

Further study



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9 sources cited

Journalism and mass communication study routes

Look at the study routes into journalism and mass communication: IIMC's PG Diploma and MA programmes through CUET (PG), other universities' rules, and UGC-NET for teaching.

At a glance

For you

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Cost

✓ 8 sourced

IIMC prints a tuition fee of 50000 per semester for two semesters for the PG Diploma in Journalism (English or Hindi)...

Stipend

— Not applicable

Study route, so no salary. A stipend appears only where a source states it.

Timetable

✓ 2 sourced

IIMC's PG Diploma programmes are full-time; students may not hold any other full-time or part-time job or study elsewhere.

Admission

✓ 12 sourced

IIMC's notice asks for graduates in any discipline for its PG Diploma programmes, with a valid CUET-PG score in Mass...

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Cost, pay and hours

As sourced

1 Extra cost

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IIMC prints a tuition fee of 50000 per semester for two semesters for the PG Diploma in Journalism (English or Hindi), and a Semester 1 total of 64000.

Basis:

Indian rupees Per semester

Tuition plus students' welfare, library, library security (refundable 3000), examination, development and convocation fees in Semester 1

Excludes Hostel, which is limited and for which rules were not published in the prospectus

Scope:

IIMC 2026-27 prospectus.

Note:

- Fees are charged semester-wise in advance and fixed for the programme duration.
- Table was read by position; yearly total not computed.

IIMC prints a tuition fee of 65000 per semester for two semesters for the PG Diploma in Advertising and Public Relations (Semester 1 total 79000).

Basis:

Indian rupees Per semester As for the other PG Diploma tables Excludes Hostel

Scope:

IIMC 2026-27 prospectus.

Note:

Yearly total not computed.

IIMC prints a tuition fee of 80000 per semester for two semesters for the PG Diploma in Radio and Television Journalism (Semester 1 total 94000).

Basis:

Indian rupees Per semester As for the other PG Diploma tables Excludes Hostel

Scope:

IIMC 2026-27 prospectus.

Note:

Yearly total not computed.

IIMC prints a tuition fee of 65000 per semester for four semesters for MA in Media Business Studies, Strategic Communication, Health Communication, Corporate Communication and Brand Management, and Media and Communication Governance (Semester 1 total 79000).

Basis:

Indian rupees Per semester Tuition and other semester heads as printed Excludes Hostel

Scope:

IIMC 2026-27 prospectus.

Note:

Whole-programme total not computed.

IIMC prints a tuition fee of 80000 per semester for four semesters for MA in New Media Communications (Semester 1 total 94000).

Basis:

Indian rupees Per semester Tuition and other semester heads as printed Excludes Hostel

Scope:

IIMC 2026-27 prospectus.

Note:

Whole-programme total not computed.

IIMC prints a tuition fee of 23500 per semester for the regional-language PG Diplomas in Journalism (Malayalam, Marathi, Odia, Urdu), with a Semester 1 total of 37500.

Basis:

Indian rupees Per semester Tuition and other semester heads as printed Excludes Hostel

Scope:

IIMC 2026-27 prospectus.

Note:

Yearly total not computed.

For IIMC's Urdu Journalism PG Diploma entrance test the General category fee is Rs. 800.

Basis:

Indian rupees Per attempt IIMC's own entrance test application fee, Urdu Journalism
Excludes Course fee

Scope:

IIMC New Delhi, PGDUJ 2026-27 notice of 27 April 2026; closed.

Note:

Not the CUET-PG route used for English/Hindi etc.

For IIMC's Urdu Journalism entrance test the OBC-NCL / General-EWS fee is Rs. 600, SC/ST Rs. 550 and PWD Rs. 500.

Basis:

Indian rupees Per attempt IIMC's own entrance test application fee, Urdu Journalism
Excludes Course fee

Scope:

IIMC PGDUJ 2026-27 notice.

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Pay

Not established

This is a study route, so there is no salary.

A stipend or fee waiver appears only where a source states it.

Have a source? Tell us

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Timetable & attendance

2 sourced

- IIMC's PG Diploma programmes are full-time
- Students may not hold any other full-time or part-time job or study elsewhere.

Scope:

IIMC prospectus 2026-27.

Note:

Class hours per day are not stated.

IIMC requires at least 75% attendance in a semester to sit that semester's examinations.

Scope:

IIMC prospectus 2026-27.

Note:

Daily timings not given.



Reality check

From the sources



The work

- IIMC's regional campuses offer one-year PG Diploma programmes aimed at jobs in mass media and communication, and IIMC says its diploma students are prepared for journalism, advertising, public relations and creative writing.
- It states that it does not guarantee jobs to its students.



Entry requirements

- IIMC asks for graduates in any discipline for its PG Diploma programmes and a Bachelor's degree in any discipline with at least 55% for its MA programmes, and final-year students may apply.
- IIMC's notice names the CUET (PG) paper Mass Communication and Journalism with the code COQP17, and NTA's CUET (PG) 2026 bulletin lists the same code for it.
- The PG Diploma has an upper age limit and the MA has none.



Trade-offs to consider

- IIMC states it does not guarantee jobs.
- Its programmes are full-time and students may not hold another job, 75% attendance is needed to sit a semester's examinations, and fees are charged semester by semester in advance and stay fixed for the programme.



Skills & employers

From the sources

Skills to investigate

Writing

Current affairs

Entrance test preparation

Institutions named in sources



University of Delhi



Jamia Millia Islamia



Makhanlal Chaturvedi National University of Journalism and Communication, Bhopal



Tata Institute of Social Sciences



Indian Institute of Mass Communication

Examples in cited pages, not a hiring list.

Study or credential needed

NTA's CUET (PG) 2026 paper list maps COQP17 to Mass Communication and Journalism.

Scope:

- CUET (PG) 2026, the cycle for 2026-27 admissions
- No CUET (PG) 2027 bulletin appeared on the NTA site on 31 October 2026.
- The bulletin lists 22 common papers in a numbered table, and Mass Communication and Journalism is the 17th, with code COQP17.

Note:

A student applying to IIMC must take this paper; other universities may use different papers.

- UGC-NET December 2026 offers Mass Communication and Journalism as a subject, with Master's degree holders (55%, or 50% for OBC-NCL/SC/ST/PwD) eligible
- It decides eligibility for Assistant Professor, JRF and PhD admission.

Scope:

- UGC-NET December 2026 (exam 14 to 19 December 2026).
- Optional for a student who wants teaching or research; not needed for newsroom or PR jobs.

Note:

- The bulletin does not say that any employer outside teaching/research asks for NET.
- The Master of Journalism and Mass Communication (MJMC) and Master of Mass Communication (MMC) appear in its list of post-graduate courses.



How admission works

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IIMC's notice asks for graduates in any discipline for its PG Diploma programmes, with a valid CUET-PG score in Mass Communication and Journalism (the notice prints the paper code as COQP17).

Source: Indian Institute of Mass Communication ↗

Scope:

IIMC revised notice, 20 May 2026: PG Diploma in Journalism (English), (Hindi), Radio & TV Journalism, Advertising and Public Relations.

Not established:

B.Sc. and B.A. are not named separately; the source says any discipline.

IIMC's notice asks for a Bachelor's degree in any discipline with at least 55% marks, plus a valid CUET-PG score in Mass Communication and Journalism (printed as COQP17), for its MA programmes.

Source: Indian Institute of Mass Communication ↗

Scope:

IIMC revised notice, 20 May 2026: MA in Media Business Studies, Strategic Communication, New Media Communications, Health Communication, Media and Communication Governance, Corporate Communication and Brand Management.

Not established:

PG Diploma has no marks condition in this notice.

IIMC lets final-year students apply and requires at least a provisional marks sheet by 30 September 2026.

Source: Indian Institute of Mass Communication ↗

Scope:

IIMC revised notice, 20 May 2026.

Not established:

Date was for the 2026-27 session.

- IIMC says it admits to its MA and PG Diploma programmes on the CUET-PG score in Mass Communication and Journalism only, through e-counselling
- Its notice prints the paper code as COQP17.

Source: Indian Institute of Mass Communication ↗

Scope:

- IIMC 2026-27 session; admissions (CUET-PG e-counselling and spot rounds) ran from May to about July 2026.
- No IIMC 2027-28 notice was found on 31 October 2026.

Not established:

Regional-language PG Diplomas (Odia, Marathi, Malayalam, Urdu) use IIMC's own entrance test instead.

IIMC says fees are charged semester by semester in advance and stay fixed for the whole programme once admission is granted.

Source: Indian Institute of Mass Communication ↗

Scope:

IIMC 2026-27 prospectus.

Not established:

Late fee Rs. 50 per day after the due date; re-admission fee Rs. 2,000 (same page).

IIMC offers a scholarship waiving 20% of the tuition fee for up to 10% of admitted students in each programme, on income and merit.

Source: Indian Institute of Mass Communication ↗

Scope:

IIMC prospectus 2026-27; the scheme text refers to academic year 2025-26.

Not established:

A fee waiver, not a stipend; income bands in the text run only up to Rs. 8,00,000.

IIMC's revised notice lists MA in New Media Communications at Delhi, Jammu, Aizawl and Kottayam with 30 seats each, and 40 seats each for several single-campus MA programmes.

Source: Indian Institute of Mass Communication ↗

Scope:

IIMC revised notice, 20 May 2026.

IIMC's Urdu Journalism PG Diploma asks for a Bachelor's degree in any discipline and is admitted through IIMC's own entrance examination held at IIMC Delhi.

Source: Indian Institute of Mass Communication ↗

Scope:

- PGDUJ 2026-27, entrance 31 May 2026 (closed)
- Age limit General 25, OBC 28, SC/ST/PwD 30 as on 1 August 2026.

Not established:

Separate from the CUET-PG route.

Jamia's AJK Mass Communication Research Centre asks for graduation in any discipline (10+2+3) with not less than 50% marks in aggregate for the M.A. (Mass Communication).

Source: Jamia Millia Islamia ↗

Scope:

JMI 2026-27; entrance test 27 April 2026 followed by interview/group discussion (closed).

Not established:

Admission via JMI's own test, not CUET.

- Delhi University's Five Year Integrated Programme in Journalism (Delhi School of Journalism) takes CUET in one language plus Mass Media/Mass Communication plus General Aptitude Test, or one language plus General Aptitude Test
- It is self-financed and bilingual.

Source: University of Delhi ↗

Scope:

DU 2026-27.

Not established:

Fee not printed; the bulletin tells candidates to check the fee structure.

TISS's M.A. in Media and Cultural Studies is mapped to CUET (PG) paper COQP17 with an intake of 30 and accepts a 3-year or 4-year bachelor's degree.

Source: Tata Institute of Social Sciences ↗

Scope:

TISS Mumbai 2026-27.

Not established:

Fee table not printed in the brochure.

MCU Bhopal lists M.A. (Journalism), M.A. (Digital Journalism), M.A. (Broadcast Journalism), M.A. (Advertising and Public Relations) and M.A. (Mass Communication), each open to graduation in any discipline, 30 seats for the first two.

Source: Makhnallal Chaturvedi National University of Journalism and Communication, Bhopal ↗

Scope:

MCU 2026-27; applications closed 10 July 2026.



The work and what comes next

4 sourced

The work, from the sources

IIMC's regional campuses offer one-year Post Graduate Diploma programmes aimed at jobs in mass media and communication.

Source: Indian Institute of Mass Communication ↗

Scope:

IIMC prospectus 2026-27 (New Delhi, Dhenkanal, Kottayam).

Not established:

MA programmes run four semesters.

What can come next

IIMC's PG Diploma has an upper age limit: General born on or after 1.8.2001 (maximum 25 years as on 1 August 2026), OBC 1.8.1998 (28 years), SC/ST/PwD 1.8.1996 (30 years). The MA has no age limit.

Source: Indian Institute of Mass Communication ↗

Scope:

IIMC revised notice, 20 May 2026.

Not established:

- The prospectus has inconsistent year text in the same paragraph
- The revised notice is the later document.

IIMC states in its prospectus that it does not guarantee jobs to its students.

Source: Indian Institute of Mass Communication ↗

Scope:

IIMC prospectus 2026-27.

Not established:

The same paragraph mentions 'attractive pay packages' but prints no figure.

IIMC says its PG Diploma students are prepared for assignments in journalism, advertising, public relations and creative writing.

Source: Indian Institute of Mass Communication ↗

Scope:

IIMC prospectus 2026-27.

Not established:

No outcome data.

Sources and unanswered questions

- IIMC, NTA, Jamia Millia Islamia, Delhi University, TISS and MCU documents for 2026 and 2026-27, checked on 31 October 2026 · India · the cycle is closed; programme fees are as IIMC printed them for 2026-27.
- Source checking confirms only the scoped statements on this page, not anyone's individual eligibility.
- Confirm current requirements with the employer or programme.

University of Delhi: Bulletin of Information, Undergraduate Admissions 2026-27 ↗

University of Delhi · accessed 31 Oct 2026

Scope:

- University of Delhi 2026-27 UG admissions.
- Cycle: UG admissions 2026-27 through CUET (UG) 2026.

Not established:

- It names CUET subjects, not Class XII subjects
- The bulletin separately requires candidates to appear in the CUET subjects they studied in Class XII.

Checked by a person; not monitored automatically.

Information Bulletin, Common University Entrance Test (CUET) PG 2026 (linked from exams.nta.nic.in/cuet-pg) ↗

National Testing Agency (NTA) · accessed 31 Oct 2026

Scope:

CUET (PG) 2026. Cycle: CUET (PG) 2026 (admission 2026-27), closed.

Not established:

The total fee depends on how many papers a university programme asks for.

Checked by a person; not monitored automatically.

Jamia Millia Islamia University Prospectus 2026-27 ↗

Jamia Millia Islamia · accessed 31 Oct 2026

Scope:

JMI 2026-27 prospectus. Entrance test date for B02 was 26 April 2026 (closed).

Not established:

JMI states different percentages for different programmes.

Checked by a person; not monitored automatically.

How To Apply, Admission Session 2026-27 ↗

Makhanlal Chaturvedi National University of Journalism and Communication, Bhopal · accessed 31 Oct 2026

Scope:

MCU 2026-27, applications closed 10 July 2026.

Not established:

Not the programme fee.

Checked by a person; not monitored automatically.

Admission Brochure for Post Graduate Programmes 2026-2027 ↗

Tata Institute of Social Sciences · accessed 31 Oct 2026

Scope:

TISS PG brochure 2026-27; applications closed.

Not established:

CAT-PG and non-CUET routes are separate for some programmes.

Checked by a person; not monitored automatically.

Admission Notice (2026-27) - Revised ↗

Indian Institute of Mass Communication · accessed 31 Oct 2026

Scope:

IIMC revised notice, 20 May 2026: PG Diploma in Journalism (English), (Hindi), Radio & TV Journalism, Advertising and Public Relations.

Not established:

B.Sc. and B.A. are not named separately; the source says any discipline.

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IIMC Admission Prospectus, 2026-27 (accessible version, from iimc.admissions.nic.in) ↗

Indian Institute of Mass Communication · accessed 31 Oct 2026

Scope:

IIMC 2026-27 prospectus.

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Admission Notice for PG Diploma in Urdu Journalism (PGDUJ) 2026-27 ↗

Indian Institute of Mass Communication · accessed 31 Oct 2026

Scope:

IIMC New Delhi, PGDUJ 2026-27 notice of 27 April 2026; closed.

Not established:

Not the CUET-PG route used for English/Hindi etc.

Checked by a person; not monitored automatically.

Information Bulletin UGC-NET December 2026 Examination ↗

National Testing Agency · accessed 31 Oct 2026

Scope:

- UGC-NET December 2026 (exam 14 to 19 December 2026).
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Your next step: Read IIMC's current notice for your programme, then confirm the CUET (PG) paper code in NTA's bulletin before you register.



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B.Ed admission

B.A. admission after Class 12

Civil Services Examination (UPSC)

Graduate-level government and bank posts

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