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# **Program Planning Enclosure**

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Calendar Year: 2015/2016

Faculty: Arts & Science (U of L)

Students with an academic objective of Journalism are generally admitted to a B.A. program at the University of Lethbridge with a major of the student's choice. Majors in Economics, English, History, Political Science or Sociology may be of particular interest.

The University of Lethbridge offers courses that will qualify students for the Bachelor of Arts in Journalism at the University of Regina. Prospective applicants must have completed at least 20 semester courses to be considered for admission.

## **Academic Requirements for Admission**

To be eligible to apply for admission to the BA in Journalism program, a student must have an undergraduate degree, or have completed the pre-journalism requirements with an academic average of at least 70%.

Students who wish to transfer after 20 courses must complete the following requirements:

U of R requirements	U of L Equivalency	
ENGL 100	Please contact the University of	
Any course in MATH, STAT, CS (except CS 100), PHIL 150, 352, 450, 452, 460, SOST 201, ECON 224	Regina for equivalent courses at the U of L	
Any course in ART, ARTH, CTCH, FA, FILM, MU, MUCO, MUEN, MUHI, MUTH, THAC, THDS, THEA or THST		
Any course in ASTR, BIOL, CHEM, GEOL or PHYS that has a laboratory component, or GEOG 121		
One of the following: ENGL 110, RLST 245 or 248, PHIL 100 or SOST 110		
Any two language courses in the same language other than English		
Any course in ANTH, GEOG 100, 120 or RLST (except RLST 181, 184, 186, 188, 281, 284, 288)		
Any course in HIST or CLAS 100 or IDS 100		
Any course in ECON, IS, JS, PSCI, PSYC, SOC, SOST, WGST or GEOG (except GEOG 100, 120, 121, 309, 321, 323, 325, 327, 329, 333, 411, 421, 423, 429, or 431)		
Any course in INA, INAH, INCA, INDG, INHS or any one of ENGL 310AA-ZZ; GEOG 344; HIST 310; JS 350, 351;		
PSCI 338 or SOC 214 or other courses approved by the Faculty of Arts as having substantial Indigenous content, including special studies course		
THREE courses chosen from THREE of the following groups: Any ECON course		
A course emphasizing Canadian history A course above the introductory level emphasizing		
Canadian politics and government		
A course dealing with the media in a social science context: SOST 110, INCA 283, PSCI 434		
Six additional electives		

The information provided in this Enclosure is updated annually but is subject to change at any time. Students are directed to consult with the University of Regina for program and application details to ensure compliance with current requirements and deadlines.

### **Application Information for the School of Journalism:**

Competition for admission to the Bachelor of Arts in Journalism program at the University of Regina is keen. Students are cautioned that adherence to the program requirements (as indicated on the previous page) is mandatory; applications will be eliminated from consideration if any required course has not been taken.

The School admits a maximum of 26 students per year.

### **Application Procedure:**

Applications to the program must be received by the University of Regina Admissions Office by January 15 of the year in which admission is sought. As well as completing the pre-Journalism requirements, students must:

- 1. Achieve a cumulative GPA of 3.00 (B);
- 2. Pass an entrance examination testing English proficiency, critical thinking, and knowledge of current events; and,
- 3. Perform successfully in an interview before a selection board comprised of University of Regina faculty and news media representatives.

Entrance examinations and interviews are held between February and April. Applicants will be notified of the admission decision in writing.

The School of Journalism stresses the utility of a broad liberal arts base acquired during the minimum two years (60.0 credit hours) of pre-Journalism studies.

After admission to the School, students concentrate on the study and techniques of Journalism itself in a full-time, two-year (60.0 credit hour) program consisting of three terms of coursework and a four-month (one semester) internship, which every student must complete to earn the degree. Students are placed with a news media organization in western Canada and gain practical experience in the field. Completion of a practicum often leads to later employment opportunities and allows students the opportunity to gain professional experience.

The two years of Journalism studies must be completed in full at the University of Regina.

The average is calculated on the best 60.0 credit hours that fit the requirements. If a course has been repeated, only the second attempt will be considered even if that is not the better of the two. Pass/Fail courses are not included in the calculation of a student's average.

Although it is not necessary to maintain a full-time courseload during the pre-Journalism program, the Journalism program is a full-time load and you should be prepared to handle that.

#### **Contact Information:**

Students who are interested in the pre-Journalism program should contact Student Program Services (SU060, tel. 403-329-5106; email: artsci.advising@uleth.ca) for program selection and advice. Direct consultation with the University of Regina is also suggested.

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