

# Bachelor of Journalism

## ADMISSION INFORMATION PACKAGE – 2018 - 2019

The Faculty of Arts at TRU offers a 4-year Bachelor of Journalism degree program.

It is an intensive degree that blends theory and skill development to train students for jobs as journalists and communication specialists. The practical side of the program focuses on writing, editing, interviewing, taking photographs, and working with new technology to produce print and online publications. The theory side emphasizes media law, journalistic ethics, decision-making, and critical thinking.

### Admission Requirements

#### First-Year Requirements:

- BC Grade 12/Adult Dogwood/Mature student status or equivalent
- English 12/English 12 First Peoples with a minimum 73% (B), or equivalent

#### Third-Year Entry Requirements:

- Completion of 2 years or the equivalent of 60 credits of pre-journalism course work at any college or university in BC or in other parts of Canada

For assistance in developing your academic plan to meet the program requirements, you may want to contact [jouradvising@tru.ca](mailto:jouradvising@tru.ca) (for Bjour. applicants) or [commadvising@tru.ca](mailto:commadvising@tru.ca) (for BA Communication applicants).

For general program advising contact [advising@tru.ca](mailto:advising@tru.ca)

**Applications are accepted from October 1 to April 30.** Late applications may be accepted if space permits. Admission to the Bachelor of Journalism program is determined by a selective and limited admission process.

### How to Apply

1. **Submit your application** online at <http://www.tru.ca/admissions/apply.html>.
2. **Pay the application fee:**  
a \$28.68 for Canadian citizens or permanent
3. **Submit official high school transcripts.** For current high school students please submit final Grade 11 grades and an interim Grade 12 transcript listing courses you are taking this year.
4. **Submit official postsecondary transcripts.**

### Next Steps:

1. We will contact you within 2-3 weeks to let you know that we have received your application.
2. Use the checklist in this package to make sure you have included all the supporting documents required for the program. For limited and selective programs, all required documents must be submitted by the deadline in order for your application to be considered.
3. Once we have reviewed your application and applicable supporting documents, we will notify you about the admission decision.
4. Once you have been admitted, you will have to pay a \$300.00 tuition deposit fee to confirm your spot and enable you to online register in courses.

## Need Help? Contact Us

Email: [admissions@tru.ca](mailto:admissions@tru.ca)

Old Main Student Street  
Phone: 250-828-5036  
Fax: 250-371-5960

### Mailing Address:

Admissions Office  
Thompson Rivers University  
805 TRU Way  
Kamloops, BC V2C 0C8

Further information regarding TRU's Journalism program can be found at

<http://www.tru.ca/arts/programs/journalism>

## Support Services

Visit the TRU home page at [www.tru.ca](http://www.tru.ca) for information regarding various support services, including Disability Services, Services for Aboriginal Students, Counselling, Sponsorship and Student Housing.

For assistance with *financial planning* please contact TRU Student Awards and Financial Support 250-828-5024, or go to

<http://www.tru.ca/awards/advising/tools.html>

## Program Checklist

The Admissions office encourages you to submit an Application for Admission form and related documentation as soon as you complete each of the requirements.

However, the minimum documentation which will be accepted is as follows:

- Completed Application form
- \$28.68 Application fee (non-refundable)

Supporting documentation required to complete admission requirements are:

- Official Ministry of Education high school graduation transcript
- Official post-secondary transcript(s)