

DIPLOMA IN COMMUNICATION EXTENDED - SCREEN MEDIA (ARTS AND PRODUCTION) (7150)

Approved Abbreviation: DipComm

Western Sydney University Program Code: 7150

AQF Level: 5

CRICOS Code: 096997M

This program is suspended from Term 1, 2025, no new students will be admitted from this session.

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 7150.1 Diploma in Communication Extended - Screen Media (Arts and Production) (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=7150.1>)

This program provides the fundamentals of a Communication course with a focus on Screen Media, reflecting the growth of screen content as an industry, an art form and a means of global communication. Students engage with a range of preparatory subjects, which will boost their transition to university-level study. They then complete eight subjects which make up the first year of the Bachelor of Screen Media (Arts and Production), including subjects from both Design and Journalism streams. Students who successfully complete this Diploma will articulate into the Screen Media (Arts and Production) 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* ¹	Full Time	Internal	See above
Kingswood ²	Full Time	Internal	See above

* Programs delivered through an agreement with another party

¹ This location is unavailable from Term 2 2025.

² This location is available from Term 2 2025 for teach-out students only.

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 be enrolled in the Diploma in Communication Extended - Screen Media (Arts and Production) to complete this pathway.

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 1042	Screen Media Fundamentals (WSTC)	10
COMM 0015	Communication Practices (WSTC Prep)	10
Term 3 of Study		
COMM 1019	Introduction to Journalism (WSTC)	10
COMM 1038	Digital Narrative (WSTC)	10
COMM 2054	Animation and Visual Effects (WSTC)	10
Term 4 of Study		

DESN 1010	Graphic Design: Understanding the Principles (WSTC)	20
DESN 1022	Web and Time-based Design (WSTC)	10
COMM 1040	Introduction to Screen Media (WSTC)	10
Total Credit Points		140

Term 3 intake

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LANG 0026	English for International Students 1 (WSTC Prep)	0

Term 2 of Study		
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Equivalent Subjects

The subject listed below counts towards completion of this program for students who passed this subject in 2021 or earlier.

VISU 2007 Animation and Visual Effects (WSTC), replaced by COMM 2054 (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/subject-details/comm2054/>) Animation and Visual Effects (WSTC)