

About Sheffield

The University of Sheffield is one of the UK's leading universities, with an international reputation for excellence in both teaching and research. The city of Sheffield offers an outstanding quality of life in an attractive green environment and with a wide choice of housing. Sheffield borders the Peak District National Park, Britain's first national park, which has stunning and diverse scenery and is a paradise for walkers, cyclists and adventure sport enthusiasts, as well as for the more relaxed lovers of nature and the outdoors.



Course website

To find out more about the MA in Print Journalism, latest fees and how to apply, please visit the course website:
<http://www.shef.ac.uk/journalism/>



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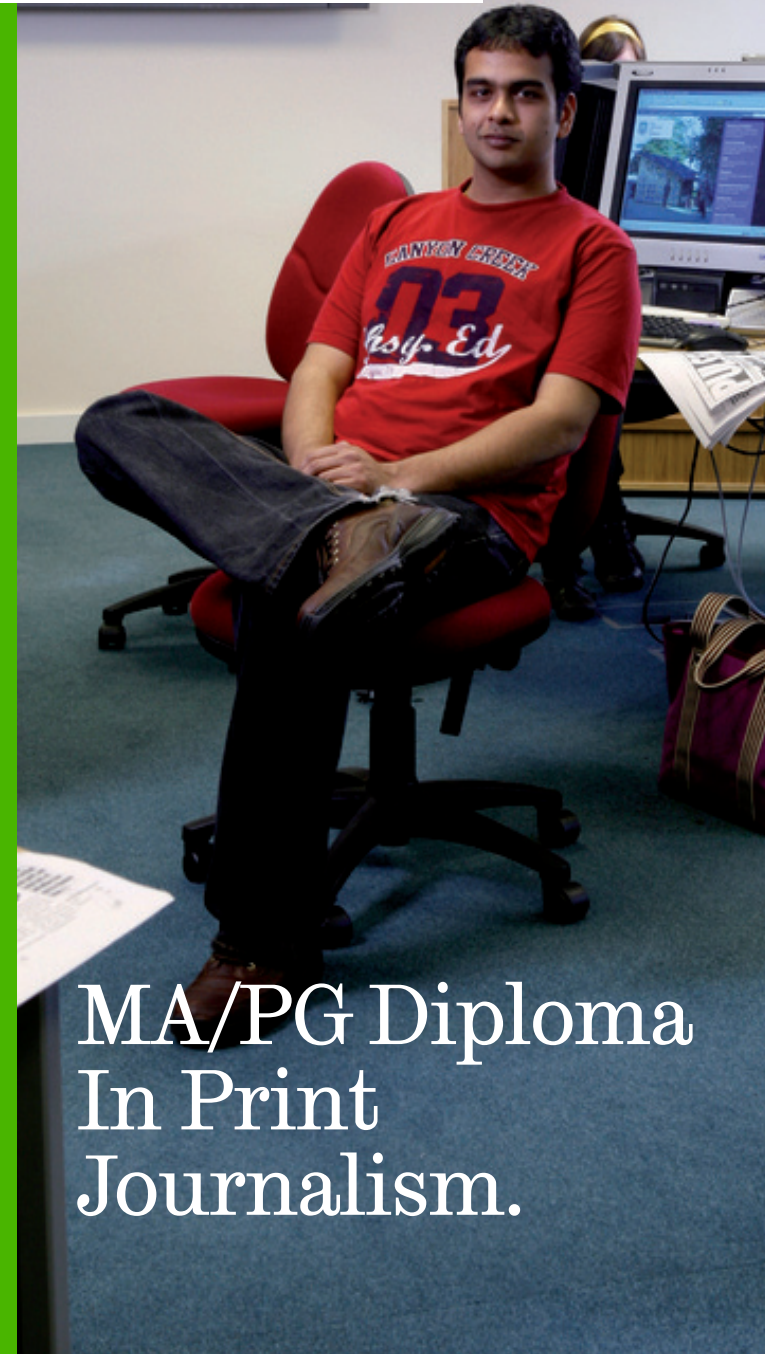
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MA/PG Diploma
In Print
Journalism.



Why choose this Masters course?

We are passionate about helping you to become a really good reporter. You will learn to write stories that punch their weight with every word. Initially you will do this in pressurised workshops in the department's newsroom, where we hold news conferences, simulate major running stories and work from real-life news releases. Then you will be sent to your own "patch" to find stories, and you will report from courtrooms and from meetings where local politicians are taking decisions about people's lives.

We will work hard on your interviewing skills, so you can ask the questions that tease out vital information and get beneath the surface of stories. We will help you build your own contacts, and consider how to gain and keep the trust of people whose goodwill you will need as a reporter.

As the course progresses, we will introduce you to Adobe InCopy and Adobe Indesign, industry-standard software packages that enable you to lay out sophisticated pages at the click of a mouse. You will use your production skills to lay out pages against realistic deadlines, taking responsibility for the sub-editing, headline writing and editorial decision-making.

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for student
satisfaction
in journalism.
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Why Study in the Department of Journalism Studies?

You will be taught by professionals with many years of experience in print newsrooms and other media and by first-rate academics who are making waves in the young discipline of Journalism Studies.



Principal Aims of the course

Our NCTJ accredited print courses aim to produce top-class reporters who dig out the best stories and turn in crisp, engaging copy against tight deadlines.

We will also prepare you for the increasingly multi-media print environment, by teaching you how to record video and audio to include in your own web pages.

Course outline

Researching News, Writing News, Law for Journalists, Advanced Print Journalism, Power and Society, Ethics and Regulation

Students studying for MA Print Journalism will also complete a Print Journalism Portfolio, a substantial individual journalism project conducted under supervision.

Students may also choose to sit the NCTJ exams in law, news writing, public affairs and shorthand.

You'll take part in a team exercise to produce a special course newspaper. Every day you'll work on building your shorthand speed, aiming to hit the NCTJ standard or 100 words-per-minute.

You'll also undertake a placement in a print newsroom at Easter or in the early summer.

Students can choose one optional module from a range including:

Global Journalism, Communicating Politics, Historical Approaches to Journalism, Media Audiences

Full or part time?

The MA course runs from September to September and the Diploma is taught September to June. The course is not available on a part-time basis.

Career opportunities

When you leave the courses, you have every chance of getting the job your skills deserve. Our students are now working for local, regional and national newspapers in this country and abroad. Some work for magazines, others for major news agencies like the Press Association, and some choose to move into other areas of the media.

Who is eligible for the course?

A good undergraduate degree in any subject or an equivalent approved by the University OR relevant professional experience in the case of mature applicants.

You will need to be insatiably curious, passionately interested in news and current affairs, have a wide-ranging intelligence, an appetite for really hard work, and have a focused determination to break into a fiercely competitive industry.

To get on the courses, you will convince us of these qualities. You should have some experience of what it is all about. This could be extensive experience in student journalism. Ideally, you will also have done placements in professional newsrooms and had some of your work published.

Where English is a second language, applicants must provide evidence of proficiency to IELTS 7.5 with a minimum of 7.0 in each element.

