

In Progress

Please note that this Unit Profile is still in progress. The content below is subject to change.



COMM12016 *News Production and Consumption*

Term 2 - 2027

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General Information

Overview

This unit examines how modern journalism operates in a rapidly evolving media environment. Students will analyse contemporary journalistic practices across traditional and social platforms, while evaluating credibility, ethics, and the shifting role of news in a digital age. The unit explores technological, social, and cultural trends influencing news production and consumption, enabling students to interpret and compare processes across diverse contexts. Through assessments that include critical essays, comparative analyses, and reflective tasks, students will investigate patterns of news reporting and ethical dilemmas impacting both practitioners and audiences. By the end of the unit, students will become critical consumers of news media, aware of the media's role in shaping public opinion, and the ethical obligations of news industries and journalists to produce reliable, verifiable information for audiences.

Details

Career Level: *Undergraduate*

Unit Level: *Level 2*

Credit Points: 6

Student Contribution Band: 10

Fraction of Full-Time Student Load: 0.125

Pre-requisites or Co-requisites

Minimum of 36 credit points

Important note: Students enrolled in a subsequent unit who failed their pre-requisite unit, should drop the subsequent unit before the census date or within 10 working days of Fail grade notification. Students who do not drop the unit in this timeframe cannot later drop the unit without academic and financial liability. See details in the [Assessment Policy and Procedure \(Higher Education Coursework\)](#).

Offerings For Term 2 - 2027

- Online

Attendance Requirements

All on-campus students are expected to attend scheduled classes – in some units, these classes are identified as a mandatory (pass/fail) component and attendance is compulsory. International students, on a student visa, must maintain a full time study load and meet both attendance and academic progress requirements in each study period (satisfactory attendance for International students is defined as maintaining at least an 80% attendance record).

Website

[This unit has a website, within the Moodle system, which is available two weeks before the start of term. It is important that you visit your Moodle site throughout the term. Please visit Moodle for more information.](#)

Class and Assessment Overview

Information for Class and Assessment Overview has not been released yet.
This information will be available on Monday 17 May 2027

CQUniversity Policies

All University policies are available on the [CQUniversity Policy site](#).

You may wish to view these policies:

- Grades and Results Policy
- Assessment Policy and Procedure (Higher Education Coursework)
- Review of Grade Procedure
- Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure
- Academic Progression Policy and Procedure
- Student Refund and Credit Balance Policy and Procedure
- Complaints Policy and Procedure
- Information and Communications Technology Acceptable Use Policy and Procedure

This list is not an exhaustive list of all University policies. The full list of University policies are available on the [CQUniversity Policy site](#).

Previous Student Feedback

Feedback, Recommendations and Responses

Every unit is reviewed for enhancement each year. At the most recent review, the following staff and student feedback items were identified and recommendations were made.

Feedback from Unit Coordinator Self-reflection

Feedback

Asynchronous content that supports self-paced learners and increases teacher presence would be useful

Recommendation

Produce instructive pre-recorded overviews for weekly topics to support self-directed learners and enhance teacher presence online

Feedback from Unit Coordinator Self-reflection

Feedback

The revised structure and content of the unit emphasised the impact of real-life issues on contemporary culture and journalistic practice

Recommendation

Continue to update resources with current affairs and breaking news to ensure content is fresh, dynamic and remains relevant to students' experiences.

Unit Learning Outcomes

Information for Unit Learning Outcomes has not been released yet.
This information will be available on Monday 17 May 2027

Alignment of Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Graduate Attributes

Information for Alignment of Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Graduate Attributes has not been released yet.
This information will be available on Monday 17 May 2027

Textbooks and Resources

Information for Textbooks and Resources has not been released yet.
This information will be available on Monday 21 June 2027

Academic Integrity Statement

Information for Academic Integrity Statement has not been released yet.
This unit profile has not yet been finalised.