

Bachelor of Arts in International Studies/Bachelor of Communication in Journalism (222JA.3)

Please note these are the 2018 details for this course

Domestic students

Selection rank	68.00
	Note:
	The selection rank is the minimum ATAR plus adjustment factors required for admission to the program in the previous year. This is an indicative guide only as ranks change each year depending on demand.

Delivery mode	On campus
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Location

Duration	4.0 years
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Faculty	Faculty of Arts and Design
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Discipline	Discipline of Communication and Media
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UAC code

English language requirements	An IELTS Academic score of 6.0 overall, with no band score below 6.0 (or equivalent).
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[View IELTS equivalences](#)

International students

Academic entry requirements	To study at UC, you'll need to meet our academic entry requirements and any admission requirements specific to your course. Please read your course admission requirements below. To find out whether you meet UC's academic entry requirements, visit our academic entry requirements page. View UC's academic entry requirements
Delivery mode	On campus
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Duration	4.0 years
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CRICOS code	077620B
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About this course

Double degree: Reporting from a global stage

Boost your journalism expertise with a degree in international studies.

Profound and rapid change is significantly reshaping the media industry. This course will provide you with a solid grounding in the latest communications and journalistic techniques, coupled with in-depth knowledge of cultural diversity and socio-economic changes within the context of globalization.

Combine a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies with a Bachelor of Communications in Journalism at UC to:

- be informed in cutting-edge national and international research
- grasp intercultural issues on a world stage
- investigate cultural, political and economic influences globally
- manage media and source relationships

- develop integrated skills in print, video, audio and online formats
- boost your expertise in social media
- undergo training in investigation and specialist forms of journalism
- bolster your emerging digital techniques
- access industry-standard broadcast and online facilities
- produce news and current affairs stories for publication on the student journalism website
- think critically, analytically and ethically.

Study opportunities

You will have access to industry-standard radio, television and online facilities to produce and present your work. You will produce news and current affairs stories in print, radio, television and online for the program's multi-media outlet [NowUC](#)

You'll tackle an extended journalism project and work within a converged media environment. An industry placement during your degree ensures you apply what you have learnt to a real newsroom.

Career opportunities

Discover exciting work across many fields of media such as newspapers and magazines; radio and television; online and start-up ventures.

Our graduates also find specialist work in Canberra with government departments and agencies in media liaison, publication information and publication officer roles.

Other opportunities

UC's strategic location in the national capital is to your professional advantage. Our campus is close to national institutions, including federal parliament and the parliamentary press gallery, offering you specialised learning and internship opportunities.

You can [apply by way of portfolio](#) and brief interviews with our friendly team of academics.

Professional accreditation

None.

Admission requirements

Normal UC requirements for admission to an undergraduate course.

Additional admission requirements

None

Assumed knowledge

Refer to individual courses.

Periods course is open for new admissions

This course is not open for new admissions.

Credit arrangements

There are currently no formal credit transfer arrangements for entry to this course. Any previous study or work experience will only be considered as part of the application process in accordance with current [course rules](#) and [university policy](#).

Course requirements

Bachelor of Arts in International Studies/Bachelor of Communication in Journalism (222JA) | 96 credit points

Required - 84 credit points as follows

[Expand All](#) | [Collapse All](#)

International Studies - 36 credit points as follows

Minor in Human Rights and Social Justice (MN0132) | 12 credit points

Required - Must pass 12 credit points as follows

[Global Peace and Conflict Studies \(8167\) | 3 credit points – Level 3](#)

[Global Social Movements \(8168\) | 3 credit points – Level 3](#)

[Global Ethical Challenges \(8510\) | 3 credit points – Level 2](#)

[International Human Rights \(8513\) | 3 credit points – Level 2](#)

Major in International Studies (Restricted) (MJ0283) | 24 credit points

Required - Must pass 18 credit points as follows

[Globalisation and Resistance \(8169\) | 3 credit points – Level 1](#)

[International History of the 20th Century \(8511\) | 3 credit points – Level 2](#)

[Introduction to International Studies \(8668\) | 3 credit points – Level 1](#)

[Introduction to International Development \(8669\) | 3 credit points – Level 2](#)

[Cultures and Diversity \(8671\) | 3 credit points – Level 1](#)

[Advanced Topics in International Studies \(9994\) | 3 credit points – Level 3](#)

Restricted Choice - Must pass 6 credit points from the following

Part A - May do up to 6 credit points from the following

Global Perspectives on Heritage Management (8942) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Language, Cultures and Communication (9485) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Discourse and Culture (9493) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Part B - May do up to 3 credit points from the following

International Studies Internship (8512) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Industry & Community Engagement (Internships) (10115) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Note:

- From 2017 students are not able to undertake unit 8512 International Studies Internship. This unit has been replaced by 10115 Industry and Community Engagement Internship.

Communication in Journalism - 45 credit points as follows

Major in Journalism (MJ0217) | 18 credit points

Required - Must pass 15 credit points as follows

Introduction to Journalism (5565) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Audio Journalism (9019) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Newsroom (9028) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Video Journalism (9036) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Long Form and Investigative Journalism (9309) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Restricted Choice - Must pass 3 credit points from the following

Reporting (5572) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Mobile Reporting (9923) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Major in Communication Studies (MJ0216) | 18 credit points

Restricted Choice - Must pass 18 credit points from the following

Communication and Media Research (7003) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Risk, Crisis and Communication (7545) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Journalism and Political Process (8127) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Communication Technologies and Change (8131) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Communication Evolution (9020) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Digital Media Literacy (9022) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Introduction to Communication (9023) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Democracy and the Public Sphere (9310) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Law of Communication (9424) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Required Units - Must pass 9 credit points as follows

Journalism Project (9035) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Journalism and Society (9303) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Communication Internship (9490) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Required Units - Must pass 3 credit points as follows

Foundations of Professional Planning (9799) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Restricted Choice - 9 credit points as follows

Part A - Must pass 3 credit points from the following

Faculty of Arts and Design Restricted Choice Unit (ARTSFOUND) | credit points

Pre Curriculum Renewal 2019 Units - May select from

Introduction to Journalism (5565) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Editing Sound and Image (8120) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Introduction to Media Production (8121) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Writing Short Narratives (8147) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Globalisation and Resistance (8169) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Introduction to Creative Writing (8304) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Cultures and Diversity (8671) | 3 credit points – Level 1

People, Place and the Past (8948) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Digital Media Literacy (9022) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Introduction to Communication (9023) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Introduction to Political Communication (9024) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Media, Technology and Society (9027) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Design History (9483) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Academic English (9487) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Units Available from 2019 - May select from

Pixels and Polygons (11013) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Heritage Conservation (11015) | 3 credit points – Level 1

BE: History and Culture (11016) | 3 credit points – Level 1

The Art and Power of Communication (11079) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Digital Media Fundamentals (11080) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Journalism Now and Next (11084) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Introduction to Creative Writing (11113) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Writing, Rewriting (11114) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Cultures and Diversity (11129) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Fundamentals for Building Construction Management (11483) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Note:

- 1. If one of the units in this list is already a required unit within the typical course structure, it cannot be counted as an Arts Foundation Unit.
- 2. This list includes units from both Semesters 1 and 2 so you will need to check unit availability.
- 3. Pre Curriculum Renewal 2019 Units are not offered at UC BRUCE from Semester 1, 2019. Students who commenced prior to 2019 can have these units counted towards course completion.
- 4. Units 9494 AND 9498 are no longer apart of this course from Semester 2, 2016. Students who commenced prior to 2017 can have these units counted towards course completion.

Part B - Must pass 6 credit points from the following

Counselling Communication (5258) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Accounting for Managers (5617) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Problem Analysis and Statistics (8732) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Digital PR and Media Relations (9034) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Advocacy for Change (9274) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Web Design and Production (9292) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Project Management (9534) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Performance (9590) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Note:

- International Studies Professional Skills units

Open Electives - 3 credit points as follows

- Unit Levels: In choosing electives students should note that not more than 30 credit points at Level 1 is permitted for the entire course.

Note:

- Must pass 3 credit points from anywhere in the University.

In addition to course requirements, in order to successfully complete your course you must meet the inherent requirements. Please refer to the [inherent requirements statement](#) applicable to your course

Typical study pattern

UC - Canberra, Bruce

Standard Full Time, Semester 1 Commencing

Year 1

Semester 1

[Introduction to International Studies \(8668\)](#)

Faculty of Arts and Design Restricted Choice Unit

[Introduction to Communication \(9023\)](#)

[Introduction to Journalism \(5565\)](#)

Semester 2

[Digital Media Literacy \(9022\)](#)

[Foundations of Professional Planning \(9799\)](#)

[Globalisation and Resistance \(8169\)](#)

[Mobile Reporting \(9923\)](#)

Year 2

Semester 1

[Audio Journalism \(9019\)](#)

[Communication Evolution \(9020\)](#)

[Cultures and Diversity \(8671\)](#)

[Journalism and Society \(9303\)](#)

Semester 2

[International History of the 20th Century \(8511\)](#)

[Law of Communication \(9424\)](#)

[Video Journalism \(9036\)](#)

Year 3

Semester 1

[Communication and Media Research \(7003\)](#)

[Global Ethical Challenges \(8510\)](#)

[Introduction to International Development \(8669\)](#)

[Long Form and Investigative Journalism \(9309\)](#)

Semester 2

[Advanced Topics in International Studies \(9994\)](#)

[Communication Internship \(9490\)](#)

[International Human Rights \(8513\)](#)

[Journalism and Political Process \(8127\)](#)

Year 4

Semester 1

[Global Peace and Conflict Studies \(8167\)](#)

[Newsroom \(9028\)](#)

MJ0283 Restricted Choice Unit

Semester 2

[Journalism Project \(9035\)](#)

MJ0283 Restricted Choice Unit

[Global Social Movements \(8168\)](#)

Open Elective Unit

Course information

Course duration

Standard eight semesters full-time or equivalent. Maximum twenty semesters.

Learning outcomes

[Learning outcomes](#)

[Related graduate attributes](#)

The course introduces students to a range of academic fields and approaches its themes and topics from a variety of multi-disciplinary perspectives, and improves their ability to engage in critical analysis of knowledge and practices.

Communication: ability present knowledge, ideas and opinions effectively and communicate within and across professional and cultural boundaries.

Working independently and with others: ability to plan own work, be self-directed, use interpersonal skills and attitude to work collectively.

Analysis and inquiry: ability to gather information, analyse and evaluate information and situations in a systematic, creative and insightful way.

Problem solving: ability to apply problem-solving processes in novel situations identify, analyse problems then formulate, implement solutions.

The course equips students with skills needed for generation of creative ideas and problem solving. The course provides an internship unit and a minor in professional skills which aims to develop skills needed in workplaces.

Communication: ability present knowledge, ideas and opinions effectively and communicate within and across professional and cultural boundaries.

Working independently and with others: ability to plan own work, be self-directed, use interpersonal skills and attitude to work collectively.

Analysis and inquiry: ability to gather information, analyse and evaluate information and situations in a systematic, creative and insightful way.

Problem solving: ability to apply problem-solving processes in novel situations identify, analyse problems then formulate, implement solutions.

1. Produce a range of content to media industry standards.
2. Demonstrate production and presentation techniques in broadcast, print and online environments to industry standard.
3. Demonstrate an ability to apply the journalistic and communication theories which underpin journalism practice.
4. Develop analytical and critical thinking skills, and apply them to journalistic practice.
5. An understanding of the theoretical principles of communication in

Communication: The ability to present knowledge, ideas and opinions effectively and communicate within and across professional and cultural boundaries.

Analysis and inquiry: The ability to gather information, and to analyse and evaluate information and situations in a systematic, creative and insightful way

<p>society.</p> <p>6. Understand and apply media research methods.</p> <p>7. Understanding of the role of the media in society and the impact of journalism on public debate. In particular, understand the rapid changes currently occurring in media industries.</p> <p>8. Understand and apply the legal and ethical principles of contemporary journalism.</p> <p>9. Experience in a professional journalism or media environment through a compulsory internship.</p> <p>10. Develop generic communication and personal presentation skills to equip graduates for success in professional life.</p>	<p>Problem solving: The ability to apply problem-solving processes in novel situations; to identify and analyse problems then formulate and implement solutions.</p> <p>Working independently and with others: The ability to plan their own work, be self-directed, and use interpersonal skills and attitudes to work collaboratively.</p> <p>Professionalism and social responsibility: The capacity and intention to use professional knowledge and skills ethically and responsibly, for the benefit of others and the environment.</p>
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The course develops students' ability to understand and analyse current world events, by contextualising and communicating them in relation to relevant global developments and processes.

Analysis and inquiry: ability to gather information, analyse and evaluate information and situations in a systematic, creative and insightful way.

Problem solving: ability to apply problem-solving processes in novel situations identify, analyse problems then formulate, implement solutions.

<p>The course gives students an opportunity to attain interdisciplinary understanding of global issues. It helps them understand the connection between geography, history, politics and cultures of global communities.</p>	<p>Problem solving: ability to apply problem-solving processes in novel situations identify, analyse problems then formulate, implement solutions.</p> <p>Analysis and inquiry: ability to gather information, analyse and evaluate information and situations in a systematic, creative and insightful way.</p>
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Students will have the analytical skills required to understand and evaluate the global socio-economic impact on cultures and communities.

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Problem solving: ability to apply problem-solving processes in novel situations identify, analyse problems then formulate, implement solutions.

Professionalism and social responsibility: capacity and intention to use professional knowledge and skills ethically and responsibly, for the benefits of others and the environment.

Majors

- [Major in International Studies \(Restricted\) \(MJ0283\)](#)
- [Major in Communication Studies \(MJ0216\)](#)
- [Major in Journalism \(MJ0217\)](#)
- [Minor in Human Rights and Social Justice \(MN0132\)](#)

Awards

Award	Official abbreviation
Bachelor of Arts in International Studies	BA IntlSt
Bachelor of Communication in Journalism	BComm Jnl

Honours

Refer to individual courses.

Enquiries

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UC acknowledges the Ngunnawal people, traditional custodians of the lands where Bruce campus is situated. We wish to acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of Canberra and the region. We also acknowledge all other First Nations Peoples on whose lands we gather.