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## IELTS Listening – Media Studies Course

**LOUISE:** I'm looking for some advice about doing a Master's Degree in Media Studies. Am I at the right place?

**MARK:** Yes, my name's Mark, I'm head of the Media Studies course. Nice to meet you, and you are...

**LOUISE:** I'm Louise, nice to meet you too.

**MARK:** So how can I help you?

**LOUISE:** Well I've seen the prospectus for the course but I'm still a bit confused about a few things and about some of the options for studying.

**MARK:** What's your situation at the moment? Are you working?

**LOUISE:** Yes, I've been working as a journalist for a local newspaper for the last 3 months. Prior to that I had two jobs in the media – at a small local radio station for about 2 years and at a TV station for about 4 years. So I've worked in media for about six years in total.

*Q21*

**MARK:** Ok well that's useful if you want to do the course. What is your motivation to do further study?

**LOUISE:** I enjoy my job a lot at the moment but I feel the opportunities for promotion are quite limited. It's not that I think a masters will help with this though. I'll probably leave my job, maybe to go into TV or something, but basically I think wherever I end up going in the future, employers prefer to see someone with post-graduate qualifications these days.

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**MARK:** And are you intending to study full-time?

**LOUISE:** Well I'd really like to keep working as I need an income. What are the options for me if I want to work whilst studying?

**MARK:** You could do certain modules over a number of years you like. It's up to you how many you do. Basically you get credits for the ones you complete. People usually do the Masters in anything from 18 months up until 4 years. It depends on your time. If you wanted a fixed schedule and attendance and did it part time then that would be a total of 3 years.

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**LOUISE:** So what is the admission criteria to join the course?

**MARK:** Well there are a few things that are useful but not essential, but there are some requirements. Usually to join a Masters people must have a



bachelor's degree, but we are prepared to overlook this if someone has enough work experience. But you must have one or the other. It's useful if you have research experience as you have to complete a thesis but we can train you on this if not. It's essential that you have motivation if you want to join the course as it is very demanding.

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**LOUISE:** What about the costs for the course?

**MARK:** The fees for a year if you are studying part-time are £2250. No sorry, they have gone up this year – £2400. Of course you are paying for all other living costs.

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**LOUISE:** Is there any kind of bursary or scholarship available to help with the fees?

**MARK:** Yes there are things available but you have to meet the criteria to get funding. Often though the university will actually contact you about funding. Universities have a certain budget available to provide funds so they will look for the best students and offer them something if they think they will be suitable. You would have to have a firm offer in place to join the course though before you'd be considered for any funding.

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**LOUISE:** Where can I go to find out more about it?

**MARK:** The best place to look for information about funding is on our university website. All the details about whether you're eligible, what help is on offer, and how to apply will be there. If you can't find the information you're looking for, you can always come and speak to us again and there will be a number you can ring.

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**LOUISE:** Ok thanks for that. And is it easy to get hold of you if I need to speak to you further?

**MARK:** Yes, I'm here most days, but you can always phone the office first to check. It's best to book an appointment in case I'm not around.