

# DIPLOMA IN COMMUNICATION EXTENDED - COMMUNICATION (7148)

**Approved Abbreviation:** DipComm  
**Western Sydney University Program Code:** 7148  
**AQF Level:** 5

**CRICOS Code:** 096995B

This program applies to students who commenced in Term 1, 2021 or later.

Students should follow the program structure for the session start date relevant to the year they commenced.

For Commencement Year 2018 to 2020 - please refer to 7148.1 Diploma in Communication Extended - Communication (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=7148.1>)

This program is delivered by Western Sydney University, The College as an agent of Western Sydney University.

This program is designed to provide students with the first year subjects included in the Communication degree, including a range of studies in the fields of communication, media and design including specialised studies in the major fields of Advertising, Journalism, Public Relations and Screen Media. The inclusion of additional preparatory subjects is designed to assist students in the transition to study at University level. The Diploma is delivered via extended face to face hours in smaller learning environments.

Students who successfully complete this Diploma will articulate into the Communication degree with up to one year (80 credit points) equivalent of advanced standing.

For more information on Western Sydney University, The College, please refer to their web site.

Western Sydney University, The College (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/study/application-pathways/the-college.html>)

## Study Mode

One and a half years full-time (four terms)

## Program Advice

College Program Enquiries (<https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/email/AdminApp@westernsydney.edu.au>)

Prospective students should visit the following websites for general enquiries about this program.

Enquire about this program (<https://enquiry.westernsydney.edu.au/courseenquiry/>) | Local Admission (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/>) | International Admission (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/home/apply/admissions/>) |

## Location

| Campus                                   | Attendance | Mode     | Advice    |
|------------------------------------------|------------|----------|-----------|
| The College - Nirimba Education Precinct | Full Time  | Internal | See above |

## Admission

This program is open to Australian Citizens and Permanent Residents who are aged 17 years or over and not currently enrolled in or completing Year 12 in the same year of intended admission.

## International Students

IELTS 5.5 with minimum 5.0 in each sub band; or equivalent results from The College English Language Program or The College English Entrance Test; and completion of year 11 or equivalent with specified results.

## Program Structure

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 140 credit points which include the subjects listed in the pathways below.

Students are categorised into three Pathways. See individual links below for detailed program structure.

## Local Recent School Leavers and Non-Credentialed Applicants

### Term 1 intake

| Subject | Title | Credit Points |
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Students must pass all the Preparatory subjects (WSTC Prep) for which no advanced standing will be granted in the University degree program.

Students must pass 40 credit points from the following Preparatory subjects (WSTC Prep) prior to enrolling in the University level subjects.

| Term 1 of study            |                                                   |            |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|------------|
| LANG 0034                  | Essential Skills for Academic Success (WSTC Prep) | 10         |
| COMM 0002                  | Academic Skills for Communication (WSTC Prep)     | 10         |
| HUMN 0009                  | Cultural Perspectives (WSTC Prep)                 | 10         |
| COMM 0004                  | Communication and Media (WSTC Prep)               | 10         |
| Term 2 of study            |                                                   |            |
| LANG 0003                  | Academic English (WSTC Prep)                      | 10         |
| COMM 0015                  | Communication Practices (WSTC Prep)               | 10         |
| COMM 1021                  | Media Cultures and Industries (WSTC)              | 10         |
| Term 3 of study            |                                                   |            |
| COMM 1011                  | Data, Mediation and Power (WSTC)                  | 10         |
| COMM 1019                  | Introduction to Journalism (WSTC)                 | 10         |
| MKTG 1010                  | Public Relations Theory and Practice (WSTC)       | 10         |
| Term 4 of study            |                                                   |            |
| COMM 1033                  | Writing Ecologies (WSTC)                          | 10         |
| DESN 1019                  | Visual Storytelling (WSTC)                        | 10         |
| MKTG 1002                  | Advertising: An Introduction (WSTC)               | 10         |
| COMM 1040                  | Introduction to Screen Media (WSTC)               | 10         |
| <b>Total Credit Points</b> |                                                   | <b>140</b> |

### Term 3 intake

| Subject | Title | Credit Points |
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| LANG 0026                  | English for International Students 1 (WSTC Prep)  | 0          |
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