



NEWS

BA (Hons) in Journalism

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Independent Colleges

Independent Colleges is a new educational institution supported by Independent News & Media plc (INM), providing goal-focused, personalised tuition that delivers educational programmes of the highest standards across a wide range of subject areas. Programmes include Arts, Law, Accountancy and Journalism. These programmes are highly resourced and delivered by lecturers with well established experience in their fields. We combine a student-friendly and interactive learning environment with the talents of highly experienced practitioners and professionals. The quality of the Independent Colleges experience is marked by close student-faculty interaction, opportunities for independent research/ internships and a diverse student body. Find out more by visiting www.independentcolleges.ie.

WHY CHOOSE JOURNALISM?

Journalism is one of the most exciting and rewarding careers you can imagine. The digital revolution is transforming the whole communications industry, and journalism is at the forefront of those changes. As the pace of this process quickens, the new converged digital media is creating a wealth of new opportunities, but at the same time is demanding an ever broader skill-set.

This world is changing fast. Once-divergent media forms are rapidly coming together in ways that make it essential for 21st-century journalism education to reflect the complexity of actual practice. Graduates of Journalism must be prepared to function and lead in a new and changing environment. This Independent Colleges Degree prepares students to succeed in this dynamic setting.

In order to study the BA in Journalism there is not necessarily any need for special educational qualifications or background knowledge but an insatiable curiosity about people, places and events will help. People from all walks of life are making a career of writing about subjects that interest them. This programme provides - through a combination of theory, practice and work-based learning - the skills, knowledge and confidence to work in national and international print and online media. Graduates will have an applied understanding of the legal and ethical parameters of their profession. They will develop skills in areas such as news reporting & writing, editing, layout, design, and camera & sound recording. All students will take part in in-house journalistic production and qualifying students will complete experiential learning modules.



COURSE DETAILS

COURSE: BA Journalism

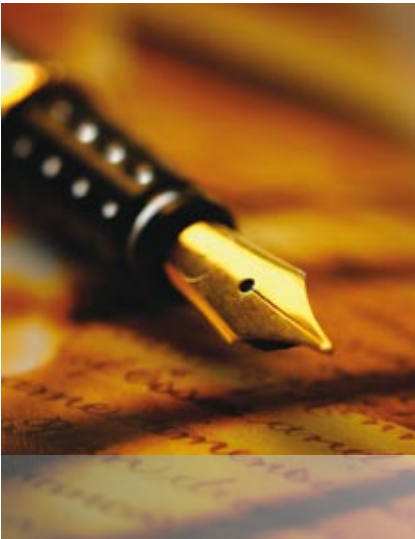
DEGREE AWARDED:
BA (Level 8 Honours)

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS:
Minimum of two higher C3s (one of which must be in honours English) and four ordinary level D3s

MATURE APPLICANTS:
Mature students must be over 23 years of age by the 1st of January on the year of application

DURATION: Three years day or evening

FEES: Please visit www.independentcolleges.ie/fees



ABOUT YOUR DEGREE

This BA programme will be of interest to those who have a strong desire to write and report on contemporary affairs, news or culture and who possess a questioning mind and enjoy having their say. Students who have a strong interest in reading, writing, current affairs, history and politics or travel, music and sport should enjoy the study of journalism. Much of the work on the degree will involve writing articles, studying the role of the media in contemporary society and developing one's own voice.

INTERNSHIPS

Internships are a way of opening doors to other opportunities after graduation and gaining valuable practical skills. That's why Independent Colleges make hands-on, real-world experience a part of second and third year in Journalism. Qualifying students (students achieving an honours average on course-work) will be guaranteed internships in Ireland. Possibilities also exist for internships abroad in the UK, South Africa, New Zealand, Australia or India.

CAREER OPTIONS

The communication and media industry in general has seen an exponential increase in Ireland during the last ten years. Journalism jobs are generally in print (newspapers and magazines), radio, television and online. Many journalists who work in national broadcast media begin their careers in the smaller, often provincial, newspapers and radio stations. Furthermore, there are many related careers for journalism graduates. These include Political Communications, Public Relations, Book Editor, and Content Producer.

COURSE TOPICS

FIRST YEAR

Core Subjects include: Introduction to News & Journalism, The Irish Political Landscape, Introduction to Law, Landmark Journalism, The Culture of Journalism and Media, Media Law and Journalism & Ethics.

Practical Skills include: Introduction to News Reporting, Introduction to Features, News Writing, Print & Online, Journalism in the Field and Shorthand.

SECOND YEAR

Subjects include Power and Representation in Journalism, Journalism and Society, Globalization and Reporting International Issues, Popular Culture, Layout and Design, Magazine and Lifestyle Journalism and Sports Writing. An Assessed internship will also take place in one of INM's publications.

THIRD YEAR

Modules include Journalism and New Media, Contemporary Issues in Irish and International Media, Investigative and Journalistic Documentary, Online Journalism, HTML and Web Design, Camera and Sound, Blogs and Opinion Journalism. An Assessed internship will also take place in one of a number of INM's publications.

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APPLICATION FORM

Title: _____

First Name: _____

Surname: _____

Home Phone: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Nationality: _____

Correspondence Address: _____

Mobile Phone: _____

Email: _____

Study Mode

Full Time Day: Evening:

Second Level Education

Name of School: _____

Address: _____

Years of attendance: _____

Leaving Certificate Completed: _____

(if yes please attach a copy of your results to this application) Yes No

Other qualifications completed (A-Levels etc): _____

Application for Advanced Entry

Do you wish to apply for exemptions: Yes No *(if yes please attach a photocopy the relevant official examinations results and a full course syllabus to this application)* _____

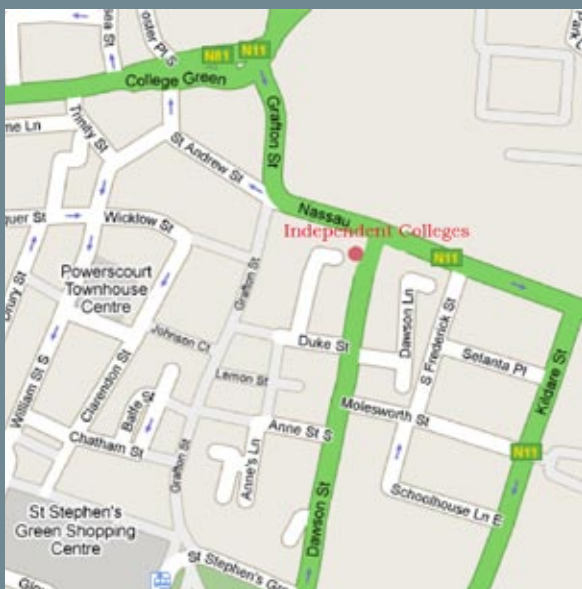
What exemptions do you wish to be considered for? _____

Employment Details (Optional)

Employer: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____



LOCATION

Independent Colleges' main campus is located at 60–63 Dawson Street, Dublin 2. This city centre location is within one minute's walking distance of Grafton Street and St Stephen's Green. Surrounded by the recreational and cultural amenities of the city centre, our campus provides an ideal atmosphere for students both before and after lectures. We are easily accessible with excellent transport links including the Luas, Bus and Rail. We have negotiated a special rate with Q-Park car park (Setanta Car Park) of €3 per night (from 5pm in the evening until 11am next morning). Independent Colleges' students can also avail of this 50% discount on parking rates with Q-Park on a year round basis.

To apply for the BA in Journalism please return a completed application form or apply online at www.independentcolleges.ie/apply

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