

# Study the NCTJ Certificate in Foundation Journalism

The NCTJ Level 3 Certificate in Foundation Journalism provides an introduction to journalism for all ages.

It may be used as a first step for candidates considering a career in journalism or by those wishing to develop their journalistic skills for a specific purpose. The qualification has been developed by the National Council for the Training of Journalists (NCTJ), the training body for the UK journalism industry.

The qualification is designed to provide a wide variety of uses within the community; whether as a community reporter or contributor, blogger or those wishing to use journalism as a way to draw attention to specific community issues. It can be offered through a range of providers and courses: schools and colleges; evening classes and short courses.

## CORE SUBJECTS

- How to research a story
- How to ask the right questions at an interview
- How to tell a news story
- Recording information
- Legal considerations for journalists
- Working as a journalist to ethical standards

In addition, students will choose additional optional modules to achieve a total of 13 credits and complete the qualification.

Options include: how to use the English language for journalism (level 2); using the English language for maximum effect in journalism (level 2); writing for digital media; writing for a specific purpose; feature writing; how society works; using video to tell a story; using audio to tell a story; taking photographs suitable for publication; finding and using data; sports reporting; writing reviews and comment articles; the history of news and community radio newsgathering.

## BENEFITS FOR STUDENTS

- 50 UCAS points on completion of the qualification
- Flexible study programme
- Journalism training provided by industry professionals

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The qualification is ideal for those wanting to explore an interest in journalism. Successful study at foundation level can give candidates a head start when it comes to applying for a junior journalist apprenticeship and/or progressing to the NCTJ Level 3 Diploma in Journalism.

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