



RADIO, TELEVISION AND BROADCAST NEWS (RTBN)

- Broadcast News Major

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Broadcast News students learn how to research and objectively present a story. They receive extensive, hands-on training. The program provides realistic experiences behind and in front of the camera and microphone. Students are trained to work effectively in radio, television and on-line environments. BN students learn the importance of meeting deadlines while maintaining a respect for journalistic integrity. One week a BN student may be a reporter or line-up editor...the next week, a news anchor or weather reporter.

BN students work with news software to integrate local stories with national and international news. They use state-of-the-art audio editing software.

The program involves two years of full-time study. Each year is divided into two 15-week semesters. There is a single intake each year, with classes commencing in early September and finishing in late April. A multi-week industry practicum is offered in the fourth semester.

All Broadcast News students are required to participate in e-Learning, a package of services that includes a laptop computer leased from SAIT, a suite of software, full Internet access, training and technical support. The cost of leasing the laptop is included in the tuition.

YOUR CAREER

Graduates find work in broadcasting, cable and related industries, both as salaried employees and freelancers. Typical starting jobs include researcher, writer and reporter, usually for radio and television stations and cable services in smaller markets. Mid-career jobs include researcher, writer and reporter for larger-market stations, cable services and networks.

Other positions achieved by our graduates at this later career stage include news, sports and weather anchor, assistant producer, producer and news director. Progression from local station to network and from front-line work to management is also possible for graduates once they have proven their abilities over some years of employment. Other opportunities often arise in public relations and corporate or government communications. Pursuing a communications degree in conjunction with the SAIT diploma is advantageous for students considering this career path.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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TWO-YEAR DIPLOMA

- FALL START
 - LAPTOP LEARNING
 - FOURTH SEMESTER PRACTICUM
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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- At least 60% in English Language Arts 30-1 or English Language Arts 30-2 or equivalents.
- For upgrading options, please refer to the Pre-Careers program in the Academic Calendar.
- For international students, please refer to the International section in the Academic Calendar.
- For mature students, please refer to the Admissions section in the Academic Calendar.
- Advance credit may be granted to applicants who have completed equivalent education at a post-secondary institution. Please refer to the Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition section in the Academic Calendar.

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SELECTION CRITERIA

This program typically has more applications than seats. Meeting the Admission Requirements is the first step in the selection process. However, students will also be required to meet additional criteria in order to gain admission into the program. Students are responsible for familiarizing themselves with the selection criteria, which are located at www.sait.ca/selectioncriteria.

STUDENT SUCCESS

Students with previous academic success usually are more successful in SAIT programs.

PROGRESSION

Students must attain an SPGPA and/or a CPGPA of 2.0 or better in each semester to progress through the program. To qualify for graduation, students must pass all courses and attain a CPGPA of 2.0 or better.

CREDENTIALS

Upon successfully completing this program, graduates will receive a SAIT diploma in Radio, Television and Broadcast News.

ACCREDITATION

There are no formal accreditation arrangements at this time. Please contact the department for more information.

TRANSFERABILITY

Graduates choosing to continue their education may receive credit towards various Bachelor's degrees. A number of universities offer transfer options for graduates of this program. Get complete details at <http://www.sait.ca/pages/cometosait/transferoptions/>

TUITION AND FEES (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

- Please refer to the Tuition and Fee Table in the Academic Calendar.
- International Students, please refer to the Academic Calendar.

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Books and supplies are approximately \$720 for the first year and \$500 for the second year.

PROGRAM OUTLINE

- For complete course descriptions, visit: www.sait.ca/academiccalendar.
- SAIT students develop lifelong learning skills.