BJ Flexible Core Course	2 units
	Semester 2					
	COMU2120	Media Design Digital Media Compulsory Course	2 units	JOUR2221	International Journalism & Mass Communication BJ Core Course	2 units
	Digital Media Major Elective Course	2 units	JOUR2720	Journalistic Investigation BJ Core Course	2 units	

Bachelor of Communication			Bachelor of Journalism		
Semester 1					
COMU2140	Digital Media Industries	2 units	COMU2160	Communication Law and Ethics	2 units

2026 Dual Program Planner



Bachelors of Journalism / Arts (BJ/BA)

Planner example

If Bachelor of Arts and Journalism dual

With BA consisting of two majors (there are also extended majors minor options)

Semester 1 Commencement | BA – Two Majors

BA Major A (16 units) (e.g. Drama)	
BA Major B (16 units) (e.g. History)	

Bachelor of Journalism		Bachelor of Arts				
Year 1	Semester 1					
	COMU1050	Understanding the News BJ Core Course	2 units		BA Major A Level 1 Course	2 units
	JOUR1112	News Practice BJ Core Course	2 units		BA Major B Level 1 Course	2 units
	Semester 2					
	COMU1130	Data and Society BJ Core Course	2 units		BA Major A Level 1 Course	2 units
JOUR1001	Audio Journalism BJ Core Course	2 units		BA Major B Level 1 Course	2 units	

Bachelor of Journalism		Bachelor of Arts				
Year 2	Semester 1					
	JOUR2001	Video Journalism BJ Core Course	2 units		BA Major A Level 2 Course	2 units
		BJ Flexible Core Course	2 units		BA Major B Level 2 Course	2 units
	Semester 2					
	JOUR2221	International Journalism & Mass Communication BJ Core Course	2 units		BA Major A Level 2 Course	2 units
JOUR2720	Journalistic Investigation BJ Core Course	2 units		BA Major B Level 2 Course	2 units	

Bachelor of Journalism		Bachelor of Arts			
Semester 1					

MaPS

Media and Production Support





WORKSHOPS

TWO HOUR INTENSIVES

GEAR

FREE LOANS AND FACILITIES

SUPPORT

WHEN YOU NEED IT

VIDEO PRODUCTION

You'll learn the basics of shot design, framing, camera handling & audio capture

VIDEO EDITING

The basics skills needed to get around Adobe Premiere Pro

AUDIO PRODUCTION AND EDITING

Audio recording techniques with hand held audio recorders and audio editing in Adobe Audition

PHOTOGRAPHY

Take your understanding of your camera to the next level. It's time to discover Manual Mode!

PHOTOSHOP

Learn basic image editing fundamentals using Adobe Photoshop!

PRINT DESIGN AND LAYOUT

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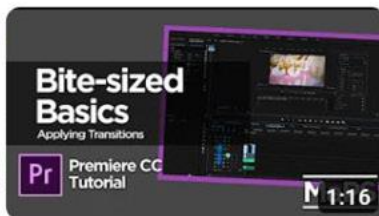
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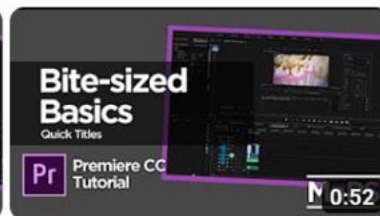
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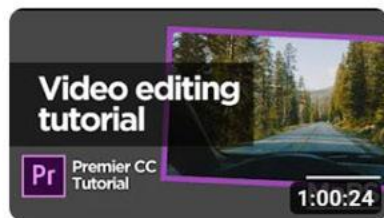
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AUDIO RECORDING BOOTHS





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MAPS IS HERE TO HELP

Learning production skills can be a learning curve! We're here to support you on the ride.

Email: maps@uq.edu.au

Office: Rm 210, Joyce Ackroyd (39)

SUPPORT





Work Experience

- ❑ All UQ Students can access up to 30 days of Work Experience (not for course credit) Insurance per calendar year.
- ❑ Travel and Placement Insurance is also available for placement activities that are course requirements.
- ❑ School approval is essential prior to undertaking any Placement activity in order to access Insurance.
- ❑ Your program includes internship & field trip courses for credit towards your degree.



Placement & Work Experience Insurance

For further information, please
contact:

Sven Fea

SCA Placements Officer

**Level 6, Michie Building (i.e.,
Building 9)**

Email:

student.commarts@uq.edu.au

Phone: **07 3346 8286**



Career opportunities

Career opportunities are found within:

- Metropolitan, national and regional newspapers
- Commercial radio and television stations
- Web and multimedia publications
- Specialty interest magazines and allied fields of publishing
- Marketing, communication and public relations
- National and overseas news organisations
- Self-employment as freelance journalists and photojournalists
- United Nations agencies such as the UN, UNESCO, WHO, UNDP, UNICEF, etc.

JACCS

UQ Journalism & Communication Society





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WHAT IS JACS?

- ❑ **The UQ Journalism and Communication Society, also known as JACS, is a student-run society.**
- ❑ **It was founded in 2006 to meet the professional, academic, and social needs of the Communication and Arts student body.**

WHAT DOES JACS DO?

- **It offers support for students.**
- **It organises student events (social and professional development).**

WHY JOIN JACS?

- **Exclusive and discounted access to events.**
- **Great way to make friends.**
- **Keep up-to-date with all things Communication & Arts.**
- **PRESS PASS.**
- **Exclusive deals and discounts to great venues around Brisbane.**

HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

- Become a member. Head to the website at uqjacs.com for more information.**
- Come along to our events.**
- Keep an eye on the Facebook page to stay up-to-date with all the events, internship, and networking opportunities.**

JACCS

UQ Journalism & Communication Society





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Important terms explained

Important terms



Your University
Central
Faculty
School



Your Degree
Program
Plan

- Minor
- Major
- Extended major



Your Courses
Course

- Compulsory
- Elective

Unit
ECP
Blackboard

Terms explained

CENTRAL -- Refers to central services that are offered to all UQ students (e.g. Student Services).

FACULTY -- Depending on what you are studying, you may study under one or more faculties – most often you'll study within HASS Faculty.

HASS -- Stands for Humanities and Social Sciences (Faculty).

SCHOOL -- Depending on the major you take, you'll also interact with different schools (i.e., the home of your courses). There are 7 Schools in HASS Faculty.

Terms explained

PROGRAM – We call the overall degree you're studying a program (e.g., BJ).

STUDY PLAN -- Depending on the program, you can choose from three different study plans:

MINOR – A Minor is quite short and gives you a taster of a study area. A minor is made up of 8 units. Double Minor is 16 units.

MAJOR – A Major gives you good depth in a study area.

EXTENDED MAJOR – This is designed to help you do a deep dive into a study area.

Terms explained

COURSES -- You'll enrol in courses in order to start studying at UQ.

Generally, a course is made up of 2 units (i.e., the value of one course) but this sometimes varies.

There are 2 types of courses, namely:

COMPULSORY COURSE -- This means you have to do that course.

ELECTIVE COURSE – This means you can choose from a range of different courses.

Terms explained

ELECTRONIC COURSE PROFILE (ECP) -- Gives you all the information about the specific courses in which you enrol (including readings, learning activities, and assessment).

BLACKBOARD – This is UQ’s learning management system where you’ll be able to access regular course information and updates.



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School Contact

If you need help with anything, contact our School at:

❑ **EMAIL**: communication-arts@uq.edu.au

Timetable questions: timetabling.commarts@enquire.uq.edu.au

❑ **PHONE**: (07) 3365 2552

❑ **WEB**: <https://communication-arts.uq.edu.au>

We'll answer your question or find someone who can.



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HASS FACULTY

HASS helps with:

- **Course and program advice**
- **Credit for previous study**
- **Academic progress**
- **Graduation checks**
- **Approval for overseas study**

CONTACT: support.my.uq.edu.au/app/ask

PHONE: 07-3365 1333

Get support

HASS Student Administration Team

- Degree questions
- Credit requests
- Academic progress
- Overseas study approval

Contact

hass.uq.edu.au/contact

School Student Administration Team

- Course questions
- Timetables
- Assessment

Contact

hass.uq.edu.au/your-academic-resources

HASS Student Futures Team

- Extra-curricular opportunities
- Career mentoring and seminars
- Leadership development

Contact

hass.uq.edu.au/enrich-your-study-experience

UQ Student Services

- Learning assistance
- Disability support
- Counselling
- International student services
- Accommodation
- Multi-faith chaplaincy

Contact

my.uq.edu.au/student-support



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Important dates

Important dates

Monday 16 February - Friday 20 February

Orientation Week for Semester 1, 2026

Monday 23 February

First day of classes for Semester 1, 2026

Sunday 8 March

Last day to add a course for Semester 1, 2026

Tuesday 31 March

Census Date

Last date to **drop** Semester 1, 2026 courses or cancel enrolment without **financial** liability

Thursday 30 April

Last date to **drop** a course for Semester 1, 2026 or cancel enrolment without **academic** liability

Course enrolment & tutorial sign-on

- Log into [Starting at UQ](#). Go to mySI-net to enrol in courses.
- Once you are enrolled in a course, you should be able to see if tutorial sign-on is required. If not, this will be covered in your first lecture.
- If you have a problem with sign-on, email your school admin team.

Textbooks

Wait until Week 1 to work out what textbooks you should get

- **Buy:** [The School Locker](#) or [Second-hand Texts & Stationary](#)
- **Print:** [UQ Print](#)
- **Borrow:** [UQ Library](#)

Stay Connected



UQ Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences



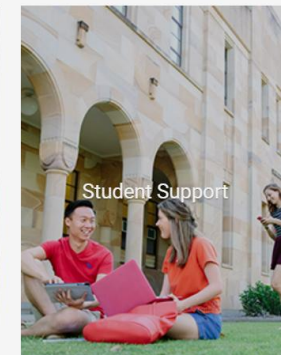
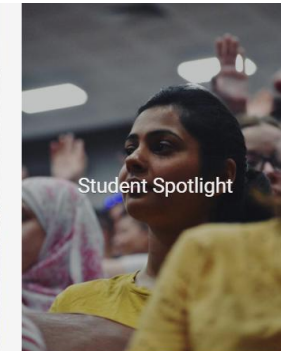
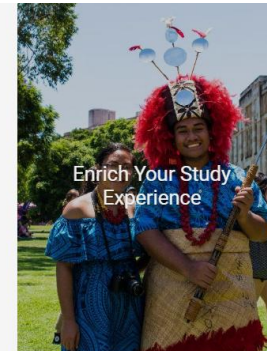
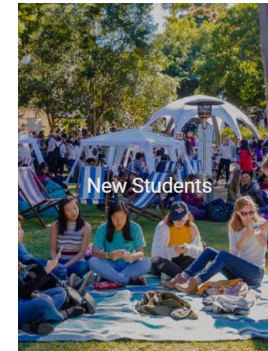
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