

Study with us

About your course

Courses covered

Code	Title	UCAS Code
HEMCS	BA (Hons) Journalism and Creative Writing	P900

You can find the rationale, aims and structure of your course in the *Programme Specifications*. The framework specification for the Mass Communications Programme is supplemented by the subject specifications for each pathway chosen.

Important points

In your first year you will study modules from Journalism, Creative Writing and Media.

Core Modules

If you are a full-time student, you must take one extra module in each year of your studies. In your first year, “Introduction to Media Practices” is an induction module designed to equip you with practical learning tools for the programme, together with attendance at our Guest lecture series.

In each of your second and third years, core “Graduate Skills” modules are designed to enhance your employability and graduate attributes.

Mandatory Attendance Requirement

You are expected to attend all of your learning and teaching sessions, unless there is a good reason for you not to do so (for example because of a disability). Please note that if you do not attend at least 75% of your sessions, there are potentially serious consequences for you, which may include you being deemed to have failed your module. To find out more about your attendance requirements, including the consequences of not meeting them, please refer to the Assessment Regulations section of your Programme Specification.

Any attendance modification will only be made in liaison with Student Wellbeing with appropriate supporting medical evidence.

Placement Year/Year Abroad

You can choose to take a Year Abroad, Placement Year or Combined Placement year with Study Abroad before you start your final year, subject to meeting academic requirements and confirmation of a suitable institution or employer. Please see the Programme Specifications for more details.

The University will not charge you tuition fees during your Placement Year, but you may incur additional costs, including your travel and accommodation, depending on where your placement is located.

There may be a tuition fee charge for a Year Abroad.

Terms and Conditions

The Mass Communications programme is designed to offer maximum flexibility, but timetabling constraints may mean that some combinations of modules may be unavailable. Where a clash of modules occurs a student will be asked to choose a different module. Where a module, i.e. a self-contained taught unit, is under-subscribed, the University reserves the right not to run that particular module and to place students on their “reserve” choice.

Some modules may have minimum entry requirements, such as achieving a particular grade or taking enough modules in the subject to qualify for a final year dissertation.

Academic Year

Academic Year 2019 - 2020

The academic year is split into two Semesters (A & B). Each of these is made up of teaching weeks followed by exams (the re-sit period falls within Semester C)

- Semester A runs from Monday 23 September 2019 to Friday 17 January 2020
- Semester B runs from Monday 20 January 2020 to Friday 22 May 2020
- Semester C runs from Monday 25 May 2020 to Friday 18 September 2020

Expected workload

In the UK, a full time student is expected to spend 1200 hours on their studies each year. Please find below an estimate of how your time will be spent on this course during each year of study. There is an attendance component at taught sessions which is a requirement for the successful completion of this course

	Lectures, seminars, tutorials, workshops	Independent study	Placement
Year 1	19%	81%	0%
Year 2	18%	80%	2%
Placement / Study Abroad Year (Optional)	0%	0%	100%
Final Year	13%	84%	3%

Method of assessment

	Written Exam	Coursework	Practical
Year 1	0%	98%	2%
Year 2	0%	98%	2%
Year 3	0%	96%	4%

Additional expenses

Description	Year	Mandatory/ Optional	Estimated cost
Undergraduate study requires extensive reading and access to reference works. Recommended texts are available in the Learning Resources Centre; however, availability may be limited so students	All	Optional	£20-50 per text

may wish to purchase their own copies. Many books are also available for reading online in e-book formats. The average price of a recommended text is approximately £40, although you may be able to buy second-hand copies.			
The University does not charge tuition fees for their placement year but may incur additional costs i.e. travel and accommodation.	3	Optional	£0
Residential weekend (limited places) are available for students studying Creative Writing.	All	Optional	£150
There may be a tuition fee charge for a study abroad year. Further details are available in the attached 'Fees and Finance' policy.	3	Optional	£0