

Westmoreland County Community College & West Virginia University

Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts A.A. leading to

Bachelor of Science in Journalism B.S.J.

Suggested Plan of Study



| Westmoreland County Community College | Hours | WVU Equivalents | Hours |
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| Year One, 1 st Semester | | | |
| PDV 101: First Year Seminar | 1 | WVUE 191: First-Year Seminar | 1 |
| ENG 161: College Writing | 3 | ENGL 101: Composition and Rhetoric | 3 |
| CPT 150: Microcomputer Concepts | 3 | CS 1TC: Microcomputer Concepts | 3 |
| POL 155: American National Government | 3 | POLS 102: Intro American Government | 3 |
| General Elective | 3 | General Elective | 3 |
| TOTAL | 13 | | 13 |
| Year One, 2 nd Semester | | | |
| ENG 164: Advanced Composition | 3 | ENGL 102: Composition and Rhetoric | 3 |
| SPC 155: Effective Speech | 3 | COMM 270 & COMM 270S: Effective Public Speaking and Studio | 3 |
| *MTH 160: Introduction Statistics | 3 | STAT 211: Elementary Statistical Inference | 3 |
| Natural Science Elective | 4 | Lab Science Elective | 4 |
| PSY 160: Introduction to Psychology or SOC 155: Introduction to Sociology | 3 | PSYC 101: Introduction to Psychology or SOC 101A: Introduction to Sociology | 3 |
| TOTAL | 16 | | 16 |
| Year Two, 1 st Semester | | | |
| ECN 255: Macroeconomics | 3 | ECON 202: Principles of Macroeconomics | 3 |
| Foreign Language 155 | 3 | Foreign Language 101 | 3 |
| ENG 240: Science Fiction ENG 255: Intro to Literature ENG 270: British Literature or ENG 276: African American Literature | 3 | ENGL 257: Science Fiction & Fantasy ENGL 132: Short Story & Novel ENGL 261: British Literature I or ENGL 154: African American Literature | 3 |
| SPC 156: Interpersonal Communication | 3 | COMM 102: Interpersonal Communication | 3 |
| HIS 256: Modern U.S. and PA History | 3 | HIST 153: Making Modern America:1865-Present | 3 |
| TOTAL | 15 | | 15 |
| Year Two, 2 nd Semester | | | |
| ECN 256: Microeconomics | 3 | ECON 201: Principles of Microeconomics | 3 |
| Foreign Language 156 | 3 | Foreign Language 102 | 3 |
| General Elective | 3 | General Elective | 3 |
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| TOTAL | 15 | | 15 |

| West Virginia University | | | |
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| Summer Session | | MDIA 215S (If offered Online) | 3 |
| Year Three, 1 st Semester | | Year Three, 2 nd Semester | |
| MDIA 101: Media and Society | 3 | MDIA 328: Media Ethics and Law | 3 |
| MDIA 225S: Media Tools & Applications | 3 | JRL 319S: Editing and Curation | 3 |
| JRL 318S: Beat Reporting | 3 | JRL 300/400- Level Track Elective (1) | 3 |
| JRL 235S, JRL 236S, JRL 237S, JRL 238S, or JRL 240S ** (Skills Course 1) | 1 | BCOR 350: Principles of Marketing | 3 |
| JRL Skills Course 2** | 1 | Minor Course (1) | 3 |
| MDIA 215S (if not taken in the Summer) or General Elective | 3 | JRL Skills Course 3** | 1 |
| TOTAL | 14 | | 16 |
| Year Four, 1 st Semester | | Year Four, 2 nd Semester | |
| JRL 341S: Data and Design | 3 | JRL 411 or JRL 431S or JRL 459S or JRL 487S (JRL Capstone) | 3 |
| JRL 300/400- Level Track Elective (2) | 3 | JRL 458S: Interactive Media & Audience Building | 3 |
| MDIA 401: Making Media in the Digital Age or MDIA 427: History of American Journalism, Media, & Pop Culture or MDIA 455: Media, Identity, and Power or MDIA 555: Media, Identity, and Power | 3 | Minor Course (4) | 3 |
| Minor Course (2) | 3 | Minor Course (5) | 3 |
| Minor Course (3) | 3 | General Elective | 3 |
| TOTAL | 15 | | 15 |

For this agreement, the following substitution will be made:

- ECN 256 is equivalent to ECON 201. It will be substituted for ECON 200.

Students who maintain a 2.0 GPA will be directly admitted into the Journalism program upon transferring to West Virginia University. Those students who have below a 2.0 GPA must have a C- or better in MDIA 215S (online or first term at WVU) to be admitted into the Journalism program within the College of Creative Arts and Media upon transferring.

*Students are required to complete STAT 111 as a School of Media and Communications requirement. Students who complete MTH 160 at WCCC will have completed the WVU equivalent of STAT 211. Therefore, the STAT 111 requirement will be fulfilled as well as the Math Requirement at WVU. The student will need to complete a 3 cr-elective to meet the 120-hour WVU requirement.

**In place of the THREE required, one-hour skills classes listed (ex: JRL 235S, JRL 236S, JRL 237S, JRL 238S, JRL 240S) students in the School of Media and Communications at WVU may opt to take ONE three-hour skills class approved by their advisor.

***Some JRL Capstones require pre-requisites. Students must let their advisor know if they want to pursue an area of 'Specialization.' For example: If you want to pursue a broadcast/TV track and want to take JRL 487S as your capstone course (WVU News) you must take JRL 335S one semester, followed by JRL 386S the next semester (prior to taking the JRL 487S capstone that students take their senior year).

Journalism majors are required to declare a minor. Students should work with their faculty advisor to complete this task.

Students transferring to West Virginia University with an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree will have satisfied the General Education Foundation (GEF) requirement at WVU.

Students who have questions about admission into their intended program, GEF requirements, or any other issue relating to academics at West Virginia University should contact the Office of Admissions at WVU.

The above transfer articulation of credit between West Virginia University and Westmoreland County Community College, is approved by the Dean or the Dean's designee, and effective the date of the signature.

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Print Name

Signature

Date

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