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## About your course

### Courses covered

Code	Title
SHJMCM	MA Journalism and Media Communications
SHJMCE	MA Journalism and Media Communications (Sandwich) MA Journalism and Media Communications with Advanced Research

You can find full details of your course in the ***Programme Specification***.

### Important points

- The MA Journalism and Media Communications incorporates both the business-facing and the international outlook of the University of Hertfordshire as a whole. Our aim is to produce graduates who can demonstrate intellectual and professional flexibility, critical thinking, intercultural awareness and practical skills to equip them for life in the complex global media industries.
- The key aim of the MA is to combine theory and practice and develop synergies between different fields of media communications, such as journalism (especially sports and magazine), PR and social media communication.
- The MA programme in Journalism and Media Communications offers lots of flexibility, with three different routes (standard 1-year option and the 2-year 'Sandwich' and 'With Advanced Research' options) and different journalism modules to choose from.
- Work-based learning plays an important role in the MA Journalism and Media Communications as students have the opportunity to opt for a short work experience as their final project or add a full placement year.\*
- The diverse and international student cohort on our programme not only helps to *strengthen the diversity of our community* but also contributes to *the global perspective in the curriculum* as case studies from around the world are a key part of many of our modules.
- As a conversion course, this course is suitable for both students that have previously studied media and/or journalism and those coming from different areas of study.

### Placement Year\*

If you study on the Sandwich route, you will do a Placement Year in your second year, subject to meeting academic requirements and confirmation of a suitable institution or employer. Please see the Programme Specifications for more details. If you are not eligible for a placement or you have not been successful in obtain a placement, you will be able to pursue the Advanced Research route.

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.

\* PLEASE NOTE: due to the Covid-19 pandemic UH has introduced more flexibility for placements but it may be more difficult than usual to obtain a one-year placement. If a placement is not possible, students will be able to pursue the Advanced Research route. This combines a practical media project with a practice-based advanced research module and a journalism option.

## Academic Year

### **Academic Year 2023 - 2024**

The University's academic year is made up of 3 Semesters (A, B and C). Semester A and B are made up of teaching weeks followed by exams, where applicable (the re-sit period falls within Semester C). Semester C is normally used for final dissertations and projects.

- Semester A runs from Monday 25 September 2023 to Friday 19 January 2024
- Semester B runs from Monday 22 January 2024 to Friday 10 May 2024
- Semester C runs from Monday 13 May 2024 to Friday 6 September 2024

## Additional expenses

Description	Year	Mandatory/ Optional	Estimated cost
Books (print and digital)	1	Optional	£200
No additional expenses have been specified for this course.			