



Journalism A.A. Degree

This degree is designed to train students in writing, reporting, and critical thinking skills required for jobs in the news media or to transfer to a four-year institution's journalism program.

Total Units: 54.5-59

First Year

Semester 1

16 Units

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS [^]	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
JOUR 300 ^Z Newswriting and Reporting	3		F, S	CRC Area II(b)
JOUR 310 ¹ ^Z Mass Media and Society	3		F(O), S(O), Su	CRC Area V(b)
STAT 300 ^Z Introduction to Probability and Statistics	4	MTH 120 or 125	F(O), S(O), Su(O)	CRC Area II(b)
CRC Area II(a)-Writing Competency ^Z	3	Recommend meeting with a counselor	F, S, Su	CRC Area II(a)
CRC Area III(b)-Living Skills ^Z	3		F, S, Su	CRC Area III(b)

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¹ Also listed as RTVF 300

Semester 2

12.5-15 Units

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS [^]	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
JOUR 410 ^Z College Media Production I	3	ENGWR 101; Advisory: JOUR 300, 335, 404 or PHOTO 302	F, S	
PHOTO 302 ^Z Beginning Digital Photography	3		F, S	CRC Area I
JOUR 404 Editing and Production	3	Co-req: JOUR 420 or 421	Check Class Schedule for offering	

Career

Options/Outlook:

There are many different career opportunities in this field. For example, a journalist with advanced degrees collects and analyzes facts about newsworthy events by interview, investigation, or observation; reports and writes stories for newspapers, news magazines, radio, or television. Journalists receive assignments or evaluate leads or tips to develop story ideas, research a story's background information to provide complete and accurate information, arrange interviews with people who can provide information about a story, and report news stories for publication or broadcast. **Career opportunities require more than an associate degree.**

A sample of reported job titles:

Journalist, Magazine editor, columnist, public information officer, broadcast news writer, newspaper reporter, editor, desktop publishing specialist, web writer/editor/producer, broadcast news producer, social media producer.

Projected job openings in California (2020-2030):

540

Projected growth in California (2020-2030):

9% growth

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS [^]	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
JOUR 420 ^Z College Media Production Lab I	0.5-3	ENGWR 101; Advisory: JOUR 300, 335, 404 or PHOTO 302	Check Class Schedule for offering	
CRC Area IV-Natural Sciences ^Z	3		F, S, Su	CRC Area IV

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Year 2

Semester 3

15 Units

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS [^]	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
JOUR 320 ^Z Race and Gender in the Media	3		F	CRC Area VI
3 units from List A	3	See List A	See List A	
CRC Area V(a)-American Institutions ^Z	3		F, S, Su	CRC Area V(a)
CRC Area V(b)-Social & Behavioral Sciences ¹ ^Z	3		F, S, Su	CRC Area V(b)
Elective ²	3		F, S, Su	

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¹ Suggestion-ECON 302 Principles of Macroeconomics (3 units); Pre-req: MATH 100 or 102; F(O), S(O), Su(O)

² Suggestion-COMM 301 Intro to Public Speaking (3 units); Advisory: ENGWR 300; F, S, Su. Units needed to total 60 units for graduation. Refer to [Course Number](#) for the appropriate course level necessary for the degree.

Semester 4

11-13 Units

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS [^]	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
3 units from List A	0	See List A	See List A	
CRC Area III(a)-Physical Edu Activity ^Z	1		F, S, Su	CRC Area III(a)
Elective ¹	3		F, S, Su	

Median Salary in California with advanced degree (2021):

\$49,850/yr

Source:

<https://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/27-3022.00>

Transfer notes:

Please meet with a counselor for specific transfer course evaluation or transferring to a specific 4-year institution.

General Education (GE):

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Honors option:

The CRC Honors Program is designed specifically for academically accomplished students and for students with the potential for high achievement. Students who complete 15 units or more in honors-designated courses will earn special recognition as an Honors Scholar, a distinction that may entitle the student to guaranteed transfer and scholarship opportunities at select transfer colleges and universities.

About this program map:

This program map represents one possible pathway to complete the program. Please see a counselor to create an education plan customized to meet your needs. This map is not a guarantee of course availability or financial aid applicability.

Zero Textbook Costs (ZTC):

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS [^]	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
Elective ¹	3		F, S, Su	
Elective ¹	3		F, S, Su	
Elective ¹	1-3		F, S, Su	

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[^]You must have passed the prerequisite course(s) with a "C" or better; Corequisite must be taken during the same semester; Advisory means it is recommended but not required to enroll in the course.

*(O) = online available (P) = partially online

¹ Suggestion-PHOTO 310, PHOTO 320, POLS 310 or any course in List A. Units required are determined by the number of units needed to total 60 units for graduation. Refer to [Course Number](#) for the appropriate course level necessary for the degree.

List A-a minimum of 9 units from the following:

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS [^]	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
CISC 305 Z Introduction to the Internet	1	Advisory: CISC 302 or 310	Check Class Schedule for offering	
CISC 306 Z Introduction to Web Page Creation	1	CISC 305 or intermediate level of Internet proficiency	Check Class Schedule for offering	
JOUR 301 Advanced Newswriting and Reporting	3	JOUR 300; Advisory: ENGWR 300	Check Class Schedule for offering	
JOUR 320 Z Race and Gender in the Media	3		F	CRC Area VI
JOUR 330 ¹ Z Computer Familiarization	2		Check Class Schedule for offering	
JOUR 340 ² Writing for Publication	3	ENGWR 300, ENGWR 480, HONOR 375, or JOUR 300	Check Class Schedule for offering	
PHOTO 400 Digital Imaging	3		F, S	

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¹ Also listed as CISC 302.

The Zero Textbook Costs designation and logo are added to any course that provides free access to all required instructional materials. These are typically shared with students through Canvas. Courses that are designated as ZTC may still require students to purchase supplemental materials such as lab coats, a calculator, art supplies, etc. See full definitions and searching tips on the [Zero Textbook Costs page](#) of the college website.

⏪ Also listed as EGWR 330.

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