

# Virginia's Community Colleges & West Virginia University

Associate of Arts and Sciences in Liberal Studies (Communication) leading to

Bachelor of Science in Journalism B.S.J.

Suggested Plan of Study



Virginia's Community Colleges	Hours	WVU Equivalent	Hours
Year One, 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester			
ENG 111	3	ENGL 101 (Required)	3
MTH 155 or MTH 245	3	STAT 111 or STAT 211 (Required; Pick One)	3
SDV 100 or SDV 101	1-2	WVUE 191	1-2
CST 100 or CST 110 (General Education)	3	COMM 270 & COMM 270S or COMM 102	3
HIS 122 (History Course)	3	HIST 153 (Required)	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	13-14		13-14
Year One, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester			
ENG 112	3	ENGL 102 (Required)	3
CST 114 (Major Course)	3	MDIA 101 (Required)	3
PSY 200 or SOC 200 (Pre-Major and Major Req)	3	PSYC 101 or SOCA 101 (Required; Pick One)	3
Natural Science	4	Science Elective	4
PLS 135 (General Education)	3	POLS 102 (Required)	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	16		16
Year Two, 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester			
ENG 233 or ENG 236 or ENG 237 or ENG 241 or ENG 242 or ENG 243 or ENG 244 or ENG 245 or ENG 253 or ENG 255 or ENG 258 or ENG 273 or ENG 211 or ENG 215 or ENG 217 (English Course; Pick One)	3	ENG 236 or ENGL 233 or ENGL 232 or ENGL 241 or ENGL 242 or ENGL 261 or ENGL 262 or ENGL 261 or ENGL 241 or ENGL 254 or ENGL 226 or ENGL 254 or ENGL 285 or ENGL 111 or ENGL 112 or ENGL 213 (English Literature or Creative Writing Course; Pick one)	3
ECO 150 (Social & Behavioral Sciences)	3	ECON 200 (Required)	3
CST 201 (Major Course)	3	COMM 203	3
Foreign Language 101 (Pre-Major and Major Req)	4	Foreign Language 101 (Required)	4
ENG 121 (Pre-Major and Major Req. Course)	3	MDIA 1TC (Elective)	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	16		16
Year Two, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester			
CST 126 (Concentration Course)	3	COMM 202	3
CST 229 (Concentration Course)	3	COMM 316	3
Any UCGS Art, Humanities, or Literature (Different from the first category)	3	Elective	3
Foreign Language 102 (Pre-Major and Major Req)	4	Foreign Language 102 (Required)	4
ENG 122 (Pre-Major and Major Req. Course)	3	MDIA 215S (Required)	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	16		16

West Virginia University			
Year Three, 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester		Year Three, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester	
MDIA 225S	3	JRL 319S	3
MDIA 328	3	JRL 488S or JRL Skills Course <sup>(3)^</sup>	1
JRL 318S	3	JRL 300/400-Level Track Elective <sup>(1)</sup>	3
BCOR 350	3	Minor Course <sup>(1)</sup>	3
JRL 238S or JRL 240S <sup>^</sup> (Skills Course 1)	1	Minor Course <sup>(2)</sup>	3
JRL 236S or JRL 237S <sup>^</sup> (Skills Course 2)	1	General Elective	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	14		16
Year Four, 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester		Year Four, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester	
JRL 341S or JRL 321S	3	JRL Capstone*	3
MDIA 401 or MDIA 427 or MDIA 455 or MDIA 555	3	JRL 458	3
JRL 300/400- Level Track Elective <sup>(2)</sup>	3	Minor Course <sup>(5)</sup>	3
Minor Course <sup>(3)</sup>	3	General Elective	3
Minor Course <sup>(4)</sup>	3	General Elective	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	15	<b>TOTAL</b>	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 MDIA 215S (ENG 122), to be admitted into the Journalism program within the College of Creative Arts and Media upon transferring.

\*(S) stands for a Studio Course. A new course designation to signify that this course has hands-on work, like a lab setting in the classroom.

<sup>^</sup>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 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 a student would like to pursue a broadcast/TV track and wants to take JRL 487S as the capstone course (WVU News), they 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 requirements 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 Undergraduate Education at WVU.

The above transfer articulation of credit between West Virginia University and Virginia's Community Colleges, 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

