

BACHELOR OF JOURNALISM

Program Checklist

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Journalism program prepares graduates for such positions as multi-media reporters, photojournalists, editors, researchers, and freelance writers. It also gives students valuable transferable skills that can be put to use in many fields of endeavour, including working in a deadline-driven environment, learning how to use social media and journalistic research skills in professional settings, and understanding the many facets of the collection and dissemination of information via the media.

The program is based on academic studies and practical training through seminars, labs and off-campus work experiences. The program features industry-standard software to produce journalism that draws on the full range of multimedia storytelling possibilities, including animation, interactivity, audio and video. Communication-studies courses are also an important part of the program, including exploration of such issues as media law and ethics, media and diversity and media and social change.

Faculty members include award-winning journalists with career experience and academic credentials. Many faculty members continue to work as journalists.

CAREER INFORMATION

The Journalism program prepares graduates to:

- Work as multi-media writers, reporters, editors and photojournalists in online and print journalism and related fields.
- Work as freelance multi-media writers and/or photojournalists.
- Work in media-relations positions in private industry and government.

Kwantlen's Journalism program celebrates a high rate of employment for its graduates.

Disclaimer: The information on this checklist is a summary of the Kwantlen 2011-12 academic calendar. Refer to the on-line calendar at www.kwantlen.ca/calendar for official information.

You can make an appointment with a BA Degree Advisor to ensure you have met all of the necessary requirements.

JOURNALISM MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

- JRNL 1160 Intro to Journalism
 JRNL 2120 Storytelling 1
 JRNL 3155 Storytelling 2: Reporting
- JRNL 1220 Citizen Journalism
 JRNL 2230 Multimedia Storytelling
 JRNL 3160 Photojournalism
- JRNL 4270 Advanced Storytelling
- Two of the following Journalism electives:
 - JRNL 2140 Introduction to News: How We Inform Ourselves
 - JRNL 2240 Beyond the News
 - JRNL 2250 Public Affairs Journalism 1
- Two of the following Communications Studies electives:

COMM 1100 Foundations of Communication Studies	COMM 2100 Media Ethics and Law
COMM 1110 Television and Social Change	COMM 2210 Mapping Media and Cultural Theory
COMM 1200 Visual Literacy	COMM 2220 Communications Rights & Freedoms
- Two of the following:

JRNL 3170 Storytelling 3: Narrative Nonfiction	JRNL 4160 Journalism Research Methods
JRNL 3260 Media Economics and Entrepreneurial Journalism	JRNL 4250 Public Affairs Journalism 2
- Two of the following:

JRNL 3270 Advanced Photojournalism	JRNL 4240 Social Issues Journalism
JRNL 4141 Work Experience	JRNL 4260 Computer Programming for Journalists
- Two of the following:

COMM 3100 Media and Diversity	COMM 4210 History of Canadian Journalism	COMM 3110 News Media and Influence
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- One additional upper-level elective from the above Journalism or Communication Studies lists: _____

ADDITIONAL BACHELOR OF JOURNALISM REQUIREMENTS

- ENGL 1100
 ENGL 1202 or 1204
 Any additional 5 upper level courses, totaling at least 15 credits. Plan ahead and take lower-level pre-requisites for upper-level electives!

Language Requirement _____
 If you have not completed a language to Grade 11 (or equivalent), you are required to complete a minimum of 6 credits of post-secondary language courses (in the same language) within the first 60 credits of your degree.

Quantitative Requirement _____
 You must complete a minimum 9-credit quantitative requirement that includes a minimum of 3 approved quantitative courses, one of which must be taken from the Faculty of Science and Horticulture. See this website for list of courses: <http://www.kwantlen.ca/calendar/quantitative.html>

Breadth Requirement _____
 Upon degree completion, students must have 24 credits (8 courses) outside of their declared major, with at least one course in at least four separate Social Science or Humanities disciplines, one of which must be at the 3000-level or higher. COMM courses apply. CMNS 3100, EDUC 1100, and EDUC 4100 may also be credited towards the breadth requirement.

Bachelor's degrees require 120 credits; you will need an additional **36** credits at the 1100-level or higher to complete this degree:

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HONOURS OPTION

Students who have achieved high academic standing may choose to complete an Honours degree, which includes an Honours Seminar, Directed Study and Thesis. Students will work with a faculty advisor on an intensive research and writing project.

- JRNL 4190 Directed Study Honours 1 – Research
- JRNL 4290 Honours Thesis
- JRNL 4295 Journalism Honours Seminar

Note: The Honours degree may not be offered each year.