

SCHOOL of MEDIA and DESIGN

Journalism 0402X01FWO Frequently Asked Questions

What does the program teach?

We prepare students for a career in multi-platform and multimedia journalism, which includes newspapers, broadcast, magazines, communications agencies and online media.

Who would hire me after graduation?

Community newspapers are the single largest employer of our graduates. However, graduates have also found work with daily newspapers, government agencies and as freelance writers contributing to magazines and other publications. Some edit and manage web site and e-publication content.

What would I experience?

Students in the program learn through working on the program's publications which include the bi-monthly award-winning Algonquin Times college community newspaper and Glue Magazine, a publication aimed at Ottawa students. We also have online news sites that are training platforms for evolving trends in journalism. Students research, write, take photographs, design and paginate the publications, shoot web video and produce online news reports using a variety of tools. Supplementing this experiential learning are lectures, labs, workshops, guest speakers and field trips delivering a diversity of information and skills necessary for the journalist of the 21st century.

What if I already have a university degree in an unrelated discipline?

Any candidate with a degree from an accredited university in any discipline is eligible to enter the second year (level 3) of the Journalism program. This is dependent upon the applicant passing the admissions test (see below to learn more about the test).

In order to be invited to complete the Journalism test you must first make an application through OntarioColleges.ca. You may apply to the program by filling out an application at the following web site: OntarioColleges.ca. Applicants with a university degree may be eligible to apply to the second year (Level 3), provided they obtain a sufficiently high score on the English diagnostic and Journalism tests (70 percent or higher). If you wish to apply to the higher level when you make your application at Ontario Colleges please ensure that you select Level 3.

You will need to make arrangements to have an official university transcript sent to the Registrar's Office at Algonquin College. This transcript should indicate that your degree has been conferred. Upon receipt of your official transcript you will be invited to complete the Journalism test.

What does the admissions test consist of?

It consists of three parts: An English language diagnostic test, a general knowledge test and an essay exercise. You must score at least 70 per cent overall to pass.

For a general guide on the admissions test, go to

www.algonquincollege.com/student-services/testcentre/mpaa.html

What if I need more information about the program?

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The U of O application website can be found at www.admission.uottawa.ca/Default.aspx?tabid=2589

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