

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Media Studies

Q 1. What is the difference between Media Studies and Film Studies?

Media Studies deals with a range of media industries including film, advertising, newspapers, video games, magazines and online media. As well as analysing texts, in Media Studies you look at how the industry operates including production, marketing and distribution. Media Studies at Loreto also includes a practical coursework element where you produce your own music video and website.

Q 2. Do I need my own equipment for Media Studies?

No. You can use your own equipment but the department also operates a camera hire system, has its own studio and edit suites running the Abode Premiere and Final Cut Pro editing packages, so we have all the hardware and facilities you need to make your own high-quality media products.

Q 3. What will I learn in A Level Media Studies?

Media Studies teaches you how to read and analyse the media and enhances your understanding of current events in the world. You will learn about how media products are made, who produces them and why. You will also gain insights into how the media portrays various social groups and how the audience interprets these representations. In the practical side of the course, you will develop research, filming, editing and web design skills using up-to-date hardware and software.

Q 4. Do I have to perform in my music video?

No. Some students choose to perform in their projects but most work behind the camera. Often our students collaborate with students from other departments such as music and performing arts to make their music videos.



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Q 5. What can I do with an A Level in Media Studies?

Media students progress onto a variety of degrees and careers/apprenticeships. Many go on to study media, advertising or journalism at university and some of our students have taken up apprenticeships in media and digital marketing companies. However, lots of students use their Media A Level as a stepping stone to degree courses as varied as English, History, Architecture and Politics.

Q 6. Do Russell Group universities accept Media Studies A Level?

Yes. Most Russell Group universities have Media degree courses and all will accept Media alongside one or two other subjects for degree courses in other subjects. Always best to research the entry requirements for each course.

