

Master of Journalism and Communication 8232 – Research Pathway



Term 1 2026 Commencing Students – Stream C 96uoc (MDIAJS) – Research Pathway

Year 1 - 2026	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
	*J & C Cognate Core Course	MDIA5009 Philosophies of Journalism	MDIA5031 Research in Practice
	*J & C Cognate Core Course	J & C Cognate Core Course	MDIA5010 Literary and Narrative Journalism Practice (12uoc)
J & C Cognate Core Course			

Year 2 - 2027	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
	^ARTS5100 Research Methods	Prescribed Elective	^MDIA5008 Media Research Project (12uoc)
	J & C Cognate Core Course	J & C Cognate Core Course	
Prescribed Elective	Prescribed Elective		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MDIA5001 Writing for Media (Term 1 & Term 3) • MDIA5007 Media Ethics and Law • MDIA5011 Professional Media Practices (Term 1 & Term 3) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MDIA5000 Understanding Contemporary Media • MDIA5004 Media Relations • MDIA5006 News and Feature Writing – check Term 2 • MDIA5032 From Text to Talk: Finding Your Voice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MDIA5001 Writing for Media (Term 1 & Term 3) • MDIA5002 Multiplatform and Audiovisual Journalism • MDIA5003 Social Media Campaigning • MDIA5022 Organisational Communication • MDIA5027 Understanding Digital Cultures • MDIA5011 Professional Media Practices (Term 1 & Term 3)

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	<p>Students in Stream A are required to complete both MDIA5008 (12 UOC) and MDIA5031 (6 UOC) and get an exemption from MDIA5010 (12 UOC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ^The research path is optional. If you choose to complete this pathway, students should complete: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ARTS5100 Research Methods (T1) instead of 6 UOC Prescribed Elective ○ MDIA5031 Research in Practice (T3) instead of 6 UOC PR & A prescribed elective ○ MDIA5008 Media Research Project instead of 12 UOC MDIA5010 Literary and Narrative Journalism Practice • Refer to Handbook for List of Prescribed Electives

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