

New Zealand Diploma in Journalism

Leading to the New Zealand Diploma in Journalism (Level 5)

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| Wintec code: | BM1903 | MoE: | NZ3208 |
| Level: | 5 | Credits: | 120 |
| Owner: | School of Media Arts | Effective Date: | January 2026 |

These regulations should be read in conjunction with the Institute's Academic Regulations.

1. Admission and Entry

1.1. Candidates can gain entry to this programme by meeting one of the following criteria:

- a) Based on NZ high school achievement (secondary school study):
 - 40 credits at NCEA Level 2 including 10 credits in Literacy at NCEA Level 2 and 10 credits in Numeracy at NCEA Level 1; or
 - a recognised equivalent; or
- b) Based on study completed at a NZ tertiary institution
 - A relevant qualification at NZQF Level 3; or
 - A recognised equivalent qualification; or
- c) Based on Discretionary Entrance

Applicants who do not meet any of the entry options stated above, and think they have what it takes to complete this programme, can apply for 'Discretionary Entrance'. The application is based on the applicant's ability to demonstrate a likelihood to succeed in the programme. The decision is at the discretion of the Head of School/Centre Director or their delegate. The ability to progress into further study depends on how successful the applicant is within the programme they apply and are accepted into under 'Discretionary Entrance'.

1.2 Selection Criteria

Interview may be required for admission to the course, and applicants may be required to show evidence of written work.

1.3 English Language Requirements

Candidates who have English as a second language are required to have an International English Language Test System (IELTS) score of 6.0 with no band lower than 5.5; or equivalent.

Programme Regulations for:

2. Transfer of Credit

- 2.1 100% transfer of credit is available for this programme (both formal transfer of credit and recognition of prior learning).

3. Programme Requirements

- 3.1 Every candidate for the New Zealand Diploma in Journalism shall to the satisfaction of the Academic Board follow a programme of study for a period of normally not less than one year.
- 3.2 Each candidate's programme will comprise all modules as listed in Section 6 of these regulations, totaling a minimum of 120 credits.

4. Completion of the Programme

- 4.1 A candidate may take up to three years to complete this programme, unless an extension is granted by special permission of the Head of School, or designated equivalent.

5. Award of the Qualification

- 5.1 Candidates who successfully complete the requirements of this programme will be eligible for the award of the New Zealand Diploma in Journalism (Level 5).

6. Schedule of Modules

Note: no value in the pre/co-requisite columns means there are no pre/co-requisites for that module.

| Module Code | Module Name | Level | Credits | Pre-Requisites | Co-Requisites |
|-------------|--|-------|---------|----------------|---------------|
| JOUR508 | News Storytelling and Technical Skills | 5 | 30 | | |
| JOUR502 | Advanced Storytelling | 5 | 15 | | |
| JOUR505 | Media Law and Context | 5 | 15 | | |
| JOUR509 | Professional Practice | 5 | 30 | | |
| JOUR507 | Newsroom Practice | 5 | 30 | | |