

What degree options are available?

On **undergraduate** level the department offers Knowledge Skills 172 for all first-year students in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. This module prepares students with the computer, academic and digital literacy skills needed to excel at university.

The department also offers three full degree options on **postgraduate** level.

What can you study at the Department of Journalism?

BAHons Journalism

This one-year, full-time honours degree follows on a 3-year undergraduate degree in any field of study. Students learn how to prepare content for various media platforms, and how to think critically about the role of the media in society.

MA Journalism

This master's level degree is for students who want to further their academic studies beyond honours level on a topic of their choice. The course is structured in a way that allows for flexible and remote study.

PhD Journalism

Pursing a doctorate in journalism studies allows you to do in-depth, original research on a journalism- or media-related topic in depth, guided by an expert supervisor.



How does the application process work?

BAHons Journalism

- Read as much as you can and keep up to date with current affairs.
- Complete any undergraduate (3-year) degree. Recommended subjects include languages, history, politics and sociology.
- Apply before 31 August in your final year of study.
- Write a test that evaluates your writing ability and general knowledge.

MA Journalism

Apply with an honours degree or at least five years' experience in the media industry. Write a test that evaluates your research interests.

PhD Journalism

Apply with a master's degree and a draft research proposal.

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Welcome to the Department of Journalism

Your gateway to a career in media practice and research

The Department of Journalism at Stellenbosch University offers a range of programmes to prepare you to work in the broader media industry, to understand the role of media in democratic societies and to conduct research on the rapidly changing global media landscape.

What can you do with a degree in Journalism?

You will learn skills that could help you to work as:

- A journalist for online, broadcast, print or social media;
- An audience engagement editor;
- A public relations (PR) officer;
- A well-informed influencer.
- An expert in the knowledge economy using information and news to make important decisions.

With a degree in Journalism you will be equipped with the knowledge and skills to become a critical practitioner of the media who knows how to produce information for specific audiences on specific platforms, and is able to reflect on the social, ethical and political dynamics of media in contemporary democratic societies.



What can the Department of Journalism offer you?

Get access to modern facilities and learn from specialists in the field

In our honours degree students learn from working media professionals how to gather and produce news and feature content – for online, broadcast, visual and social media platforms. Alongside this practical training, students have access to leading academic researchers in the field of journalism, media and communications to help them understand the role of journalism in democratic societies, the changing global media environment and the role of media in everyday life.

Our department has a rich history of producing graduates that excel in their careers – from CEO's and editors to award-winning investigative journalists and renowned journalism studies academics.