Journalism and Mass Communications AA-T Degree

PART TIME

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

Catalog: 2026-27

GE Pattern: Cal-GETC

Total Units: 60

First Year

Semester 1

6 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
Req	JOUR 300 Newswriting and Reporting	3		
GE	ENGL C1000 College Composition **or** ENGL C1000H[H] Honors College Composition	3 3		1A

Semester 2

7 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
Req	JOUR 410 College Media Production I	3	JOUR 300	
GE	STAT C1000 Introduction to Probability and Statistics **or** STAT C1000H[H] Introduction to Probability and Statistics - Honors	4 4		2

Second Year

Semester 3

6 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
GE	any Area 1B (Critical Thinking and Composition) course	3		1B
Elec	any transferable elective course	3		

Semester 4

9 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
Req	JOUR 310 Mass Media and Society	3		4
GE	any Area 1C (Oral Communication) course	3		1C
Elec	any transferable elective course	3		

TRANSFER PATH

Potential Transfer Majors:

- Journalism B.A.
- Government B.A.

Potential Career/Options After Completing a Bachelor's Degree:

Journalist (print or broadcast), photographer, publicist, public information officer, communications director, lawyer, lobbyist.

Advising Notes:

- This map is designed for students who are able to take 2-3 classes (or 6-9 units) each semester. See a counselor to adjust the coursework to meet your specific needs.
- Students can substitute ESLW 340 for ENGL C1000/C1000H (formerly known as ENGWR 300/480).
- **Transferable Elective Courses:** any elective courses numbered 300-499, or having a 4-digit number starting with C.

Scheduling Notes:

- JOUR 351 is offered in the spring.
- JOUR 360 is offered in the fall.

Recommended Electives:

Third Year

Semester 5

7 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
GE	any Area 4 (Social & Behavioral Sciences) course in a discipline other than JOUR	3		4
GE	any Area 5A (Physical Sciences) course	3		5A
GE	any Area 5C (Science Lab) course[1]	1		5C

[1] The Area 5C (Science Lab) course must correspond with either the Area 5A (Physical Sciences) or Area 5B (Biological Sciences) course and must be taken concurrently or after the lecture course.

Semester 6

9 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
RE	JOUR 351 Public Relations Writing and Media Techniques	3		
GE	any Area 3A (Arts) course	3		3A
GE	any Area 5B (Biological Sciences) course	3		5B

Fourth Year

Semester 7

9 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
RE	JOUR 320 Race and Gender in the Media	3		
GE	any Area 3B (Humanities) course	3		3B
GE	any Area 6 (Ethnic Studies) course	3		6

Semester 8

7 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
RE	JOUR 350 Writing for Broadcasting/Podcasting	3		
Elec	any transferable elective course	3		
Elec	any transferable elective course	1		

- Students are encouraged to take College Media Production courses (JOUR 411 and 412) as electives for this degree.

Other Notes to Students Preparing to Transfer:

- Journalism is a program offered only at CSUs. Students planning to use this degree to transfer to a UC should see a counselor.
- See ASSIST.ORG for the transfer requirements of the institution to which you plan to transfer.
- The CSU system requires every student receiving a bachelor's degree to be knowledgeable about the Constitution of the United States, American history, and state and local government. This requirement is generally known as the American Institutions requirement. Students can complete this requirement at ARC before transferring. See a counselor for a list of approved courses.

Honors Courses (H):

Students with a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or better who complete 15 or more units of Honors coursework earn an Honors Transfer Certificate and can take advantage of honors-to-honors transfer agreements with highly selective colleges and universities, both public and private.

EXPLANATION OF CATEGORIES		
Req	Required Core	A course that is required for this program
GE	General Education	A course that fulfills a specific general education requirement for a degree, which can be replaced with another course that meets the same requirement
Elec	Degree Elective	A degree-applicable course that is part of a degree roadmap to ensure that there is a total of at least 60 units, which is a requirement for an associate degree
RE	Restricted Elective	A course selected from a list of elective courses specified for this program in the course list in the catalog, which can be replaced with another course from the same list

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