Broadcast Journalism Training Council

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BA (Hons) Journalism

London South Bank University is proud to have developed a Journalism course which addresses many of the key challenges facing the industry currently and has at its core the aim of providing students with a comprehensive set of professional skills across a range of platforms – underpinned by critical thought, analysis and innovation.

The course is delivered by a strong team of industry professionals with current skills, knowledge and experience mixed with a rich academic team who are leading the way in digital research. Building on London South Bank's entrepreneurial spirit, we are committed to fostering strong links with the creative industries – preparing our students to work cross media, cross platform and to be professionally confident in different roles within the sector.

Most of the teaching is delivered in Elephant Studios – opened by Lord Grade in Feb 2016 – which includes a purpose built newsroom, a radio studio and control room, a number of editing suites, a cinema, a sound studio with foley room, a photographic and a film studio and MAC labs. Our kit room is also located here where the students are able to access a good range of cameras and mics.

We are situated as a course in the school of Creative Technologies, sharing our space with games, sound, web design, VFX and creative writing. This allows us to offer opportunities for cross discipline projects and we actively encourage students to pursue collaborative ways of working.

The campus is located in a vibrant area of South London – within walking distance of many news organisations and broadcasters - News UK, London Television Centre, the Financial Times, to name a few and we also have a number of post production houses, radio stations, and of course a huge range of entertainment venues – the British Film Institute, the Tate Modern, the Globe ... and because our location is so central, we are able to attract expert speakers on to our campus.

Southwark as a borough is rich with culture – a diverse demographic with plenty of opportunity for the students to gather news and features. From the first few weeks on the course the first years are out in their patches finding stories, making contacts and learning about keeping a detailed notebook. Students are encouraged to post news constantly on our internal news wire #patchnews (Slack) – these story leads are picked up and developed by second and third years for live shows and news bulletins. It's an exciting, pacey course, which mimics as much as possible the pattern of a working journalist.