

Bachelor of Australian Politics and Public Policy/Bachelor of Communication in Journalism (229JA.1)

Please note these are the 2015 details for this course

Domestic students

Selection rank	
Delivery mode	On campus
Location	
Duration	4.0 years
Faculty	Faculty of Business, Government & Law
Discipline	Canberra School of Politics, Economics and Society Discipline of Communication and Media
UAC code	
English language requirements	An IELTS Academic score of 6.0 overall, with no band score below 6.0 (or equivalent). View IELTS equivalences

International students

Academic entry requirements	<p>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.</p> <p>View UC's academic entry requirements</p>
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Location	
Duration	4.0 years
Faculty	Faculty of Business, Government & Law
Discipline	<p>Canberra School of Politics, Economics and Society</p> <p>Discipline of Communication and Media</p>
CRICOS code	077603C
English language requirements	<p>An IELTS Academic score of 6.0 overall, with no band score below 6.0 (or equivalent).</p> <p>View IELTS equivalences</p>

About this course

The Bachelor of Journalism prepares students to be adaptable, reflective and skilled practitioners in a rapidly changing media environment. The degree reflects changing industry practices by integrating the teaching of journalism skills in print, video, audio and online formats. We offer reflective training in investigation, specialist forms of journalism, long form journalism and emerging digital techniques. Students will learn how to be adaptable practitioners in an industry which is undergoing rapid change. Students have access to industry-standard broadcast and online facilities to produce and present their work. Staff bring a broad range of experience to their teaching - from newsroom journalism to more specialist forms of practice - and teaching is informed by cutting-edge research. Students produce news and current affairs stories in print, radio and TV disciplines for publication on the student journalism website. The degree examines the role of journalists in the broader media context, and through journalism and communication theory, develops the ability of students to think critically, analytically and ethically. It integrates theory and practice so that graduates are informed practitioners who understand the broader context of their work. The Bachelor of Australian Politics & Public Politics will provide graduates with a strong understanding of the characteristics of Australian democracy, including the roles of key actors and institutions, both within and outside the formal structures of government.

Professional accreditation

None.

Admission requirements

Normal UC admission requirements to an undergraduate course.

Additional admission requirements

Refer to individual courses.

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 Australian Politics and Public Policy/Bachelor of Communication in Journalism (229JA) | 96 credit points

Required - 93 credit points as follows

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Australian Politics and Public Policy - 45 credit points as follows

Minor in Australian Politics Foundation (MN0143) | 12 credit points

Required - Must pass 9 credit points as follows

[Politics and Democracy \(675\) | 3 credit points — Level 1](#)

[Introduction to Economics \(6355\) | 3 credit points — Level 1](#)

[Indigenous Politics and the State \(7000\) | 3 credit points — Level 2](#)

Restricted Choice - Must pass 3 credit points from the following

[Indigenous History and Identity \(9467\) | 3 credit points — Level 1](#)

Major in Australian Politics and Public Policy (MJ0188) | 24 credit points

Required - Must pass 24 credit points as follows

- Economics of the Public Sector (6404) | 3 credit points — Level 3
- Identity Politics and Public Policy (7072) | 3 credit points — Level 3
- Public Sector Management (7083) | 3 credit points — Level 2
- Social Policy: Government, Wealth and Welfare (7534) | 3 credit points — Level 2
- Introduction to Politics and Government (8296) | 3 credit points — Level 1
- Civil Society: Politics and Policy (8716) | 3 credit points — Level 3
- Public Policy in Theory and Practice (8785) | 3 credit points — Level 3

Required Units - Must pass 9 credit points as follows

- Information Systems in Organisations (6348) | 3 credit points — Level 1
- Problem Evaluation and Resolution (8730) | 3 credit points — Level 2
- Problem Analysis and Statistics (8732) | 3 credit points — Level 1

Journalism - 48 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 12 credit points as follows

[Editing Sound and Image \(8120\) | 3 credit points — Level 1](#)

[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](#)

Restricted Choice - Must pass 3 credit points from the following

- 9437 has been closed to new admissions from Semester 1 2015. For students who have completed this unit, it will be included towards course completion.

- Students who have not previously completed this unit MUST select unit 9799 or 6606.

[Government-Business Relations \(6606\) | 3 credit points — Level 1](#)

[Foundations of Research and Creative Inquiry \(9437\) | 3 credit points — Level 1](#)

[Foundations of Professional Planning \(9799\) | 3 credit points — Level 1](#)

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

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

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

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

Semester 2

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

[Editing Sound and Image \(8120\)](#)

[Introduction to Politics and Government \(8296\)](#)

[Reporting \(5572\)](#)

Year 2

Semester 1

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

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

[Politics and Democracy \(675\)](#)

[Reporting \(5572\)](#)

Semester 2

[Indigenous History and Identity \(9467\)](#)

[Information Systems in Organisations \(6348\)](#)

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

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

Year 3

Semester 1

[Introduction to Economics \(6355\)](#)

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

[Problem Analysis and Statistics \(8732\)](#)

[Public Sector Management \(7083\)](#)

Semester 2

[Indigenous Politics and the State \(7000\)](#)

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

[Problem Evaluation and Resolution \(8730\)](#)

[Social Policy: Government, Wealth and Welfare \(7534\)](#)

Year 4

Semester 1

[Civil Society: Politics and Policy \(8716\)](#)

[Newsroom \(9028\)](#)

[Public Policy in Theory and Practice \(8785\)](#)

Semester 2

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

[Economics of the Public Sector \(6404\)](#)

[Identity Politics and Public Policy \(7072\)](#)

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

Course information

Course duration

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

Learning outcomes

Learning outcomes	Related graduate attributes
<ol style="list-style-type: none">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 society.6. Understand and apply media research methods.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.8. Understand and apply the legal and ethical principles of contemporary journalism.9. Experience in a professional journalism or media environment through a compulsory internship.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Communication The ability to present knowledge, ideas and opinions effectively and communicate within and across professional and cultural boundaries.2. Analysis and inquiry The ability to gather information, and to analyse and evaluate information and situations in a systematic, creative and insightful way.3. Problem solving The ability to apply problem-solving processes in novel situations; to identify and analyse problems then formulate and implement solutions.

10. Develop generic communication and personal presentation skills to equip graduates for success in professional life.	<p>4. Working independently and with others</p> <p>The ability to plan their own work, be self-directed, and use interpersonal skills and attitudes to work collaboratively</p> <p>5. Professionalism and social responsibility</p> <p>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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Students will be able to recognise the relationships between the nature of political values, political power and public policy and the particular impact of the Australian context.

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

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

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

Students will be able to apply an in depth understanding of the historical and current systems of Australian Politics and Public Policy in order to give policy advice and develop new policy.	Problem solving: ability to apply problem-solving processes in novel situations; identify, analyse problems and then formulate and implement policy solutions.
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Students will acquire the full range of generic skills and attributes as per the UC policy.

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

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

Majors

- [Major in Australian Politics and Public Policy \(MJ0188\)](#)
- [Major in Communication Studies \(MJ0216\)](#)

- [Minor in Australian Politics Foundation \(MN0143\)](#)
- [Major in Journalism \(MJ0217\)](#)

Awards

Award	Official abbreviation
Bachelor of Australian Politics and Public Policy	B AustralianPolitics&PubPol
Bachelor of Communication in Journalism	BComm Jnl

Honours

Refer to individual courses.

Enquiries

Student category	Contact details
Prospective Domestic Students	Email study@canberra.edu.au or Phone 1800 UNI CAN (1800 864 226)
Prospective International Students	Email international@canberra.edu.au or Phone +61 2 6201 5342
Current and Commencing Students	In person Faculty of Business, Government and Law student support area (Building 11, Level B, Room 27 - Reception counter) or Email BGLCourseConveners@canberra.edu.au

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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.