

Both NBCC and STU students are required to have a GPA of 2.0 in their programs at their respective institutions to qualify for admission to the program at the partner institution.

E. Admission to Journalism

Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Journalism

The BA with a Major in Journalism offers a strong liberal arts focus in Journalism courses, combined with instruction in the latest technology used by professional media organizations across Canada. Admission to the Journalism Major is a two-stage process.

First-stage admission

Regular admission requirements for the Bachelor of Arts Degree program apply (see Section One, Part A. “First-year Arts”).

Second-stage admission

Candidates for the Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Journalism degree are selected after the first semester of second year. Application forms will be available at the Registrar’s Office for interested students. The Journalism Major is limited in enrolment, and possession of the minimum requirements does not guarantee acceptance to the program. Thirty students will be chosen each year to declare the Journalism Major. The deadline for applications, including all supporting documents, is December 1. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that, by the deadline, their St. Thomas transcripts are up to date, including credit for courses taken at any other institutions. Candidates will be selected on the basis of the following criteria:

1. Cumulative GPA on courses completed by September 1, not including Journalism courses: 40%
2. Grades in Journalism courses which would normally include Journalism 1013, 1023, 2023 (students who wish to apply without having taken all of these courses and presenting final grades for them must have the permission of the Director of Journalism): 30%
3. Personal essay (300 to 500 words) that answers the following question: How will I contribute to my community as a journalist? 10%
4. Two letters of reference describing the candidate’s suitability for the program and potential as a journalist (note: St. Thomas Journalism professors are part of the selection process and therefore not considered suitable referees): 10%
5. Suitability for the study of Journalism, demonstrated by two pieces of writing or works of Journalism (published or unpublished manuscripts are acceptable): 10%

Candidates who are not successful in their application to the Major in Journalism will have an opportunity to continue their Journalism studies in the Media Studies Major and Journalism Minor program.

Bachelor of Applied Arts (Journalism)

Graduates of the New Brunswick Community College’s (Woodstock) two-year Journalism Diploma program are eligible for admission to the Bachelor of Applied Arts (Journalism) Degree program. Contact the Admissions Office for further information.