

Bachelor of Journalism

Online Tutorial Academic Advising



THOMPSON RIVERS
UNIVERSITY

KAMLOOPS, BC



Purpose of This Tutorial

- Explain the specific requirements for TRU's Bachelor of Journalism program
- Assist students in selecting appropriate courses and making a personalized education plan



Main Topics

- Role of Bachelor of Journalism Program Advisor
- Admission Requirements
- Application and Registration process
- Graduation requirements
- Course selection
- Role of Academic Advisors



Bachelor of Journalism

- program blends theory and skill development to train students for jobs as print-based journalists and communication specialists
- develops writing, editing, interview, and photography skills
- works with new technology to produce print and online publications
- teaches communications theory, media law and ethics, decision making, and critical thinking



Journalism Program Advisor

- Assists students in selecting 3000 - 4000 level courses
- Students **must** consult with the Journalism Program Advisor, Brenda Thompson (Brenda is also the Chairperson of Journalism)
- Provides approval for all upper level courses
 - Office: AE168C
 - Phone: 250-377-6017
 - E-Mail: bthompson@tru.ca
 - TRU [Journalism](#)



Bachelor of Journalism Admission Requirements

1. Completion of 60 university credits (minimum 54 credits), or
2. Completion of an approved Journalism Diploma (or similar), or
3. Completion of an Undergraduate degree

Admission to the Bachelor of Journalism
begins in Year 3



Length of program: 4 semesters

Foundation Diploma or Degree Holders

Students holding a Foundation Diploma, or minimum 60 Liberal Arts credits can apply directly to the Bachelor of Journalism program (year 3)

Student may be admitted with 54 credits

Students already holding an approved University Degree have two options. They may apply for entry into:

1. The regular two year Bachelor of Journalism program, or
2. The one year Post – Baccalaureate Diploma program



Learn how to apply



How to Apply

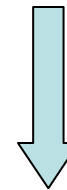
- *Apply anytime after October 1st
- *Application can be made three different ways:



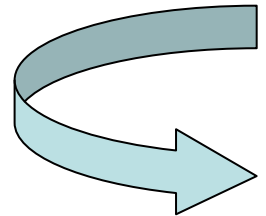
New TRU students pay \$25.00 application fee



Submit all official transcripts



Complete application package and submit to Office of the Registrar



1. [Apply online](#)
2. In-Person (OM1155)
3. Mail:
Thompson Rivers University
Admissions/Registration
P.O. Box 3010
Kamloops, BC
V2C 5N3



Submit to Admissions

1. Completed TRU Application form
2. Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended (TRU transcripts are on file)
3. Prospective students are required to:
 - demonstrate reasonable keyboarding and computer skills
 - submit a writing sample
 - may be required to attend a pre-enrolment interview, including a short writing skills test



Admission Process

- The Bachelor of Journalism is a “[selective admission](#)” program. The School of Journalism usually receives more applications than it has spaces available
- Some applicants who satisfy the minimum requirements may not be offered a seat in the program
- Journalism Admissions Assistant – Jane Holmberg
250-828-5251 or e-mail to: jholmberg@tru.ca
 - Early applications are accepted until February 15, 2011
 - If space available, applications *may* be accepted to April 30, 2011
 - Submit your completed applications early!



Admission Process

Preference is given to students who have:

- strong writing skills
- a good understanding of Canadian history, politics, economics, and geography
- strong problem-solving and critical thinking ability
- good oral and interpersonal skills

Students are advised to do some volunteer work in the field before applying to the program.

Qualified students may request permission to be admitted to the program on a part-time basis



Admission with Liberal Arts Electives (2+2 Degree)

Years 1 and 2 – 60 credits of Liberal Arts including:

- 3 credits of 1st year English (One of ENGL 1100, 1110, 1120, 1140)*
- 3 credits of 2nd year English
- 6 credits History and/or Political OR
- 48 credits in Humanities, Social Sciences, Science and/or Business
 - with courses that are writing intensive, and
 - with significant Canadian content

* TRU students must complete 6 credits of first year English prior to any second year English course

Students *may* be admitted after the completion of 54 credits



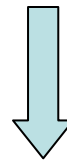
Path to Acceptance: Liberal Arts Electives (2 + 2)

Apply to year one
at TRU:

Arts/Science/Business
or Visual Arts

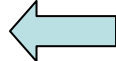


Obtain minimum of 54
credits (maximum 66 credits)
including admission
requirements to Bachelor of
Journalism



Apply to this program
by the deadline
February 15 each
year

2 years in
the
Journalism
program



Graduation:
Bachelor of
Journalism



Laddering Options

It is possible for a student to earn one of the following two year (60 credit) Associate Degrees or Diploma before being admitted to Journalism:

- [Associate of Arts](#),
- [Associate of Science](#),
- [Associate of Commerce and Business Administration](#)



Typical First Year Liberal Arts (Pre-Journalism)

September – December
Fall Term

ENGL 1100

Lab Science Elective

POLI 1110*

HIST 1120*

Elective**

* Recommended Elective Choice

** Chosen from Page 3 and 4 of the
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January – April
Winter Term

ENGL 1110, or 1120, or 1140

Math or Business Elective

GEOG 2220* or 2230*

HIST 1220*

Elective**

* Recommended Elective Choice

** Chosen from Page 3 and 4 of the
Academic Advising Info Sheet



Download [Journalism Academic Advising](#) Program Info Sheet

Electives for Pre-Journalism

Select a wide range of first and second year courses from Humanities, Social Science, Science and/or Business – focus on Writing Intensive and/or Canadian content courses.

Humanities: Chinese, English, Film, French, German, History, Japanese, Music, Philosophy, Spanish, Speech, Theatre and Visual Arts

Social Science: Anthropology, Canadian Studies, Economics, Geography, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology

Math/Science: Astronomy, Biology, Chemistry, Computing Science, Geology, Mathematics, Physics, Statistics

Other: Business, Physical Education and Social Work



Electives - continued

- A maximum 12 credits can be taken from Social Work and Physical Education (3 credit maximum for Activity/Performance courses)

Canadian Content Courses (highly recommended)

ANTH 2140,2190,2230

CNST 2000,2420

ECON 2430

ENGL 2040,2170,2270

GEOG 2220,2230

HIST1120,1220,2040

POLI 1110,2230,2250

SOCI 2010,2100,2130,2500

VISA 2150



Now the Work Begins...

To help prepare for your meeting with an Academic Advisor, you need to refer to the course requirements in the current TRU online [Calendar](#)

- Review each course description; determine whether or not you meet the pre-requisite and the co-requisite (if any)
- Check online '[Schedule of Credit Courses](#)' for specific offerings for each semester
- Write down the courses in their scheduled semester
- Prepare a timetable for each semester attending



Graduation Requirements (Regular 2+2 Program)

- Normally 48 credits of Journalism courses and 12 credits of electives (at the 3000/4000 level)
- 60 credits liberal arts (1000/2000 level) or foundation diploma
- Total of 120 credits (minimum)
- Minimum cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of 2.0 on all academic courses studied at TRU



Tuition Fees, Textbook and Supplies

- One 3 credit course tuition will cost \$470 plus ancillary fees is approximately \$530
- One full semester of 5 courses, or 15 credits will cost approximately \$2650
- Textbooks and supplies vary with each course; budget approximately \$150 per course or \$1500 per year



Commitment Fee

- Prior to enrolling in any courses, student must first pay a \$300 commitment fee
- The commitment fee is a down-payment towards their Fall Semester fees
- Once admitted and assigned a registration date, students can access their “[myTRU](#)” student account and can pay the commitment fee online using a VISA or MasterCard credit card
- The Commitment fee can also be paid in person at the campus cashier or by sending a cheque directly to TRU Campus Cashier....include your student number!
- Balance of Fall Semester fees are due at the end of August or prior to the first day of class; winter semester fees are due at the end of November each year



Successfully Enrolling at TRU.....

Learn how to Prepare a 'Conflict Free Timetable'

Students enrolling for the first time, should read through the online 'Timetabling Tutorial.' It explains how to create a conflict free timetable and how to read the online schedule.



Take the [Online Timetabling Tutorial](#)



Learn How to Register Online

Students register for their courses using their 'MyTRU' Student account. Learn how to register by:

- ▶ Reading about [myTRU](#)
- ▶ Taking the online [Registration Tutorial](#)
- ▶ Checking the “[Schedule of Credit Courses](#)” to confirm your selections is still available prior to Registration

You may have to decide if you want to Wait List for that course or select an alternate course



Learn more about Registration

- Go to the TRU website and learn about registration priority and fees.



Learn more about [registration!](#)



Start with Step One...

An online tutorial to help prepare you for post-secondary

- If you are uncertain where to begin and need help determining your first step, complete the '[Step One](#)' online tutorial. It is designed to:
 - help students understand program offerings, admission requirements, and course information
 - explain how to apply to a program and become admitted
 - overview the registration process and explain how to enrol in courses using our website
 - provide information on financial aid resources
 - provide direction on how to read the TRU Calendar
- It will help prepare new or returning students begin their studies



Still have questions.....need Help?

Contact the Academic Advising Centre

Academic Advisors

In Person:

Kamloops Campus,

Old Main Building, Room 1100

Email: Advising@tru.ca

Phone : (250) 828-5075



For more information go to: <http://www.tru.ca/advising>



Thank you for viewing the Bachelor of Journalism Tutorial!

