

# Blue Ridge Community and Technical College & West Virginia University



Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts: Open Transfer Concentration A.A. leading to  
Bachelor of Science in Journalism B.S.J.  
Suggested Plan of Study



Blue Ridge Community and Technical College	Hours	WVU Equivalents	Hours
<b>Year One, 1<sup>st</sup> Semester</b>			
ART 103 or ENGL 215 or MUSC 111 or THEA 101	3	ARHS 101 or ENGL 2TC or MUSC 111 or THET 1TC	3
ENGL 101	3	ENGL 101	3
HIST 101 or HIST 102 (General Ed Core)	3	HIST 179 or HIST 180	3
BIOL 101 or CHEM 127 or PHYS 103	4	BIOL 115 & BIOL 115L or CHEM 111 & CHEM 111L or PHYS 1TC	4
**MATH 114	3	STAT 211 (Sub for STAT 111)	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	16		16
<b>Year One, 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester</b>			
ENGL 102	3	ENGL 102	3
BIOL 102 or CHEM 128 or GEOL 101 or PHYS 104	4	BIOL 117 & BIOL 117L or CHEM 112 & CHEM 112L or GEOL 101 & GEOL 101L or PHYS 1TC	4
COMM 202	3	MDS 270	3
PSCI 101	3	POLS 102 (Required)	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	13		13
<b>Year Two, 1<sup>st</sup> Semester</b>			
SOCI 203 or PSYC 203	3	SOCA 101 or PSYC 101	3
ENGL 204 or ENGL 208	3	ENGL 2TC or ENGL 2TC (Literature/Creative Writing requirement)	3
HIST 202	3	HIST 153 (Required)	3
FREN 101 or GRMN 101 or SPAN 101****	3	FRCH 101 or GER 101 or SPAN 101 (Required)****	3
Free Elective	3	Elective	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	15		15
<b>Year Two, 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester</b>			
General Elective	3	Elective	3
FREN 102 or GRMN 102 or SPAN 102****	3	FRCH 102 or GER 102 or SPAN 102 (Required)****	3
ECON 123	3	ECON 200 (Required)	3
Restricted Elective	4	Elective	4
Free Elective	3	Elective	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	16		16

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Summer Session Online		*MDIA 215S (if offered)	0-3
Year Three, 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester		Year Three, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester	
MDIA 101	3	MDIA 328	3
*MDIA 215S (if not taken in the summer) or BCOR 350	3	JRL 319S	3
MDIA 225S	3	BCOR 350 or General Elective (if necessary)	0-3
JRL 318S	3	Minor Course (1)	3
JRL 235S, JRL 236S, JRL 237S, JRL 238S, or JRL 240S (Skills Course 1)*	1	JRL 300/400- Level Track Elective (1)	3
JRL Skills Course 2*	1	JRL Skills Course 3*	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	14		13-16
Year Four, 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester		Year Four, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester	
JRL 341S	3	JRL 411 or JRL 431 or JRL 459S or JRL 467S JRL 487S (JRL Capstone)	3
MDIA 427 or MDIA 455 or MDIA 401	3	JRL 458S	3
JRL 300/400- Level Track Elective (2)	3	General Elective	3
Minor Course (2)	3	Minor Course (4)	3
Minor Course (3)	3	Minor Course (5)	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	15		15

For this agreement, students will satisfy the Literature/Creative Writing requirement with either ENGL 204 (ENGL 2TC) or ENGL 208 (ENG 2TC).

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 (WVU), to be admitted into the Journalism program within the College of Creative Arts and Media upon transferring.

\*For a two-year, four semester plans of study to be viable, Blue Ridge students must complete MDIA 215S either in the summer session prior to their first semester (if offered) or in their first semester to stay on track. Students can work with their faculty advisor to select another approved course, if MDIA 215S is completed in the summer.

\*\*Students are required to complete STAT 111 as a requirement for the Journalism major in the College of Creative Arts and Media. Students who complete MATH 114 at BRCTC 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 requirement at WVU.

^In place of the THREE required, one-hour skills classes listed (ex: JRL 235S, JRL 236S, JRL 237S, JRL 238S, or JRL 240S) students in the Journalism major 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: To pursue a broadcast/TV track and with JRL 487S (WVU News) as the Capstone course, students must take JRL 335S one semester, followed by JRL 386S the next semester; prior to taking JRL 487 capstone in the senior year.

\*\*\*\*Students who wish to pursue other foreign language options other than Spanish, French, and German should select other "Humanities Elective" options as FCC. Students will need to use the "Elective" slots to complete their 6-hours of foreign language studies at WVU.

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 Blue Ridge Community and Technical College, is approved by the Dean, or the Dean's designee, and effective the date of the signature.

Sandra M. Schwartz  
Print Name

*Sandra Schwartz*  
Signature

November 8, 2024  
Date

Sandra M. Schwartz, Ph.D., Associate Dean of Academic Affairs for the College of Creative Arts and Media

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Print Name  
Peter G. Checkovich Ed.D. President for Blue Ridge CTC

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