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**MA in Journalism**

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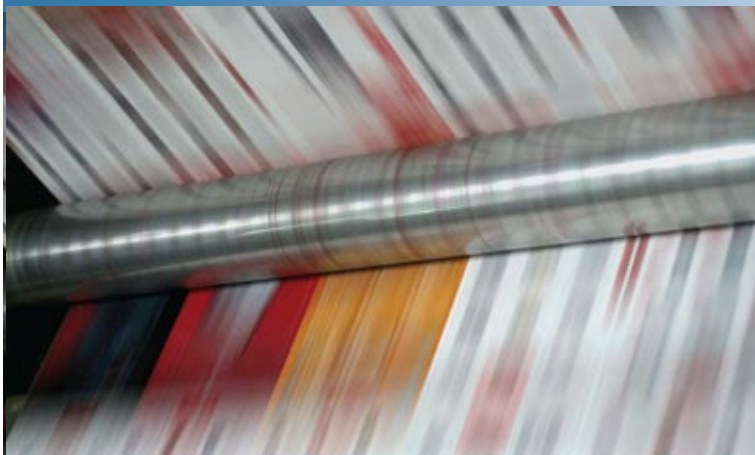
Independent Colleges is a new educational institution supported by Independent News & Media plc (IN & M), providing goal-focused, personalised tuition that delivers educational programmes of the highest standards across a wide range of subject areas. Programmes include Arts, Law, Accountancy and Journalism. 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](http://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 progress 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.

The MA curriculum is intended to meet the strong demand from the news media for advanced news gathering and writing skills. Subjects range from practical courses such as reporting, editing, news production, digital camera & sound and research techniques to theory courses such as law, ethics, globalisation, culture and politics. Students can attend during the day or evening. The MA programme is assessed through a variety of formats including project work, continuous assessment and end-of-year project or dissertation. Students will be required to complete coursework as part of each subject. Students' written skills will be examined throughout the programme. As post-graduates, students will be expected to be self-motivated and work independently to develop their own ideas.

This programme enables graduates to develop highly technical skills with a strong understanding of the contexts in which journalism is practiced and a robust working knowledge of the institutions, practices and cultural forces that shape and influence journalism. All students will take part in in-house journalistic production and students will complete experiential learning internships in some of the top national and regional newspapers in Ireland. Placement opportunities also exist with Independent News & Media publications in Northern Ireland, United Kingdom, South Africa and India.



## COURSE DETAILS

**COURSE:** MA Journalism

**DEGREE AWARDED:**  
MA (Level 9 Honours)

**ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS:**  
A good honours primary degree in any field or equivalent

**DURATION:** One Year, day or evening

**FEES:** Please visit [www.independentcolleges.ie/fees](http://www.independentcolleges.ie/fees)



## ABOUT YOUR DEGREE

Independent Colleges offer a professionally oriented programme leading to a Master of Arts degree in Journalism. The programme prepares students to work in print, broadcast, online and international journalism. The programme is suitable for students with no previous journalism education or experience. However, it would also be valuable to those with a professional or educational background in media, communications and related disciplines.

## INTERSHIPS

Internships are a way of opening doors to other opportunities after graduation and gaining valuable hands on skills. This is why Independent Colleges make hands-on, real-world experience a part of its MA in Journalism. Students who qualify register for internships in Ireland. Possibilities also exist for placements abroad in a variety of locations.

## CAREER OPTIONS

The communication and media industry in general has seen an exponential increase in Ireland during the last ten years or so. 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, Content Producer (web).

## COURSE TOPICS

### YEAR ONE

Core Subjects include:  
Journalism in Context, Journalism and Law, Journalistic Ethics, Current Issues for Journalism seminar

Practical Skills include: News Writing, Feature Writing and Magazine Journalism, Layout and Design, Investigative Journalism, Shorthand, Online Journalism, Web design and HTML, Camera and Sound.

Electives include: Sports Reporting, Political Journalism, Financial and Business Journalism, Global & Conflict Journalism, Arts Journalism.

An Assessed internship will also take place in one of IN & M's publications.



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## APPLICATION FORM

Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Surname: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_

Correspondence Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Study Mode

Full Time Day:  Evening:

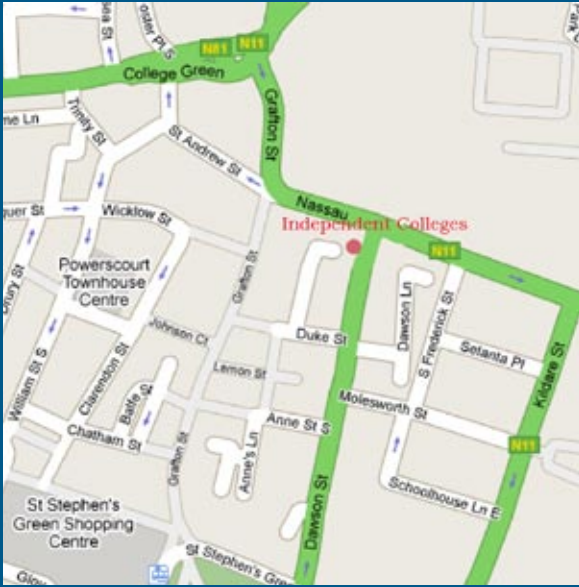
### Third Level Education

Name of College/University: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Qualification Completed:\* \_\_\_\_\_  
Awarding Body: \_\_\_\_\_  
Years of attendance: \_\_\_\_\_

### Employment Details (Optional)

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\*Please attach a transcript of results



## 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 MA in Journalism please return a completed application form or apply online at [www.independentcolleges.ie/apply](http://www.independentcolleges.ie/apply)

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