Master of Journalism and Communication 8232 – Research Pathway



Term 2 2025 Commencing Students – Stream C 96uoc (MDIAJS) – Research Pathway

Year 1	Term 2	Term 3
	J & C Cognate Core Course*	MDIA5031 Research in Practice
	J & C Cognate Core Course	J & C Cognate Core Course
	Prescribed Elective	J & C Cognate Core Course

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	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
	^ARTS5100 Research Methods	MDIA5009 Philosophies of Journalism	MDIA5010 Literary and Narrative
Year 2	√ J & C Cognate Core Course ^MDIA5008 Media Research	Journalism Practice (12uoc)	
	J & C Cognate Core Course	Project (12uoc)	

Year 3	Term 1
	Prescribed Elective
	Prescribed Elective

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 - ARTS5100 Research Methods (T1) instead of 6 UOC Prescribed Elective
 - MDIA5008 Media Research Project instead of 12 UOC Prescribed Electives
- *Note students must complete at least 12 UOC cognate core course requirements before you can enrol in Advanced Disciplinary courses MDIA5009 & MDIA5010
- Refer to Handbook for List of Prescribed Electives

ES	See list of Cognate Core Courses by term offering below:			
NOTES	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	
	MDIA5001 Writing for Media MDIA5007 Media Ethics and Law MDIA 5011 Professional Media Practices (2026 T1)	 MDIA5000 Understanding Contemporary Media MDIA5004 Media Relations MDIA5032 From Text to Talk: Finding Your Voice MDIA5011 Professional Media Practices (2025 T2) MDIA5006 News and Feature Writing (<i>This course will be offered in 2026 Term 2</i>) 	MDIA5002 Multiplatform and Audiovisual Journalism MDIA5003 Social Media Campaigning MDIA5022 Organisational Communication MDIA5027 Understanding Digital Cultures	

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	J & C Cognate* Core Course	MDIA5031 Research in Practice
	J & C Cognate Core Course	J & C Cognate Core Course
	Prescribed Elective	J & C Cognate Core Course

Year 2	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
	^Prescribed Elective	MDIA5009 Philosophies of Journalism	MDIA5010 Literary and Narrative Journalism
	J & C Cognate Core Course	^Prescribed Elective	Practice (12uoc)
	J & C Cognate Core Course	Prescribed Elective	

Year 3	Term 1
	Prescribed Elective
	Prescribed Elective

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Year 1	Term 2	Term 3
	J & C Cognate Core Course*	MDIA5031 Research in Practice
	J & C Cognate Core Course	J & C Cognate Core Course
	Prescribed Elective	

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
	^ARTS5100 Research Methods	^MDIA5008 Media Research	MDIA5010 Literary and Narrative Journalism
Year 2	J & C Cognate Core Course	Project (12uoc)	Practice (12uoc)
		MDIA5009 Philosophies of Journalism	

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 - MDIA5008 Media Research Project instead of 12 UOC Prescribed Electives
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	Term 2	Term 3
_	J & C Cognate Core Course	MDIA5031 Research in Practice
Year 1	J & C Cognate Core Course	J & C Cognate Core Course
	^Prescribed Elective	

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		Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
Year 2		J & C Cognate Core Course	MDIA5009 Philosophies of Journalism	MDIA5010 Literary and Narrative
		^Prescribed Elective	^Prescribed Elective	Journalism Practice (12uoc)
	^Prescribed Elective			

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	Term 2	Term 3
	MDIA5009 Philosophies of Journalism	^MDIA5031 Research in Practice
Year 1	Prescribed Elective	^Prescribed Elective
	Prescribed Elective	

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	Term 1
Year 2	^ARTS5100 Research Methods
	^MDIA5008 Media Research Project (12uoc)

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Students in Stream A are required to complete both MDIA5008 (12 UOC) and MDIA5031 (6 UOC) and get an exemption from MDIA5010 (12 UOC)

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 - 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
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Year 1	Term 2	Term 3	
	MDIA5009 Philosophies of Journalism	^Prescribed Elective	
	Prescribed Elective	MDIA5010 Literary and Narrative Journalism Practice (12uoc)	
	Prescribed Elective		

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	Term 1
2	^Prescribed Elective
Year 2	^Prescribed Elective

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