



Journalism

Learn the fundamentals of journalism and start a career working for publications or in communications or public relations. Specialize in photojournalism to perfect your photographic style or focus on your writing with courses in editing, layout and design.

Contemporary journalism is an exciting world that offers many opportunities for those seeking to build a career. News writing and photojournalism are the main skills taught in the Journalism program; other specialties including advertising and public relations, publication design, and online journalism are also covered in the first year of study.

In the second year of the program, students may concentrate either on photojournalism or print and online journalism studies.

Photojournalism: Students study advanced lighting, feature, sports, advertising, lifestyle, portraiture, studio, location and staff photography techniques, in addition to portfolio strategies as they apply to digital photography systems and applications required by print media publications.

Students secure their own placements, which are approved by the program, to complete a 4-week work experience internship.

Print & Online Journalism: Students study professional techniques of writing, editing, designing, and laying out newspapers and magazines using desktop publishing techniques. They also practice special photo techniques.

During the last two semesters, students complete practicums, usually at newspapers and magazines.

Credential

After successfully completing this program, graduates will receive a SAIT diploma in Journalism with a major in Photojournalism.

Admission requirements

Admission dates

This program may not have an intake every semester. See available intakes above.

Intake semester	Semester begins	Applications open	Domestic applications close*	International applications close
Winter 2023	Jan. 9, 2023	March 30, 2022	Oct. 27, 2022	Now closed
Spring 2023	May 8, 2023	June 13, 2022	Feb. 24, 2023	Now closed
Summer 2023	July 4, 2023	Oct. 5, 2022	April 28, 2023	June 20, 2023
Fall 2023	Sept. 5, 2023	Oct. 5, 2022	June 28, 2023	May 23, 2023
Winter 2024	Jan. 8, 2024	March 29, 2023	Oct. 26, 2023	Sept. 28, 2023
Spring 2024	May 6, 2024	June 12, 2023	Feb. 23, 2024	Jan. 22, 2024

*In some instances, domestic applications will be accepted after the application deadline. In that case, the program's intake status will remain open.

Program requirements

Completion of the following courses or equivalents:

- at least 60% in English Language Arts 30-1 or English Language Arts 30-2 or equivalents.

All applicants must demonstrate [English language proficiency](#) prior to admission, including students educated in Canada.

SAIT accepts [high school course equivalents](#) for admission. If you don't meet the requirements, consider [Academic Upgrading](#).

SAIT evaluates international documents for admissions. After you've applied, consider our [international document assessment](#) service if your education is from outside of Canada. SAIT may also accept courses completed at certain international post-secondary

institutions. Find more information [here](#).

Direct entry: four-step process

Step 1: Read the program information to see the qualities needed for student success.

Step 2: Ensure that you meet all of the admission requirements listed above.

Step 3: [Apply to the program](#) and [submit your transcripts](#).

Admission will be extended on a first-qualified, first-offered basis until the program is full.

Step 4: Continue to monitor your [application status](#) through [mySAIT.ca](#).

You must [submit final transcripts/grades](#) to show you have completed the courses and met the minimum admission requirements by the transcript deadline or your seat will be rescinded.

This program meets the eligibility criteria for the [Post-Graduation Work Permit program](#) for international students as long as the student is enrolled in the on-campus delivery mode or completes more than 50% of the courses on campus (for the blended option). International students attending all classes online will NOT be eligible for a Post-Graduate Work Permit. International students are responsible for maintaining their eligibility throughout their studies.

Communication during admission

Email is the primary source of communication during the selection process. Ensure your personal email account is managed appropriately to receive our emails, files and communications. We recommend you add the business.advising@sait.ca domain to your safe senders' list or you risk missing critical email messages.

When do classes start?

Classes for this program adhere to the following year start and end dates based on the semester the student begins their program.

Classes begin	Year start date	Year-end date
Winter 2023	Jan. 9, 2023	Aug. 18, 2023
Fall 2023	Sept. 5, 2023	April 26, 2024

Costs 2022/23

Domestic tuition and fees

Cost per credit: \$205

Year	Number of semesters	Tuition fees	SAIT fees	Saitsa fees*	Total
1	2	\$6,150	\$916	\$553	\$7,619
2	2	\$6,150	\$916	\$553	\$7,619

International tuition and fees

Cost per credit: \$697.37

Year	Number of semesters	Tuition fees	SAIT fees	Saitsa fees*	Total
1	2	\$20,921	\$916	\$553	\$22,390.10
2	2	\$20,921.10	\$916	\$553	\$22,390.10

*Maximum fee. Actual fees may be less and are based on the number of credits a student takes per semester and whether they opt-out of health and dental benefits.

SAIT fees

- Campus athletic and recreation fee: \$196
- Universal transit pass (Upass): \$320
- Student support fee: \$200
- Student technology fee: \$200

Saitsa fees

Student Association fee

- Maximum: \$291

This is the maximum amount the student will pay. Actual fees may be less and are based on the number of credits the students take per semester.

Health and dental fees

- Health plan: \$127
- Dental plan: \$135

Students with existing health and/or dental plans can opt-out. Please refer to [Saitsa's website](#) for information.

Books and supplies*

Books are approximately \$400 for this program.

For all first-year Journalism students, camera equipment costs range between \$600 and \$2,000.

Print and Online major students will need to spend an additional \$200 (approximately) at the start of the second year.

Photojournalism major students entering their second year will need to spend an additional \$2,000 (approximately) on professional-level location lighting, video and workflow accessories. For the best learning experience, upgraded camera equipment can be purchased as well, for approximately \$7,000 (in addition to the \$2,000, for a total of \$9,000).

A Mac computer is required and is approximately \$1,200 (including a port adapter). For more details, see the [Next Steps tab](#).

Learn more about [tuition and financial aid](#).

*Tuition, fees, books and supply costs are subject to change.