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Bachelor of Journalism

Third Year Entry - See Program Advisor

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The TRU Bachelor of Journalism program is an intensive four-year program of study that blends theory with skill development and trains students for jobs as print-based journalists and communications specialists. For more information about the program please visit the School of Journalism website at: www.tru.ca/arts/journalism.html.

Please Note: Admission to Journalism is selective. Preference is given to students who: Have strong writing skills; a good understanding of Canadian history, politics and economics; strong problem-solving and critical thinking abilities; good oral communication and interpersonal skills; a basic understanding of visual design; and a general familiarity with computers.

Applications for September are accepted beginning Oct 1st. Early admission begins February 15th. As of Fall 2014, the Bachelor of Journalism degree will accept students into years one, two, or three of the program. Students may choose to enter The Bachelor of Arts program and then transfer into the Bachelor of Journalism in second or third year.

Prospective students are required to:

- Demonstrate reasonable keyboarding skills
- Submit a writing sample (500 words or less on the topic “Why I want to be a Journalist.”)
- Complete a pre-enrolment interview and take a short writing skills test to assess their writing skills
- Students are advised to do some volunteer work in the field before applying to the program

Admission Requirements to Third Year:

- Completion of Journalism or other approved (2 year) Diploma OR
- Completion of any approved Bachelor Degree OR
- Completion of 60 credits of liberal arts electives including:
 - 6 first year ENGL credits
- choose from ENGL1100, 1110, 1120, 1140 or 1210
 - 3 credits of 2nd year English*
 - 6 credits in History and/or Political Studies
 - 48 credits drawn from the Humanities, Social Sciences, Sciences and Business

* TRU students note: 6 credits of first year English is prerequisite for any second year English course

Humanities

English
Film
History
Economics
Modern Language
Music
Speech
Philosophy
Theatre
Visual Arts

Social Sciences

Anthropology
Canadian Studies
Geography
Political Science
Psychology
Sociology

Other

Business
Physical Education
Social Work

Math/Sciences

Astronomy
Biology
Chemistry
Computing Science
Geology
Mathematics
Physics
Statistics



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Pre-Journalism

Check Sheet

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Courses with depth in Canadian Content are highly recommended for Journalism students:

ANTH 2140, 2190, 2230
CNST 2000, 2420
ECON 2430
ENGL 2040, 2170, 2270
GEOG 2220, 2230
HIST 1120, 1220, 2020, 2700
POLI 1110, 2230, 2250
SOCI 2010, 2100, 2130, 2500
VISA 2150



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Pre-Journalism FIRST Year Electives

ANTHROPOLOGY	1110, 1190, 1210
ASTRONOMY	1140, 1150
BIOLOGY	1040, 1050, 1110*, 1210*, 1250*, 1590*, 1690*
	(BIOL 1250 lecture offered by distance only, lab will be one week in summer)
<u>COMMUNICATIONS</u>	1160, 1290*
CHEMISTRY	1500*, 1510*, 1520*
CHINESE	1110, 1210*
COMPUTING SCIENCE	1000, 1130* or 1520*, 1230*, 1380*, 1390*, 1810, 2120* or any 3 credits of: 1010, 1020, 1030, 1040, 1050, 1060, 1070, 1080, 1090, 1150
<u>ECONOMICS</u>	1220, 1900*, 1950*
<u>ENGLISH</u>	1100*, 1110*, 1120*, 1140*, 1150*, 1210*
FRENCH	1000, 1010*, 1100*, 1110*, 1200*, 1210*
<u>GEOGRAPHY</u>	1120, 1190, 1200, 1220
<u>GEOLOGY</u>	1110
GERMAN	1110, 1210*
<u>HISTORY</u>	1030, 1120, 1160, 1220, 1260
JAPANESE	1110, 1210*
MATHEMATICS	1000*, 1070*, 1100*, 1140*, 1150*, 1170*, 1240*, 1250*, 1700*, 1900
MUSIC	1000, 1010*, 1150, 1250*, 1700, 1800*
NATURAL RESOURCE SCIENCE	1120*, 1220*
<u>PHILOSOPHY</u>	1010, 1020, 1100, 1110
PHYSICS	1010, 1100*, 1130*, 1150*, 1200*, 1250*
<u>POLITICAL STUDIES</u>	1110, 1210*
PSYCHOLOGY	1110, 1210*
<u>SERVICE LEARNING</u>	1000
<u>SOCIOLOGY</u>	1110, 1210*
SPANISH	1110, 1210*
<u>SPEECH</u>	1500
STATISTICS	1200*
<u>THEATRE</u>	1100, 1110, 1200*, 1210*, 1500*
VISUAL ARTS	1010, 1020*, 1030, 1040, 1110, 1120*, 1210*, 1220*, 1500

Note: Underlined subjects are strongly recommended

* Indicates course has a prerequisite

Note: A maximum of 12 credits may be taken from the following list of courses:

ACCT 2210*, ACCT 2250*, ECON 2320*, ECON 2330*, MIST 2610, ORGB 2810

PHED 1000, 1230, 2000, 2110, 2120, 2130, 2140, 2150*, 2210, 2840*

3 credits maximum for PE Activity Courses: PHED 1100, 1120, 1140, 1160, 1190, 1240, 1280

SOCW 2060*, 2120*



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Pre-Journalism SECOND Year Electives

ANTHROPOLOGY	2140, 2150, 2160, 2190, 2230, 2250, 2330 2600
BIOLOGY	2100, 2110, 2130, 2150, 2200, 2210, 2250, 2270, 2340
CANADIAN STUDIES	2000, 2420, 2990
CHEMISTRY	2000, 2100, 2120, 2160, 2220, 2250
COMMUNICATIONS	2160, 2170, 2180, 2200, 2290 (and/or CMNS 2300 with chair's permission)
COMPUTING SCIENCE	2120, 2130, 2200, 2210, 2230 (NOTE: COMP 2200 is the same as MATH 2220), 2810
ECONOMICS	2430, 2600, 2900, 2950, 2990
ENGLISH	2010, 2020, 2040, 2060, 2070, 2080, 2110, 2140, 2150, 2160, 2170, 2180, 2190, 2200, 2210, 2240, 2250, 2260, 2270, 2290, 2300, 2400, 2410
FILM	2100, 2200
FRENCH	2050, 2060, 2110, 2120, 2210, 2220
GEOGRAPHY	2040, 2100, 2110, 2120, 2220, 2230, 2700, 2750
GEOLOGY	2050, 2100, 2150, 2290
GERMAN	2110, 2210
HISTORY	2020, 2160, 2170, 2180, 2250, 2260, 2270, 2280, 2700
JAPANESE	2110, 2150, 2210, 2250, 2500, 2510, 2600, 2610
JOURNALISM	2010
MATHEMATICS	2110, 2120, 2200, 2220, 2240, 2700 (NOTE: MATH 2220 is the same as COMP 2200)
PHILOSOPHY	2010, 2100, 2140, 2210, 2220, 2240, 2290, 2310, 2380, 2390, 2400
PHYSICS	2000, 2150, 2200, 2250
POLITICAL STUDIES	2140, 2150, 2220, 2230, 2250, 2600
PSYCHOLOGY	2100, 2110, 2120, 2130, 2160, 2210, 2220, 2230, 2300
SOCIOLOGY	2010, 2100, 2130, 2160, 2170, 2230, 2260, 2270, 2500, 2590, 2620, 2710, 2720
SPANISH	2110, 2150, 2210, 2250, 2500, 2510
SPEECH	2500
STATISTICS	2000, 2410
THEATRE	2110, 2120, 2150, 2210, 2220, 2250, 2500
VISUAL ARTS	2110, 2120, 2130, 2140, 2150
VISUAL ARTS (STUDIO)	2210, 2220, 2310, 2320, 2410, 2420, 2510, 2520, 2530, 2540, 2550, 2560, 2610, 2620, 2710, 2720, 2810

Note: Underlined subjects are strongly recommended.

Note: Most of the above courses have prerequisites – consult Course Descriptions in the TRU Calendar or “View Catalogue Entry” in ‘semester Course Schedules’ prior to registration.

Not all courses listed will be offered each year.

Fall and Winter semester course offerings/schedule will be available online in March for the next June/July registration period.

Summer Session course offerings/schedule will be available online in January for the March registration period.