Overview
This course gives you a range of journalistic skills, and hands-on experience of producing work in a variety of styles, for different markets. You will be introduced to the concept of "news" and "features" in the print medium and what they constitute, along with a variety of journalistic skills to help you to source and write them. We encourage you to take work placements in the vacations and many of our students have been published in the local press and worked in TV or radio before they graduate. Publications include The Voice, the Luton Herald, Bedfordshire Life and in house magazines such as Work It Out and Heroes of Flight. Students will also have the opportunity to meet and network with a wide variety of industry-relevant speakers. Previous speakers have included award winning magazine editor Carol Bronze, sports journalist and broadcaster Andrew Bontiff and journalist and news presenter Martine Croxall.

"This course pushes you to produce the best work that you can. From writing news stories to feature stories and the importance of interviews and getting quotes. There is never a dull moment, especially when you see your work published."

Rebecca McAleese
What is it like to study Journalism?

You will attend weekly workshops which are held in News Labs. You will also engage in self directed work such as, online projects, interviews and features writing exercises. Some modules are taught through online seminars and one-to-one or small group tutorials. You are expected to get involved in co-curricular activities.

Entry Requirements:

280 UCAS points. GCSE Maths and English Language at grade C or above.

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Please note, the information relating to modules in this hand out are indicative, and subject to change.

Career Paths

Jobs where your degree would be useful:

- Magazine journalist
- Advertising account executive
- Information officer
- Market researcher
- Web based content manager
- Newspaper journalist
- Advertising copywriter
- Writer

Journalism

As a student studying Journalism, you will find yourself getting involved in a variety of co-curricular activities, across the University. These will provide you with concrete examples of your skills to list on your CV to impress potential employers.

They might include:

- Work for Hertfordshire Students’ Union’s Trident Media writing for print, radio or TV. http://hertfordshire.su/activities/studentmedia/
- Attending the Media Industry Speaker Programme with professionals from the creative industries.
- Opportunities to do work experience in Journalism