Welcome to
BA Journalism

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Why study Journalism?

So much Fake News being put in dying magazines and newspapers. Only place worse may be @NBCNews, @CBSNews, @ABC and @CNN. Fiction writers!

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Why study Journalism?

• It’s important – Journalism shapes how we view the world

• BA Journalism offers you the opportunity to do Journalism and study Journalism and be assessed in both.

• It equips you for a vast range of communications careers

• It’s a lot of fun
Why is Leicester’s BA Journalism special?

- Core skills and key skills across all platforms – with an early focus on developing skills.

- Broad focus on all aspects of Journalism – digital and social media, print media, broadcast media.

- Employability – Students start planning for their future careers from day one. A compulsory first year employability module is followed in the second year by an innovative placement module.

- Equal focus on the practice and the theory – meaning students can go into professional careers or postgraduate study after their degree.

- Focus on entrepreneurial journalism – the major growth area in the rapidly changing world of Journalism.

- Specialist pathways – allowing you to focus on areas which interest you most eg sports journalism or political journalism.
Why study Journalism at Leicester?

- **Leicester** is a buzzing student city with great culture, sport and food.
- Home of 2016 Premiership champions *Leicester City*.
- You’ll be taught by experts in their media research area.
- Your courses will be therefore be full of the latest, exciting research.
- You will get to do your own research project with a leading researcher in that area.
- You will meet people from across the world.
Journalism within the School of Media, Communication and Sociology

- Centre for Mass Communication Research was established in 1966
- The first research centre in the UK dedicated to the study of media and communication
- Substantial increase in academic staff since 2009
- Became the School of Media, Communication and Sociology in 2016
- BA Journalism developed 2017, launched as Minor programme in 2018 (modules on News and Features) and Full degree programme from September 2019
Course Structure

BA Journalism

Year 1
All compulsory modules

Year 2
4 compulsory modules, 2 optional modules

Final year
Compulsory dissertation, 4 optional modules
BA Journalism first year modules

- News Basics
- Features Journalism
- Key Concepts in Journalism
- Journalism Ethics and Regulation
- Journalism Employability
- Introduction to Media and Communication
- Media Origins
- Introduction to Academic Skills
Second year modules

Core modules
Multi-platform and Entrepreneurial Journalism
Journalism Studies
Broadcast Journalism 1
Media Research

Optional choices
Broadcast Journalism 2
Journalism Placement
Magazine Journalism
Political Communication
The Production and Consumption of Sport
Third year modules
Journalism Publishing Project
Journalism Investigation

Plus optional choices
Political Journalism
Sports Journalism
Data Journalism
Writing for PR
The Media, Celebrity and Fan Culture
Reporting Panics
Community Radio in Practice
Games and Culture
Online Journalism
Please note…

• These are all the modules we can and do offer students, but not all these modules will be offered every year, the choice will vary due to factors such as staff availability and student uptake
Workload and assessment

Teaching

– Mostly interactive workshops in computer labs, but also lectures and seminars

Assessment

– A lot of practical work
– Group work, presentations
– Portfolios and essays
– One examination (first year)
Our other degrees

- BA Journalism Major
- Journalism Minor
- BA Media and Communication
- BA Media and Society
- Media Major
- Media Minor
- BA Film and Media
Academic calendar

Two 11-week semesters of teaching per academic year

• September-December and January-March
• (Generally) three modules per semester

Exam period

• April to June
Career focused

The School of Media, Communication and Sociology features highly in the Guardian University League Tables for career prospects.

The Leicester Award

The Leicester Award is a career development programme run by the Career Development Service, which enables students to gain experience and articulate the value of this in a range of different situations. All students are automatically enrolled onto the programme as first years.
Life at the University

• **Support within the School:**
  – Individual personal tutor assigned from day 1
  – Careers and Dissertation Tutors
  – Module Leaders
  – Course Leaders

• **Support within the University:**
  – AccessAbility Centre, Counselling and Wellbeing, Student Welfare Service
  – Learning and Careers development (e.g., the Student Learning Centre)
  – Peer Mentoring run by the Students’ Union
Any questions?

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Journalism at Leicester

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School of Allied Health Professions

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School of Allied Health Professions

• A newly formed School at the University incorporating existing and new allied health programmes

• Professions:
  – Midwifery
  – Nursing
  – Operating Department Practitioners
  – Physiotherapy
Midwifery and Nursing

MSci Midwifery with Leadership

MSci Nursing with Leadership Dual Registration (mental health and adult / mental health and children’s nursing)
Distinctive Features

• Leadership from application to registration
• Preparing the future leaders of the profession
• Leadership learning sets led by local and national nursing and midwifery leaders
• Dual registration in nursing
• Undergraduate masters level (attracts full Student Loans Company support)
• Inter-professional education throughout the programme
• Elective / internship
Typical Entry Requirements

- **A-Levels**: ABB including a science
- **GCSE**: Normally mathematics (A*-B / 9-6), English language (A*-B / 9-6) and a science subject (A*-C /9-4)
- **BTEC** Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care D*D*D*, plus pure Science A level at Grade A / BTEC Diploma in Health and Social Care (D*D*) plus pure Science A level at Grade A).
- Successful competency based interview
- Occupational Health clearance
- Disclosure and Baring Service screening
- All students must be 18 years of age by the time of the first clinical placement
BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy

- Three year programme
- Practical application of physiotherapy examination and treatment
- Variety of roles on completion of the programme within the NHS, sport and private sector
- First year University based with practical work
- Years two and three clinical placements
- Dedicated practical rooms on-site
Typical Entry Requirements

- **7 GCSEs** from a single sitting at grade A*–C including English Language, Mathematics and Science at grade B, *We do not consider any GCSE equivalent qualifications*

- **A-Levels** ABB at A2 level including a biological sciences subject, excluding General Studies

- **BTEC** Level 3 Extended Diploma: D*D*D* in Biological Science or a health related course plus additional AS Biology (minimum grade B)

- Successful competency based interview

- Occupational Health clearance

- Disclosure and Baring Service screening
Operating Department Practitioner

• Working as an operating department practitioner (ODP) is diverse and includes a wide range of skills across the entire perioperative patient journey

• As a registered ODP you’ll work in one or more of three main areas in the theatre environment, as well as in critical care environments such as intensive care and A&E.

• The three main areas are:
  – Anaesthetics
  – Surgery
  – Post-Anaesthetic Care Unit
Typical Entry Requirements

- **GCSEs:** 3 passes A*-C (or equivalent), including Maths and English
- **A-levels:** BBC (or equivalent), preferably including a science subject
- **Access to HE Diploma:** 112 UCAS points, including 45 credits at level 3 and minimum 15 at Distinction, in a health-related subject
- **BTEC Nationals:** Pass relevant Diploma (preferably in a health-related subject) with DMM

- Successful competency based interview
- Occupational Health clearance
- Disclosure and Baring Service screening