

Graduate Diploma of Journalism (GDJN) - GradDipJnl

	Distance education
Semester intake:	Semester 1 (March) Semester 2 (July) Semester 3 (November)
Fees:	Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place
Standard duration:	2 years part-time

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Program focus

This program provides students with the opportunity to acquire a professional qualification in the practice of journalism across different media. It is aimed at students who want to master the skills and techniques of writing for a mass audience, and assumes they have no professional or academic qualifications in journalism or a related field.

Program aims

The Graduate Diploma of Journalism is a professional conversion program which aims to produce graduates who have an advanced understanding and appreciation of the requirements of a selected professional field and have the intellectual and practical skills necessary to apply knowledge in further study, research, employment, and community service. Students are advised that the program comprises courses from the undergraduate major in Journalism.

Program objectives

On successful completion of the program students should demonstrate:

- a knowledge of the principles, theoretical issues, and methodologies of scholarship and research in general and of Journalism in particular
- a development of professional competence in the discipline of Journalism.

Admission requirements

Entry Requirements to the Graduate Diploma of Journalism shall be a three-year Bachelor degree or equivalent at pass level or better. Applicants who have completed an undergraduate major in Journalism within the last 10 years are not eligible to apply.

International applicants must have met the [University's English language requirements](#) or have completed the [University's ELICOS/UNIPREP program](#).

How to apply

Domestic students

[Application for postgraduate programs](#) may be made directly to USQ. You should ensure you submit your application by the [closing dates](#).

International students

This program is offered to international students. An international student is a person who is not an Australian or New Zealand citizen and not an Australian permanent resident. Please refer to [USQ International](#) for information about entry requirements, visa arrangements and how to apply.

Program fees

Domestic full fee paying place

Domestic full fee paying places are funded entirely through the full fees paid by the student. [Full fees](#) vary depending on the courses that are taken. You are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

Domestic full fee paying students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [FEE-HELP](#).

International full fee paying place

International students pay [full fees](#). Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken and whether they are studied on-campus, via distance education/online. You are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

Program structure

The Graduate Diploma of Journalism program consists of eight units of study.

Required time limits

Students have a maximum of 4 years to complete this program.

Journalism major recommended enrolment pattern

Course	Major study: Journalism						Enrolment requirements
	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (WEB)		
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	
JRN1000 Introduction to Journalism			1	1, 3			
Elective*			1	1, 2, 3			
JRN2000 News Reporting			1	2			Pre-requisite: (JRN1000 and CMS1000) or JRN1000 for students enrolled in the GDJN Program
JRN2003 Feature Writing			1	2			Pre-requisite: JRN2001 or PRL1001 or JRN1000
JRN2004 Public Affairs Reporting			2	1			Pre-requisite: JRN2000
JRN2001 Publication Layout and Design			2	1			Pre-requisite: JRN1000
JRN2006 Media Law and Ethics			2	2			Pre-requisite: JRN1000
JRN3001 Journalism Publication			2	2			Pre-requisite: JRN2003

Footnotes

* Approved elective: Students must consult with the Program Coordinator, Dianne Jones, before enrolling in the elective course of study by distance mode in either semester 1 or semester 2.