ABOUT JOURNALISM

You’ve all heard that the role of a journalist is to uphold the fourth estate. But what does that mean? It means that you are the one who finds the real story before the rest of us even realised it was there; you are the one who informs us about the problems and achievements of our society; you are the one who finds the connections between our community and the world. There is no more important job.

Why study Journalism?
Journalism will teach you the skills to write succinctly, to a word limit, and to a deadline. It will teach you to question ideas, and to be brave enough to question people, face to face. You will learn to think on your feet and to quickly gain an understanding of an issue. It will also teach you to be accurate, to check your sources, to dig deeper, to analyse data, to find the next big story in the field that interests you most. Journalism at Monash will teach you how to create the story using old and constantly emerging new technologies, so that you can communicate when you decide to speak.

Complementary areas of study
The Faculty of Arts offers many fields of study which complement Journalism. Depending on what kind of journalist you want to be, you could choose from the following:
- International Relations
- Science
- Human Rights
- Literary studies
- Bioethics

Journalism in 2016
Monash University’s commitment to the study of Journalism is demonstrated by the fact it is building state-of-the-art integrated teaching and production research facilities.
- Laboratories/classrooms each with 24 student computer terminals, e-lecterns, interactive screens and optical-fibre cabling for synchronous and asynchronous blended teaching/learning activities.
- Radio/sound production facilities with an adjacent control-room/audio production and teaching suite.
- An open-plan news room
- Television facilities with podium and announcer/guest desk, with mobile tripod mounted cameras, overhead lighting grid and full sound and vision cabling and graphics screen.
- A control room/vision mixing, production and teaching suite.

What are some topics covered in Journalism?
During your first year you will take introductory units:
- Practice of Journalism
- Foundations of Journalism
In second and third year you will take a much more specialised focus with units such as:
- News and power
- Reporting digital news
- Radio
- Video
- Feature writing
- Broadcast studio journalism

How Journalism fits into your Arts degree
You can take Journalism as an extended major, a major, a minor or as elective units in your degree.

Career prospects
Many of our students fulfill their aspiration to become journalists. They have joined metropolitan papers, the ABC and SBS along with commercial radio, TV and digital only outlets. Some have also achieved their starts in country and suburban media. Not all who study journalism want to be journalists. They go into communications, speechwriting and other professions where the skills of journalism are in demand.