Journalism

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Program Coordinator

To be named

2019–2020 will be the final year for acceptance into the program. Currently enrolled students will be able to complete the program requirements at Trent and Loyalist as outlined.

For September 2020, the University will be offering a new opportunity in Journalism. Students will receive a three-year General degree in Media Studies from Trent and a diploma from another partnering College.

The Trent/Loyalist Journalism program allows students to build a foundation in critical and analytical thinking, ethical awareness, and journalistic practice, while pursuing discipline-based study in a field of choice.

From years 1 to 3, students are based at Trent to complete the Journalism core courses as well as many of their joint-major discipline requirements. In each of years 1 and 2, students take a Journalism course that is included in the block transfer earned from Loyalist. In the summers following years 2 and 3, students attend an intensive six-week Journalism program at Loyalist College in Belleville, developing knowledge and skills in civic literacy, journalistic writing styles, media production, design and performance, with opportunities to apply their discipline-based studies from Trent (see notes). In year 4, students continue the Journalism curriculum at Loyalist. If required, students may take additional Trent electives or discipline-based courses in the summers following years 1 to 3. The final year is an integrated year in which students, though based at Loyalist, develop a capstone project that meets both the Trent joint-major discipline requirement for a major project at the Honours level and Loyalist's requirements for enterprise journalism.

Students graduate with a Trent Honours joint-major degree, an advanced diploma in Journalism—Online, Print and Broadcast from Loyalist, and a comprehensive portfolio of work that demonstrates job-ready skills. The program concludes with an eight-week field placement in a professional broadcast, print, or online newsroom or related setting.

Notes

- In addition to the program requirements listed below, students must satisfy the University degree requirements (see p. 14).
- The same course may not simultaneously satisfy the requirements of both programs in the joint-major degree. Students are strongly advised to plan course selection carefully in order to meet this regulation, particularly in year 1 of the program. Advising information is available through the Journalism Office.
- Journalism offers a direct-entry joint-major Honours program only—there is no General program, single-major Honours program, or minor.
- In year 1 and year 2 of the program, students will be automatically registered in a 0.5-credit Loyalist course, taught at Trent's Symons Campus. Therefore, students will normally enrol in 4.5 university credits in each of years 1 and 2.
- In year 4 of the program, students are required to enrol in JOUR 4010Y/4015C/4020D to complete the capstone project, which is counted toward the Trent joint-major discipline requirements.
- Joint-major Honours BA programs can normally be completed within four years, except for the joint-major Honours BA in Psychology, which can normally be completed within five years. Joint-major Honours BSc programs can normally be completed within five years. Note that for completion of these degrees, students may need to take courses during the summer session.

- For students who began the program prior to 2015–2016, the intensive six week summer Journalism program at Loyalist College in Belleville follows years 1 and 2.
- Detailed information about the program and progression through the degree is provided at trentu.ca/journalism.

Bachelor of Arts Program in Journalism

The joint-major Honours program. 20.0 credits which includes the following 10.5 credits:

- 1.5 Trent Journalism core credits consisting of PHIL 1200H and CUST 2035Y
- 1.5 Trent Journalism core credits from COIS 1010H, CUST 1535H, ENGL 1001H, ENGL 1851H, INDG 2030H, PHIL 1100H, or WRIT 1001H
- 7.5 credits awarded as block transfer on completion of the Ontario College Advanced Diploma in Journalism—Online, Print and Broadcast at Loyalist College with a minimum grade of 65% in each course and a minimum overall average of 70%

Bachelor of Science Program in Journalism

The joint-major Honours program. 20.0 credits which includes the following 10.5 credits:

- 1.5 Trent Journalism core credits consisting of PHIL 1200H and CUST 2035Y
- 1.5 Trent Journalism core credits from COIS 1010H, CUST 1535H, ENGL 1001H, ENGL 1851H, INDG 2030H, PHIL 1100H, or WRIT 1001H
- 7.5 credits awarded as block transfer on completion of the Ontario College Advanced Diploma in Journalism—Online, Print and Broadcast at Loyalist College with a minimum grade of 65% in each course and a minimum overall average of 70%
- 14.0 science credits are required for the Honours degree, including 1.0 MATH credit

Please consult the academic timetable for information on courses that will be offered in 2019–2020, including when they will be scheduled.

- » COIS 1010H: The Digital World (Sc) (see Computing & Information Systems)
- » CUST 1535H: Introduction to Media Studies (see Cultural Studies)
- » CUST 2035Y: Media and Society (see Cultural Studies)
- » ENGL 1001H: Truth, Lies, and Storytelling (see English Literature)
- » ENGL 1851H: The Writing Life: An Introduction to Creative Writing (see English Literature)
- » INDG 2030H: Indigenous Peoples and News Media in Canada (see Indigenous Studies)
- » PHIL 1100H: Introduction to Philosophy: Moral and Political (see Philosophy)
- » PHIL 1200H: Critical Thinking (see Philosophy)
- » JOUR 4010Y/4015C/4020D: Journalism Project Course Students develop a project which integrates Journalism with the student's chosen joint major discipline. There are many options for this project and students work with the course instructor (and a department supervisor if required) to create a course contract, develop a research proposal and project plan, and to ultimately create a final project fulfills the remaining requirements in the joint major discipline. Students in this course are based at Loyalist College, and this project must in whole or in part meet the Loyalist requirement for enterprise journalism. Prerequisite: Open only to joint-major Journalism students in their final year of study.
- » WRIT 1001H: Write in Time (see General University Courses)