



Journalism - Print and Online Journalism Major

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Overview

Are you interested in journalism and the art of storytelling? If writing and digital media are your style, the Print and Online Journalism major is a great choice.

You'll learn the basics of journalism, including ethical news reporting, and then branch out in various areas, including marketing, public relations, and social media or digital content creation.

In the first year, you'll dive into news writing, basic photography, marketing, advertising, public relations, publication design, and online journalism. You'll build a solid foundation in journalism skills, preparing you for various career opportunities in media, marketing, digital media and more.

In your second year, you'll refine your writing, editing, layout design, and digital publishing skills. You'll work on various writing formats, from news features to blogs, and gain experience in editing, business writing, copywriting, and public relations. The program culminates in a simulated "newsroom" experience where you'll create content for SAIT's online newspaper.

This field offers the flexibility to blaze your path, whether as a freelance writer or photographer or working for a company or a news organization.

Our class sizes are small, with 32 students on average, and photography class sizes are capped at 16.

Whether you're passionate about writing, photography, or digital media, our Journalism program is your first step toward a rewarding career in storytelling, communication and the creative industries.

Traits, skills and aptitudes

Those in journalism or creative industries tend to be innovative, methodical, and directive.

You need:

- flexibility
- eloquence and precise language skills
- an understanding of your medium and knowledge of your area of interest
- the ability to be objective and self-critical about your work and to accept objective criticism from others
- research and organizational skills
- time-management skills
- negotiation and marketing skills
- interviewing skills
- self-discipline.

You should enjoy gathering and clarifying information, writing, and presenting to people. You should also be prepared to work irregular hours and travel for work.

Academic path

The opportunity to advance your education by transferring into this program or gain credit for previous postsecondary courses may be available.

There may also be opportunities to further your education once you graduate.

Learn more about [program and institution transfer options](#).

Credentials

After successfully completing this program, you'll receive a SAIT Journalism diploma with a major in Print and Online Journalism.

Practicum, Co-op and Work Integrated Learning

In your final semester, you'll participate in a four-week practicum at a digital or print-based journalism, editorial, corporate or non-profit organization.

You are responsible for securing your placement, which needs to be approved. Before your practicum, you'll complete assignments and get assistance creating a resume, setting up your LinkedIn profile, practicing interviews, and learning how to approach potential employers about a practicum placement.

You'll also have the option to complete a cooperative work term between your first and second year of study. This work term isn't required to graduate.

Admission requirements

Applicants educated in Canada

All applicants must demonstrate [English language proficiency](#) and meet the following requirements or equivalents.

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

SAIT accepts [high school course equivalents](#) for admission for applicants educated outside Alberta.

Applicants educated outside of Canada

All applicants must demonstrate English language proficiency.

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

Costs

2024/25 tuition and fees

The following costs are effective as of July 1, 2024.

Domestic Students

| Year | Number of semesters | Tuition fees | Additional fees | Total per year |
|-------------|---------------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1 | 2 | \$6,150 | \$1,608 | \$7,758 |
| 2 | 2 | \$6,150 | \$1,608 | \$7,758 |
| Total cost: | | | | \$15,516 |

The estimated total cost of tuition and fees for domestic students is based on the recommended course load per year.

International Students

| Year | Number of semesters | Tuition fees | Additional fees | Total per year |
|-------------|---------------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1 | 2 | \$21,330 | \$1,608 | \$22,938 |
| 2 | 2 | \$21,330 | \$1,608 | \$22,938 |
| Total cost: | | | | \$45,876 |

Books and Supplies

Books are approximately \$400 for the whole program.

Find your booklist on the [SAIT Bookstore's](#) website. The booklist will be available closer to the program start date.

Can't find your program or course? The bookstore didn't receive a textbook list. Contact your program directly to determine if they're still refining course details or if you're in luck; no textbook purchase is required this term.

Camera and related equipment

Camera equipment costs range between \$600 and \$2,000 and must be purchased during your first year. Additional equipment costs around \$200 and must be purchased as you enter your second year. Equipment recommendations can be found at [saitphoto.ca](#).

Computer

This is a bring-your-own-device program with custom hardware and software requirements. A Mac computer that meets these minimum requirements is required and is approximately \$1,200 (including a port adapter):

- 13-inch MacBook Air (November 2020 or newer)
- Apple M1 chip
- 8 GB RAM or greater
- 256 GB or greater solid-state drive (SSD)
- 2 x Thunderbolt/USB 4 ports
- macOS Ventura or newer
- Up-to-date antivirus and malware protection software
- USB-C port adapter with Gigabit Ethernet, memory card reader, 4K/60Hz HDMI and 2 x USB-A

Macs can be purchased at a discount through [Apple Canada's store for higher education](#).

Licenses for the following software must also be purchased:

- Adobe Creative Cloud for Mac (latest release, full-access subscription)
- Camera Bits Photo Mechanic for Mac (latest release, standard version).

Education discounts are available for both [Creative Cloud](#) and [Photo Mechanic](#).

See the specific requirements on our [computers and laptops page](#).

Other equipment

- An internet connection at home, either wired or wifi

2023/24 tuition and fees

The following costs are effective until June 30, 2023.

Domestic Students

| Year | Number of semesters | Tuition fees | Additional fees | Total per year |
|--------------------|---------------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1 | 2 | \$6,150 | \$1,570 | \$7,720 |
| 2 | 2 | \$6,150 | \$1,570 | \$7,720 |
| Total cost: | | | | \$15,440 |

The estimated total cost of tuition and fees for domestic students is based on the recommended course load per year.

International Students

| Year | Number of semesters | Tuition fees | Additional fees | Total per year |
|-------------|---------------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1 | 2 | \$21,339.60 | \$1,570 | \$22,909.60 |
| 2 | 2 | \$21,339.60 | \$1,570 | \$22,909.60 |
| Total cost: | | | | \$45,819.20 |

The estimated total cost of tuition and fees for international students is based on the recommended course load per year.