

Harrisburg Area Community College & West Virginia University

Associate of Science in Communications - Public Communication A.S.

leading to Bachelor of Science in Journalism B.S.J.

Suggested Plan of Study



Harrisburg Area CC	Hours	WVU Equivalent	Hours
Year One, 1 st Semester			
COMM 101 (General Education)	3	COMM 270 & COMM 270S	3
COMM 110 (FYS)	3	COMM 1TC	3
ENGL 101 (General Education)	3	ENGL 101	3
ART 181 or ART 182 or MUS 102 or MUS 104 or FMTH 101 or FMTH 103 (Hum/Arts)	3	ARHS 120 or ARHS 160 or MUSC 111 or MUSC 116 or THET 160 or THET 144	3
SOC 201 (SS Elective)	3	SOCA 101 (Required)	3
TOTAL	15	TOTAL	15
Year One, 2 nd Semester			
ENGL 102 (General Education)	3	ENGL 102 (Required)	3
COMM 120 (Concentration Elective)	3	MDIA 101 (Required)	3
COMM 211 (Concentration Elective)	3	ADPR 215S	3
MATH 202	4	STATS 211 + STAT 2TC	4
BIOL 101 or GEOL 101 or GEOL 102 or other Science core	4	BIOL 101 & BIOL 101L or SUST 101 & SUST 101L or SUST 201 & SUST 201L	4
TOTAL	17	TOTAL	17
Year Two, 1 st Semester			
Math/Science Elective	3	General Elective	3
COMM 241 (Concentration Elective)	3	ADPR 319S	3
COMM 221 (Concentration Elective)	3	MDIA 215S (Required)	3
Foreign Language 101 (Transfer Elective)	4	Foreign Language 101 (Required)	4
Wellness Course	1	General Elective	1
TOTAL	14	TOTAL	14
Year Two, 2 nd Semester			
COMM 253	3	COMM 316	3
Foreign Language 102 (Transfer Elective)	4	Foreign Language 102 (Required)	4
HIST 104 (Transfer Elective)	3	HIST 153 (Required)	3
ENGL 107 or ENGL 201 or ENGL 202 or ENGL 203 or ENGL 204 or ENGL 217 (Transfer Elective)	3	ENGL 111 or ENGL 261 or ENGL 262 or ENGL 241 or ENGL 242 or ENGL 254 (Literature/Writing Course)	3
Transfer Elective	1	General Elective	1
TOTAL	14	TOTAL	14

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Year Three, 1 st Semester		Year Three, 2 nd Semester	
MDIA 225S	3	MDIA 328	3
JRL 318S	3	JRL 319S	3
BCOR 350	3	POLS 102	3
ECON 200	3	JRL 300/400- Level Track Elective ⁽¹⁾	3
JRL 235S, JRL 236S, JRL 237S, JRL 238S, or JRL 240S ** (Skills Course 1)	1	Required Minor Course ⁽¹⁾	3
JRL Skills Course** ⁽²⁾	1	JRL Skills Course ** ⁽³⁾	1
TOTAL	14	TOTAL	16
Year Four, 1 st Semester		Year Four, 2 nd Semester	
JRL 341S: Data and Design	3	JRL 411 or JRL 431S or JRL 440S or JRL 459S or JRL 467S or JRL 487S (JRL Capstone)	3
MDIA 401 or MDIA 427 or MDIA 455 or MDIA 555	3	JRL 458S	3
JRL 300/400- Level Track Elective ⁽²⁾	3	Required Minor Course ⁽⁴⁾	3
Required Minor Course ⁽²⁾	3	Required Minor Course ⁽⁵⁾	3
Required Minor Course ⁽³⁾	3	General Elective	3
TOTAL	15	TOTAL	15

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 COMM 221 (MDIA 215S) to be admitted into the Journalism program within the College of Creative Arts and Media.

*Students are required to complete STAT 111 as a HACC requirement. Students who complete MATH 202 at HACC 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, JRL 325S) students in the CCAM 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 the JRL 487S capstone in the 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 Harrisburg Area 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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