



THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG

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Pre-Journalism

Journalism is the process of collecting, writing, and reporting news items in the press or on television or radio.

You have the vision, determination, and passion to become a journalist, and you're looking for a university with a strong reputation, personal attention, and excellent student services to help you gain admission to journalism. Come to The University of Winnipeg for your pre-professional studies and put our small class sizes, community atmosphere, central location, and reputation for excellence to work for you.

Our campus is **located in the heart of downtown Winnipeg**—central to Winnipeg's active arts community, publishing industry, and radio and television broadcasters; it's a great location for studying, volunteering, research, and entertainment. The University of Winnipeg will keep you up-to-date and involved with world and local events through our active student groups and our commitment to urban renewal, community development, and global awareness. The University of Winnipeg Students' Association operates a radio station and student newspaper through which you can gain valuable hands-on experience.

As a University of Winnipeg student, you will get to know your professors and other students because of our **small classes and community atmosphere**. Our excellent professors—including five Canada Research Chairs—are supportive and accessible, contributing to the many successes of our students.

YOUR EDUCATION

Years 1-2: Pre-Journalism at The University of Winnipeg

The University of Winnipeg is an excellent place to fulfill the entrance requirements for journalism at the University of Regina or other universities across Canada. Several Canadian universities offer bachelor's and/or master's degree programs in journalism, each with its own entrance requirements.

To meet the entrance requirements of the University of Regina's School of Journalism, you will complete **60 credit hours or two years** of study, including the "Pre-Professional Requirements" listed below.

Years 3-4: Professional Studies: Journalism

In the final year of your pre-professional studies at The University of Winnipeg, you will apply for admission to a journalism program at another university. Enrolment in journalism programs is limited, and only highly qualified applicants are chosen. At least two more years of study are required to complete a journalism program.

NOTE: You must consult with the institution where you plan to complete your studies to make sure that you choose an appropriate set of courses and that you will meet the entrance requirements for your journalism program of choice.

PRE-PROFESSIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Most students who study Pre-Journalism at The University of Winnipeg will apply for admission to the School of Journalism at the University of Regina, but you may choose to apply elsewhere. The courses listed below are University of Winnipeg courses that satisfy the University of Regina's entrance requirements for Journalism:

6 credit hours in English (Literature and Composition)

ENGL-1000(3) English IA *OR* ENGL-1003(3) English IB

Plus:

RHET-110x(3) Academic Writing

OR

ENGL-1001(6) English 1

OR

ENGL-1000(3) English 1A *AND* ENGL-1003(3) English IB

3 credit hours (minimum) in Logic/Math

PHIL-1301(6) Introduction to Logical Reasoning (Philosophy) *OR* a course in Mathematics at the 1000 level or higher

3 credit hours (minimum) in Art History or Theatre & Drama

The following courses qualify:

HIST-2800(6) History of European Art

HIST-2801(6) History of Canadian Art

THFM-1001(6) Introduction to Theatre: Performance

THFM-1002(6) Introduction to Theatre: General

3 credit hours (minimum) in a Natural Science with a laboratory component

For example: Biology, Chemistry, Geology, or Physics.

NOTE: Together, GEOG-1201(3) Introductory Atmospheric Science and GEOG-1202(3) Introductory Earth Science satisfy this requirement.

6 credit hours (minimum) in one language other than English

3 credit hours in the Humanities in addition to those used to fulfil the English, language, and logic requirements. A senior English course is recommended.

3 credit hours in three of the following four areas:

1) Canadian History

HIST-2503(3) Survey History of Canada: The Colonial Era, 1500-1867

HIST-2504(3) Survey History of Canada: The National Era, 1867-1939

HIST-2505(3) Survey History of Canada: The Modern Era, 1939 to the Present

2) Canadian Politics

POL-2210(6) Canadian Political Thought

POL-2400(6) Canadian Politics

POL-3130(3) Canada in World Affairs

3) First Year Economics

ECON-1102(3) Introduction to Economics: Micro

ECON-1103(3) Introduction to Economics: Macro

4) A course dealing with the media in a Social Science context

POL-3455(6) Politics and the Mass Media

Elective courses from any faculty to complete the full 60 credit hours

YOUR FIRST YEAR

We are committed to helping you have a smooth transition from high school to university. You will attend a First Year Survival Session and other orientation sessions to prepare you for university life and introduce you to the facilities and services you will need on campus. We recommend that you choose one of the various sections of Academic Writing to learn the essential strategies for university writing and research. Our Tutoring Centre (3rd floor of Graham Hall) offers peer tutoring to help you develop your writing skills, and in case you need it, our Learning Centre offers free tutoring in chemistry, math, and physics.

YOUR SUCCESS

The University of Winnipeg has a rich history of academic excellence, and a reputation for providing thorough preparation for professional and graduate programs at other universities. We offer the courses, supports, and challenges you will need to get in to journalism and build a rewarding, successful career as a journalist.

WHERE CAN I STUDY JOURNALISM?

Once you have completed your pre-professional studies, you may apply for admission to any Canadian university offering journalism programs, or to journalism schools in the United States or elsewhere. Some journalism schools offer master's degrees in journalism, and require that you complete an undergraduate (bachelor's) degree—which can be completed at The University of Winnipeg—before applying for admission.

Other options to prepare you to work as a journalist include university degree programs in communications (see The University of Winnipeg's fact sheets on "Joint Communications" and "Rhetoric and Communications"), and college-level programs in journalism or communications. Explore your options online, or visit The University of Winnipeg's Career Resource Centre, rooms 1A01 and 1A02 in the first floor of Ashdown Hall.

IN CASE YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND...

Courses taken as part of pre-professional studies are applicable to University of Winnipeg degree programs. If you change your mind about your studies, you may wish to consult with an Academic Advisor or an instructor from your area of interest to formulate a new study plan.

YOU SHOULD KNOW

The application deadline for the University of Regina's School of Journalism is January 31 of each year. A minimum average of 70%, based on the 60 credit hours of pre-journalism course requirements, is required. Not more than 14 introductory level courses (42 credit hours) may be used. Contact the school directly for more information.

REQUIRED HIGH SCHOOL COURSES

You must meet The University of Winnipeg's general admission requirements. No specific courses are required, however **Pre-Calculus Mathematics 40S** or **Applied Mathematics 40S** may be required depending on the first year courses you select.

HOW TO APPLY – Domestic Student

Apply online at uwinnipeg.ca or pick up an Application for Admission from your high school counsellor's office or the Admissions Office at The University of Winnipeg. To meet Scholarship deadline submit your application and \$80 application fee by **March 1st**.

HOW TO APPLY – International Student

Apply online at uwinnipeg.ca/index/intl-apply and submit all official documents by mail. To meet Scholarship deadline submit application, fee, and documents by **March 1st**. International application fee is \$100, which includes a one-time courier fee.

NOTE: Admission to The University of Winnipeg does not guarantee admission to journalism. As a pre-professional student you are responsible to research and apply for admission to your journalism school of choice.

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