

# Journalism: Bachelor of Journalism (also: Honours)

Faculty of Arts	kpu.ca/arts
Journalism	kpu.ca/arts/journalism
Program Type	Undergraduate
Credential Granted	Baccalaureate Degree
Offered At	Langley Richmond Surrey
Start Date(s)	September January May
Intake Type	Open intake
Format	Full-time Part-time
Instructional Cycle	Semester-based
Curriculum Effective Date	01-Sep-2018
How to Apply	www.kpu.ca/admission

## DESCRIPTION

The Bachelor of Journalism program is unique in B.C., featuring multimedia storytelling experience utilizing the most current technologies. Students use industry-standard software to produce journalism that draws on the full range of multimedia storytelling possibilities, including animation, interactivity, audio, and video. Students participate in academic studies and practical training through seminars, labs, and off-campus work experiences. The Journalism program prepares graduates for such positions as multi-media journalists, editors, researchers, and freelance writers. Our grads also work as communications professionals in such fields as media relations, corporate communications, and public relations. The Bachelor of Journalism gives students valuable transferable skills that can be put to use in many fields of endeavour, including working in a multimedia environment, using social media and journalistic research skills in professional settings, and understanding the many facets of the collection and dissemination of information via the media.

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 in KPU's Journalism department include award-winning journalists with career experience and academic credentials. Many faculty members continue to work as journalists.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The Faculty's Admission Requirements, which consist of KPU's undergraduate English Proficiency Requirement, apply to this program.

## DECLARATION REQUIREMENTS

Students intending to graduate with this Faculty of Arts Bachelor's degree must declare the credential by the time they complete 60 credits of undergraduate coursework. At the time of declaration, the student must satisfy all of the following requirements:

- In good academic standing with the University

- Completion of a minimum of 18 credits of undergraduate coursework, including the following with a minimum grade of "C":
  - 3 credits of ENGL at the 1100 level or higher
  - 6 credits at the 1100 level or higher in the Major area

## CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

Students pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree must complete all requirements in the Bachelor of Arts Framework in addition to their major or minor program requirements.

### Journalism Major

#### 1000 AND 2000 LEVEL

##### All of:

INDG 1100	Introduction to Indigenous Studies	3 credits
JRNL 1160	Introduction to Journalism	3 credits
JRNL 1220	Citizen Journalism	3 credits
JRNL 2120	Storytelling: Writing for Journalism	3 credits
JRNL 2230	Multimedia Storytelling	3 credits
JRNL 2240	Beyond News: Feature Writing	3 credits
JRNL 2360	Visual Storytelling	3 credits
JRNL 2370	Audio Storytelling	3 credits
6 credits from courses in Communications (COMM) numbered 1100 through 2999		6 credits

#### 3000 AND 4000 LEVEL

##### All of:

JRNL 3165	Data Visualization	3 credits
JRNL 4270	Advanced Storytelling	3 credits
18 credits from courses in Journalism (JRNL) numbered 3000 through 4999		18 credits
6 credits from courses in Communications (COMM) numbered 3000 through 4999		6 credits

## Honours

In addition to the 120 credits required for the Bachelor of Journalism degree, Bachelor of Journalism Honours students must complete the following courses:

JRNL 4190	Directed Study Honours 1 – Research	3 credits
JRNL 4290	Honours Thesis	3 credits
JRNL 4295	Journalism Honours Seminar	3 credits

Please see [kpu.ca/arts/journalism](http://kpu.ca/arts/journalism) for further information regarding application deadlines and selection criteria. Note: Journalism Honours courses may not be offered each year.

## CREDENTIAL AWARDED

Upon successful completion of the honours program, students are eligible to receive a **Bachelor of Journalism (Honours)**.

Upon successful completion of the major program, students are eligible to receive a **Bachelor of Journalism**.