

Internet Communications: Your first year of study

Your first year in Internet Communications will comprise 8 units, 4 taken in each semester; (part-time students normally complete 4 units, 2 in each semester). Follow the links for more information on the units.

Unit choice	Rationale
<hr/> Semester 1 <hr/>	
MAJOR 1 Web Communications 101 (301516)	Prepares you for your applied second year units in Web Publishing and Web Media, covering critical skills and knowledge in Internet Communications
CORE 1 Engaging in Humanities 100 (311922)	Broad introduction to studying effectively within the Humanities. All students do this unit in the Bachelor of Arts.
CORE 2 Narrating Selves 101 (311924) <i>or, if you prefer</i> Making Meanings 103 (311923)	Choose one of these two units from Media, Culture and Creative Arts, providing you with key insights into the way communications and identity interrelate.
ELECTIVE <i>See list on second page</i>	Electives allow you to choose a second area of study to pursue to complement your major, or to explore other interests and passions
<hr/> Semester 2 <hr/>	
MAJOR 2 Internet and Everyday Life 102 (301052)	Prepares you for your more conceptual second year units in Communities, Commerce and the like, covering critical skills and knowledge in Internet Communications
CORE 3 Art and Creativity 100 (311928) <i>or, if you prefer,</i> The Design Experience 100 (311927)	Choose one of these units from Design and Art, to give you breadth of knowledge about visual culture and creativity; students wishing to do digital design electives should do The Design Experience 100
CORE 4 Senses of Place 100 (311925) <i>or, if you prefer,</i> Communicating with Asia 100 (311926)	Choose one of these two units from Social Sciences and Asian Languages to increase your breadth of knowledge about the world beyond Australia.
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Electives in first year

In the course of your degree you must choose 10 electives in total (if you are doing a double major, you 10 second-major units take the place of these electives). You must do at least 6 electives at 2nd or 3rd year level (i.e. numbered 2xx or 3xx). In first year you will have to choose two electives which, in most cases should be 1st year electives. In each of second and third year you choose four electives, which can include additional 1st year units, so long as you do no more than 4 in total for your whole degree.

These six electives are recommended to best complement your studies in Internet Communications:

[Journalism – Introduction to Print 111 \(1557\)](#) (skills in news gathering, news writing)

[Screen Practice 111 \(1532\)](#) (knowledge and skills screen / video production)

[Creative and Professional Writing 110 \(301017\)](#) (for skills in a variety of writing genres)

[Engaging Media 104 \(12194\)](#) (for broader context of new media in society)

[Design Practice 172 \(312001\)](#) (for fundamentals of graphic design)

[Marketing 100 \(10850\)](#) (for a broad introduction to marketing)

You can choose one elective each in different areas or, if you like, two electives in the same area. These units follow up on some of the units just listed.

[Journalism – Introduction to Broadcast 112 \(1564\)](#)

[Writing, Rhetoric and Persuasion 121 \(301018\)](#)

[Screen Arts 111 \(1531\)](#)

[Creative Writing 120 \(1581\)](#)

[Reading Cultural Representations 110 \(301012\)](#)

You can however choose electives from other areas – history, languages, design, and so on. Please use the Curtin handbook to find areas and units you might wish to study. You can also contact the Course Coordinator for more advice. Remember: you must ensure your electives fit in with your core and major units' timetable. You may need to study electives in different semesters or later on to ensure that your timetable works. Not all electives are available externally. Check the handbook.

Advice and support

You should contact the Course Coordinator via email if you need advice or are having problems enrolling. You should always stay in touch with the Coordinator during your first year of study if you need assistance or wish to discuss options in study. When planning your reenrolment in second and third years, and need detailed advice on electives, please also email us.

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