



# Journalism - Photojournalism Major

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

## Overview

Our Journalism program is your gateway to an exciting career in the world of multimedia. If you have a passion for photography, our Photojournalism major is perfect for you.

You'll learn the basics of journalism, including the ethical reporting of news, and then branch out in various areas, including marketing, public relations, and social media or digital content creation.

In the first year, you'll dive into news writing, basic photography, marketing, advertising, public relations, publication design, and online journalism. You'll build a solid foundation in journalism skills, preparing you for various career opportunities in media, marketing, digital media and more.

In the second year, you'll master advanced photography techniques, including lighting, portraiture, and image editing. You'll also learn about website development, videography, and long-form visual storytelling. This major equips you to work as a photographer, combining images with text, audio, and video to tell compelling stories.

This field offers the flexibility to blaze your path, whether as a freelance writer or photographer or working for a company or a news organization.

Our class sizes are small, with 32 students on average, and photography class sizes are capped at 16.

Whether you're passionate about writing, photography, or digital media, our Journalism program is your first step toward a rewarding career in storytelling, communication and the creative industries.

## Traits, skills and aptitudes

Those in journalism or creative industries tend to be innovative, methodical, and directive.

You need:

- flexibility
- eloquence and precise language skills
- an understanding of your medium and knowledge of your area of interest
- the ability to be objective and self-critical about your work and to accept objective criticism from others
- research and organizational skills
- time-management skills
- negotiation and marketing skills
- interviewing skills
- self-discipline.

You should enjoy gathering and clarifying information, writing, and presenting to people. You should also be prepared to work irregular hours and travel for work.

## Credentials

After successfully completing this program, you'll receive a SAIT Journalism diploma with a major in Photojournalism.

## Practicum, Co-op and Work Integrated Learning

In your final semester, you'll participate in a four-week practicum at a digital or print-based journalism, editorial, corporate or non-profit organization.

You are responsible for securing your placement, which needs to be approved. Before your practicum, you'll complete assignments and get assistance creating a resume, setting up your LinkedIn profile, practicing interviews, and learning how to approach potential employers about a practicum placement.

You'll also have the option to complete a cooperative work term between your first and second year of study. This work term isn't required to graduate.

## Admission requirements

### Applicants educated in Canada

Applicants must demonstrate [English language proficiency](#) and completion of the following courses or equivalents:

- at least 60% in English Language Arts 30-1 or English Language Arts 30-2.

SAIT accepts [high school course equivalents](#) for admission for applicants educated outside Alberta.

### Applicants educated outside of Canada

All applicants who were educated outside of Canada must demonstrate [English language proficiency](#) and provide proof they meet the program admission requirements with an international document assessment. [Find accepted educational documents and assessment options.](#)

SAIT may also accept courses completed at certain [international post-secondary institutions](#).

## Costs

### 2024/25 tuition and fees

The following costs are effective as of July 1, 2024.

#### Domestic Students

Year	Number of semesters	Tuition fees	Additional fees	Total per year
1	2	\$6,150	\$1,608	\$7,758
2	2	\$6,150	\$1,608	\$7,758
<b>Total cost:</b>				<b>\$15,516</b>

The estimated total cost of tuition and fees for domestic students is based on the recommended course load per year.

#### International Students

Year	Number of semesters	Tuition fees	Additional fees	Total per year
1	2	\$21,330	\$1,608	\$22,938
2	2	\$21,330	\$1,608	\$22,938
<b>Total cost:</b>				<b>\$45,876</b>

The estimated total cost of tuition and fees for international students is based on the recommended course load per year.

## Books and Supplies

Books are approximately \$400 for the whole program.

Find your booklist on the [SAIT Bookstore's](#) website. The booklist will be available closer to the program start date. Can't find your

program or course? The bookstore didn't receive a textbook list. Contact your program directly to determine if they're still refining course details or if you're in luck; no textbook purchase is required this term.

## Camera and related equipment

Camera equipment costs range between \$600 and \$2,000 and must be purchased during your first year.

Additional equipment (lighting, video and workflow accessories) costs around \$2,000 and must be purchased as you enter your second year.

For the best learning experience, upgraded camera equipment can also be purchased for about \$7,000. Equipment recommendations can be found at [saitphoto.ca](http://saitphoto.ca).

## Computer

This is a bring-your-own-device program with custom hardware and software requirements. You'll need a Mac computer that meets these minimum requirements and is approximately \$1,200 (including a port adapter):

- 13-inch MacBook Air (November 2020 or newer)
- Apple M1 chip
- 8 GB RAM or greater
- 256 GB or greater solid-state drive (SSD)
- 2 x Thunderbolt/USB 4 ports
- macOS Ventura or newer
- Up-to-date antivirus and malware protection software
- USB-C port adapter with Gigabit Ethernet, memory card reader, 4K/60Hz HDMI and 2 x USB-A

Macs can be purchased at a discount through [Apple Canada's store for higher education](#).

Licenses for the following software must also be purchased:

- Adobe Creative Cloud for Mac (latest release, full-access subscription)
- Camera Bits Photo Mechanic for Mac (latest release, standard version).

Education discounts are available for both [Creative Cloud](#) and [Photo Mechanic](#).