



# Cuyahoga Community College & West Virginia University

Associate of Arts A.A. leading to  
**Bachelor of Science of Journalism in Journalism B.S.J.**  
**Plan of Study**



| Cuyahoga Community College                                                                                                                                                                    | Hours        | WVU Equivalents                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Hours        |
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| <b>Year One, 1<sup>st</sup> Semester</b>                                                                                                                                                      |              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |              |
| ENG 1010/101H – College Composition I/Honors                                                                                                                                                  | 3            | ENGL 101 – Intro to Composition and Rhetoric                                                                                                                                                                        | 3            |
| COMM 1010/101H – Fund. of Speech Comm                                                                                                                                                         | 3            | COMM 270 & COMM 270S – Effective Public Speaking & Studio                                                                                                                                                           | 3            |
| MATH 1410 – Introduction to Statistics I                                                                                                                                                      | 3            | STAT 111 – Understanding Statistics <sup>(Required)</sup>                                                                                                                                                           | 3            |
| PSY 1010/101H – General Psychology/Honors or<br>SOC 1010/101H – Introductory Sociology/Honors                                                                                                 | 3            | PSYC 101 – Introduction to Psychology or<br>SOC 101 – Introduction to Sociology                                                                                                                                     | 3            |
| Foreign Language                                                                                                                                                                              | 3            | Foreign Language 101                                                                                                                                                                                                | 3            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>15</b>    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>15</b>    |
| <b>Year One, 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester</b>                                                                                                                                                      |              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |              |
| ENG 1020/102H – College Composition II/Honors                                                                                                                                                 | 3            | ENGL 102 – Composition, Rhetoric, and Research                                                                                                                                                                      | 3            |
| COMM 1000 – Fund. of Interpersonal Comm                                                                                                                                                       | 3            | COMM 102 – Fundamentals Interpersonal Comm                                                                                                                                                                          | 3            |
| OT36 Natural Sciences with Lab Elective                                                                                                                                                       | 3-4          | Elective                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 3-4          |
| OT 36 Arts & Humanities <sup>(2000 level)</sup>                                                                                                                                               | 3            | Elective                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 3            |
| Foreign Language                                                                                                                                                                              | 3            | Foreign Language 102                                                                                                                                                                                                | 3            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>15-16</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>15-16</b> |
| <b>Year Two, 1<sup>st</sup> Semester</b>                                                                                                                                                      |              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |              |
| COMM 1210 – Small Group Communication                                                                                                                                                         | 3            | COMM 112 – Small Group Communication                                                                                                                                                                                | 3            |
| OT 36 Natural Sciences Elective                                                                                                                                                               | 3            | Elective                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 3            |
| HIST 1520/152H – United States History Since 1877<br><sup>(OT36 S&amp;B Sciences Elective)</sup>                                                                                              | 3            | HIST 153 – Making Modern America: 1865-Present <sup>(Required)</sup>                                                                                                                                                | 3            |
| ENG 2310 – American Literature I or<br>ENG 2320 – American Literature II or<br>ENG 2350 – British Literature I or<br>ENG 2360 – British Literature II <sup>(OT36 Arts &amp; Humanities)</sup> | 3            | ENGL 241 – American Literature I or<br>ENGL 242 – American Literature II or<br>ENGL 261 – British Literature I or<br>ENGL 262 – British Literature II<br><sup>(English literature or Creative Writing course)</sup> | 3            |
| MJS 1010 – Principles of Media & Communications <sup>(Elective)</sup>                                                                                                                         | 3            | MDIA 101 – Media & Society <sup>(Required)</sup>                                                                                                                                                                    | 3            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>15</b>    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>15</b>    |
| <b>Year Two, 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester</b>                                                                                                                                                      |              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |              |
| COMM 2000 – Intro to Communication Theory                                                                                                                                                     | 3            | COMM 203 – Communication Theory                                                                                                                                                                                     | 3            |
| Elective                                                                                                                                                                                      | 3            | Elective                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 3            |
| ECON 1210 – Survey of Economics <sup>(OT36 S&amp;B Sciences Elective)</sup>                                                                                                                   | 3            | ECON 200 – Survey of Economics <sup>(Required)</sup>                                                                                                                                                                | 3            |
| POL 1010/101H or 1000/100H – American National Gov./Honors <sup>(OT36 and/or Civic Literacy)</sup>                                                                                            | 3            | POLS 102 – Intro American Government <sup>(Required)</sup>                                                                                                                                                          | 3            |
| MJS 2050 – Mass Media and Society or Elective <sup>(Elective)</sup>                                                                                                                           | 3            | JRL 2TC – Mass Media and Society                                                                                                                                                                                    | 3            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>15</b>    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>15</b>    |
| <b>West Virginia University</b>                                                                                                                                                               |              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |              |
| <b>Year Three, 1<sup>st</sup> Semester</b>                                                                                                                                                    |              | <b>Year Three, 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester</b>                                                                                                                                                                          |              |
| BCOR 350 – Principles of Marketing                                                                                                                                                            | 3            | JRL 318S – Beat Reporting                                                                                                                                                                                           | 3            |
| MDIA 215S – Media Writing                                                                                                                                                                     | 3            | JRL Skills Course 2 <sup>^</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                    | 1            |
| MDIA 225S – Media Tools & Applications                                                                                                                                                        | 3            | JRL Skills Course 3 <sup>^</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                    | 1            |
| JRL 319S – Editing and Curation                                                                                                                                                               | 3            | MDIA 328 – Media Ethics and Law                                                                                                                                                                                     | 3            |
| JRL 235S, JRL 236S, JRL 237S, JRL 238S, or<br>JRL 240S <sup>(Skills Course 1)<sup>^</sup></sup>                                                                                               | 1            | Minor Course <sup>(1)</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                         | 3            |
| General Elective                                                                                                                                                                              | 3            | Minor Course <sup>(2)</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                         | 3            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>16</b>    | <b>TOTAL</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>14</b>    |
| <b>Year Four, 1<sup>st</sup> Semester</b>                                                                                                                                                     |              | <b>Year Four, 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester</b>                                                                                                                                                                           |              |
| MDIA 401 – Making Media in the Digital Age or<br>MDIA 427 – History of American Journalism, Media & Pop Culture or<br>MDIA 455/MDIA 555 – Media, Identity, and Power                          | 3            | JRL 411 – Experimental Journalism or<br>JRL 431S – Multimedia Storytelling or<br>JRL 459S – Multimedia News Publication or<br>JRL 487S – Advanced Video Reporting and Producing                                     | 3            |
| JRL 341S – Data and Design                                                                                                                                                                    | 3            | JRL 458S – Interactive Media and Audience Building                                                                                                                                                                  | 3            |
| JRL "Track" Elective 1 <sup>(300/400-Level)</sup>                                                                                                                                             | 3            | JRL "Track" Elective 2 <sup>(300/400-Level)</sup>                                                                                                                                                                   | 3            |
| Minor Course <sup>(3)</sup>                                                                                                                                                                   | 3            | Minor Course <sup>(5)</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                         | 3            |
| Minor Course <sup>(4)</sup>                                                                                                                                                                   | 3            | General Elective                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 3            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>15</b>    | <b>TOTAL</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>15</b>    |

Course sequence may change based on the individual needs of the student and schedule type required.

New college students may be required during their first semester to participate in GEN 1070, First Year Success Seminar, a one credit hour course. See a Tri-C Counselor for details.

This represents an example of suggested courses to complete the Associate of Arts to continue for a bachelor's degree, which must total at least 60 semester credits and includes 36 Ohio Transfer 36 (OT36), credits which are approved Tri-C general education requirements. OT36 details can be found at <https://www.ohiohighered.org/Ohio-Transfer-36>. Students should work closely with advisors at both institutions to discuss options.

Students who maintain a 2.0 GPA will be directly admitted into the Journalism program upon transferring to West Virginia University.

^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 COM at WVU, may opt to take ONE three-hour skills classes approved by their advisor.

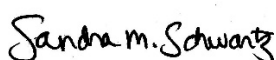
Some JRL Capstones require pre-reqs. Students must let their advisor know if they want to pursue an area of 'Specialization.' For example: If students want to pursue a broadcast/TV track and want to take JRL 487S as their capstone course (WVU News), they must take JRL 335S one semester, followed by JRL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

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 regarding this articulation agreement or the transferability of coursework may contact the WVU Office of the University Registrar. All other questions should be directed at the WVU Office of Admissions (304-293-2121).

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

Sandra M. Schwartz



07/17/26

Print Name

Signature

Date

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