

# Welcome to Journalism at Mount Royal University

## First Year Instructions

It's time to look ahead to Fall 2017!

### Incoming First-Year Students' courses

- COMM 1707 Journalism Elements (*offered in fall only*)
- COMM 1727 Introduction to Visual Journalism (*offered in fall only*)
- COMM 2501 Media History and Contemporary Issues (generally a fall course)
- GenEd (Foundation Tier in 1 of the 4 clusters)
- GenEd (any Foundation Tier in a second of the 4 clusters)

*\* Note: If you intend to work more than 15 hours per week outside of school, we strongly recommend that you reduce your course load and take 5 years to graduate. But **make sure to take both COMM 1707 and COMM 1727, as these courses are important prerequisites for later Journalism courses.***

### The Steps to Joining Journalism at MRU:

1. Create your mymru account.
2. Pay your deposit to hold your seat.
3. Register for Fall classes.

*Note: You will be notified through mymru.ca for your registration date. It will be on or near April 10, 2017. Click on Register & Pay, then you'll see "When can I register?" as pictured on the next page.*

4. Register in your Core classes first. These are:
  - COMM1707 Journalism Elements
  - COMM1727 Introduction to Visual Journalism
  - COMM 2501 Media History and Contemporary Issues

*If a core class is full, don't panic, just go on the waitlist and talk with Journalism Chair Brad Clark [bclark@mtroyal.ca](mailto:bclark@mtroyal.ca)*

If you are having trouble registering, please call the Registration Help Line at 403.440.3303 or toll-free at 1.877.676.0686 or email: [creditregistration@mtroyal.ca](mailto:creditregistration@mtroyal.ca)

5. Choose your 2 GenEd (general classes) keeping in mind what fits in and your minor if you want to obtain one.

*It's important to register early to have the most choice of courses and sections/times. This is especially true for GenEds and other non-COMM courses: Registering early pays and should get you a better schedule for fall.*

*For GenEd specific questions contact Elizabeth Lennox at: [elennox@mtroyal.ca](mailto:elennox@mtroyal.ca)*

*NOTE: Incoming students with previous university credits at MRU or another post-secondary institution may receive transfer credit, and as a result may require advising to determine how to complete required GenEd courses and/or student determined elective courses.*

Once you create your [mymru](http://mymru.ca) account, sign into [mymru.ca](http://mymru.ca)

### “Applicant tab”

- Under “now what”, there are links to: review your offer of admission, accept your offer, and pay your deposit.
- Under “Mark your calendar”, there are important dates for Fall 2017 including: course registration, of tuition and fees.

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## Welcome to MRU.

Let's get started.

**Get ready**

Once you have received a (conditional) offer of admission, it's time to take the next step.

This easy 2-step process will transform you into a Mount Royal University student. All you have to do is accept your offer, pay your tuition deposit and give yourself a high five. (High five optional)

Welcome to Mount Royal University.  
You Belong Here.

**Now what?**

**Accept your offer of admission**

1. Review your Offer of Admission letter and follow all directions. Make sure you meet all of your conditions.
2. Accept your offer and pay the \$425 non-refundable tuition deposit online.

**Mark your calendar**

Important dates for students starting Fall 2017

**March 1, 2017**  
Academic advising information available online.

**April 10, 2017**  
Course registration begins for new students.

**August 1, 2017**  
First class transcripts due.

**August 9, 2017**  
Tuition and fees due.

**Check off all the boxes**

- Apply for scholarships and bursaries - Fall 2017 applicants. Take a load off your mind and your wallet by applying for awards before March 1.
- Find your room in Residence - Fall 2017. Fall 2017 students are guaranteed a room in campus if you apply and pay your Residence deposit by June 15.
- Get academic advice. Everything you need to know about getting the right advice for your program is right here.
- Credit where credit is due. If you have taken AP/IB or post-secondary courses we will automatically assess your transfer qualifications once we have received your transcripts. To see if they can be used towards your program visit the My Program tab in MyMRU and go to Advising & Course Planning. You can track to graduate (mruGradU8).
- Explore MyMRU. After you pay your deposit, you will be able to see more tabs in MyMRU. Be your best self. Read more on this tab where you'll register for your courses, pay your fees and even what to expect your first year.

### “Register & Pay tab”

- Under “Before you register”, there are links to information on: when you can register, [mruGradU8](#), [GenEd](#) information, [Online tutorials](#), etc.
- Under “Register”, there are links to information on: Course listings, Register: add/drop/withdraw courses, etc.
- Other tabs as well: Pay Fees, Pay Deposits, etc.

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**Before you Register**

- When can I register?
- Check holds
- Course planning (mruGradU8)
- Advising Guides
- Meet my Advisor
- Gen Ed information
- Academic Calendar
- Online tutorials

**Register**

- Course listings
- Look up course(s)
- Register Add/Drop/Withdraw course(s)
- My course schedule

**Pay Fees**

Spring 2017 full tuition/mandatory fees due April 24, 2017

- Pay now
- Detailed fee information

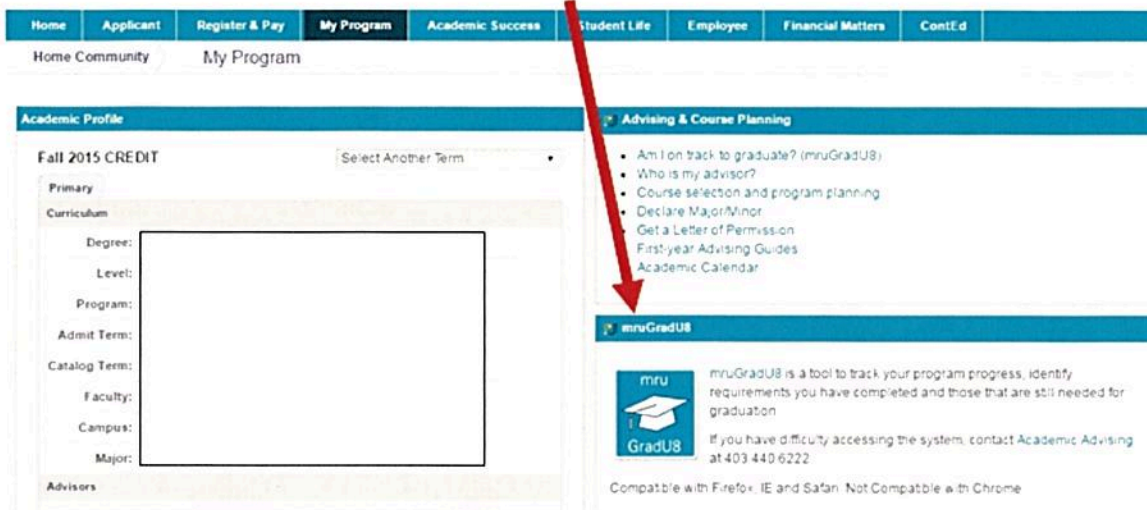
**Pay Deposits**

- Pay Tuition Deposit (\$425)
- Pay Residence Deposit (\$400)

**Order Official Transcripts**

- Order Official Transcript (\$10)

6. Track your progress through **GradU8**. It will show you if you have any missed classes along the way and what requirements you need.  
(sign into: *mymru.ca* and under “My Program” tab is *mruGradU8*)



7. Pay Your Fees on Time. The system rewards those who follow the deadlines and pay their fees on time. If you are registered in a course, but don't pay your fees by the deadline, you'll be bumped out, and someone on the waitlist will take your place (plus you'll have to pay an extra fee before you can re-register).

***So make every effort to register and pay on time!***

**Transfer Credit:** If you have transfer credit, then talk with Journalism Chair Brad Clark.

**\*\* Note:** If you've **already completed several GenEd courses** and want to take an additional **COMM** course, **you may also take COMM 2500** in Year 1. Conversely, **if you choose to slow down and not take COMM 2501**, there is a single section of the course offered in the winter, and several GenEd courses are offered year-round, including in spring.

**Equipment:** You will need to buy some basic journalism production equipment including an appropriate camera equipment. The program will provide a document to help you with this process.

Reminder:

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