



Journalism A.A.

Career Community: Communication, Journalism, and Language

Curriculum Code: 1628

Effective: Fall 2025 – Summer 2030

Purpose of the Major

This degree is designed for students who intend to transfer to a four-year college or university to pursue a baccalaureate degree in Journalism with a variety of concentrations or who plan to pursue a Secondary Education Certification in Communication/Theatre Arts, which includes a Journalism focus, in order to teach in Michigan publics schools. The degree also provides an option for students wishing to pursue freelance work in journalism. Students completing this curriculum will also satisfy the Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA) between two-year and four-year institutions in Michigan and qualify for an LCC Transfer Studies Certificate of Achievement (1482).

Milestone

In addition to the required General Education courses in Math and English, completion of COMM 270 and JRNL 151 with a 2.0 or higher is a key component for success in completing this program. Knowledge obtained in these courses may be the foundation for learning in other required courses. Students are encouraged to contact their faculty if they need additional assistance with learning the concepts presented in these courses.

Additional Information

A student must earn a minimum grade of 2.0 in all courses.

Contact Information

For further information, including career options, course substitutions and waivers, etc., contact the Communication, Media, and the Arts Department, Gannon Building, Room 1222, telephone number 517-483-1546, or the Academic Advising Department, Gannon Building – StarZone, telephone number 517-483-1904.

Major Required Courses—*Some courses meet General Education requirements for Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA). A minimum of 2.0 is required to meet LCC degree requirements for General Education courses and for all courses to transfer to other colleges (some colleges, and some programs within colleges, require a higher grade in a course.)*

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
ACAD 100	First-Year Experience	1 / 1
COMM 120 or	Dynamics of Communication	3 / 3
COMM 130 or	Fundamentals Public Speaking	3 / 3
COMM 200 or	Small Group Communication	3 / 3
COMM 240 or	Interpersonal Communication	3 / 3
COMM 260 or	Nonverbal Communication	3 / 3
ENGL 122 or	Composition II	4 / 4
ENGL 132	Honors Composition II	4 / 4

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
COMM 270	Mass Communication	3 / 3
DMAC 141	Ethics and Impact of the Media	3 / 3
DMAC 260 or ENGL 200 or ENGL 261 or JAPN 121 or SPAN 121 or THEA 110	World Cinema Introduction to Literature Creative Writing I Elementary Japanese I Elementary Spanish I Introduction to Theater	4 / 4 3 / 3 3 / 3 4 / 4 4 / 4 3 / 3
ENGL 121 or ENGL 131	Composition I Honors Composition I	4 / 4 4 / 4
JRNL 151	Newswriting and Reporting	3 / 3
JRNL 254	Opinion Writing	3 / 3
MATH 119 or MATH 120 or STAT 170	Math – Applications for Living College Algebra Introduction to Statistics	4 / 4 4 / 4 4 / 4

Notes:

ACAD 100 may be waived when students meet one of the following College-approved waiver criteria:

- Completion of 12 college-level credits with minimum grades of 2.0 shown on the LCC transcript (including transfer, if applicable), or
- Employment in the field of, or a field related to, the degree being sought, or
- For Health Careers students, successful completion of CHSE 100.

Students wishing to waive ACAD 100 should contact their advisor.

For future transfer to:

- Central Michigan University (Journalism majors) choose DMAC 260 or ENGL 200 or ENGL 261, ENGL 122 or ENGL 132, PSYC 200 or SOCL 120, and STAT 170.
- Eastern Michigan University (Journalism) and Ferris State University choose ENGL 122 or ENGL 132, and MATH 119 or MATH 120.
- Eastern Michigan University (Communication and Theater Arts Secondary Education) choose ENGL 122 or ENGL 132, MATH 120, and THEA 110.
- Grand Valley State University and Michigan State University choose DMAC 260 or ENGL 200 or ENGL 261, ENGL 122 or ENGL 132, and MATH 120.
- Western Michigan University choose DMAC 260 or ENGL 200 or ENGL 261, ENGL 122 or ENGL 132, and MATH 119.

Major Required Courses, Limited Choice – Humanities and Fine Arts – *Select one course from a different discipline than the Humanities and Fine Arts course selected from the Major Required Courses listed above (DMAC, ENGL, JAPN, SPAN, THEA). If a specific course is not indicated in the notes*

below, choose any recommended course below or choose from [General Education Transfer \(MTA\): Humanities and Fine Arts](#)

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
ARTS 102	2D Design	3 / 4
HIST 212	U.S. History: 1877 to Present	4 / 4
HUMS 160	U.S. History: 1877 to Present	4 / 4
PHIL 101	Introduction to Philosophy	3 / 3
PHIL 151	Intro to Logic & Critical Think	4 / 4
PHIL 152	Introduction to Ethics	4 / 4
RELG 150	Intro to World Religions	4 / 4

Notes:

- Students interested in preparing for freelance work choose ARTS 102.
- For future transfer to Michigan State University (Journalism) choose ARTS 102.

Major Required Courses, Limited Choice – Natural Sciences - Select two from two different disciplines, as indicated for each transfer institution and major. One must be a lab course. If specific courses are not indicated, select any two courses from different disciplines from [LCC General Education: MTA, Natural Sciences](#).

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
ASTR 201	Introductory Astronomy	4 / 5
BIOL 120	Environmental Science	4 / 6
BIOL 121	Biol Foundation for Physiology	4 / 6
BIOL 125	Intro Biology for Non-Majors	4 / 6
BIOL 145	Intro Anatomy and Physiology	4 / 6
CHEM 135	Chemistry in Society	4 / 5
GEOG 206	Physical Geography	4 / 4
GEOG 220	Weather, Forecasting & Climate	4 / 4
GEOL 221	Physical Geology	4 / 6
GEOL 222	Historical Geology	4 / 6
GEOL 230	Environmental Geology	4 / 6
ISCI 131	Integrated Physical Science	4 / 6
PFHW 123	Human Nutrition	3 / 3
PHYS 120	The Art of Physics	4 / 5

Note: For future transfer to Central Michigan University choose BIOL 120 and any non-BIOL course.

Major Required Courses, Limited Choice – Social Sciences - Select one course as indicated for each transfer institution and major.

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
ANTH 270	Cultural Anthropology	3 / 3
EDUC 204	Educational Psychology	3 / 3
EDUC 220	Foundations of Education	3 / 3

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
POLS 201	Intro to Political Science	3 / 3
POLS 240	Introduction to Public Policy	3 / 3
PSYC 200	Introduction to Psychology	4 / 4
PSYC 205	Human Growth and Development	3 / 3
PSYC 221	Child Psychology	3 / 3
SOCL 120	Introduction to Sociology	4 / 4

For future transfer to:

- Central Michigan University (Journalism) choose PSYC 200 or SOCL 120.
- Eastern Michigan University (Journalism) choose ANTH 270 or POLS 201; (Communication and Theater Arts Secondary Certification) choose EDUC 204.
- Ferris State University (Journalism) choose ANTH 270 or POLS 201.
- Grand Valley State University (Journalism) choose ANTH 270 or POLS 201.
- Michigan State University (Journalism) choose ANTH 270 or POLS 201.
- Western Michigan University (Journalism) choose ANTH 270, or POLS 201.

General Education – Transfer Degrees (MTA)

- English Composition
Major Required Courses will meet this requirement.
- English Composition (second course)/Communication
Major Required Courses will meet this requirement.
- Humanities and Fine Arts
Major Required Courses and Limited Choice Courses will meet this requirement.
- Mathematics
Major Required Courses will meet this requirement.
- Natural Sciences
Limited Choice courses will meet this requirement.
- Social Sciences
Major Required Courses and Limited Choice courses will meet this requirement.

Elective Courses, Recommended Choices – *Select courses as needed to reach the 60 credits required for the degree. See the notes below for the specific courses for each transfer Institution and major. A minimum of 2.0 is required to meet degree requirements for General Education and for all courses to transfer to other colleges (some colleges, and some programs within colleges, require a higher grade in a course.) (For the full list of options, see [AA and AS Degree Electives](#))*

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
ARTS 102	2D Design	3 / 4
ARTS 162	Type Communications	3 / 4
ARTS 171	Adobe Photoshop	3 / 4
ARTS 173	Web Design I	3 / 4
ARTS 175	Creative Design and Publishing	3 / 4

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
BUSN 118	Introduction to Business	3 / 3
COMM 120	Dynamics of Communication	3 / 3
COMM 130	Fundamentals Public Speaking	3 / 3
COMM 200	Small Group Communication	3 / 3
COMM 240	Interpersonal Communication	3 / 3
COMM 260	Nonverbal Communication	3 / 3
COMM 280	Intercultural Communication	3 / 3
DMAC 120	Intro to Audio Production	4 / 4
DMAC 130	Intro to Video Production	4 / 4
DMAC 131	Digital Cinematography I	4 / 4
DMAC 132	Video Post-Production I	4 / 4
DMAC 246	Workshop: Video	2 / 2
EDUC 204	Educational Psychology	
EDUC 230	Intro to Special Education	3 / 3
GRMN 121 or JAPN 121 or SPAN 121	Elementary German I Elementary Japanese I Elementary Spanish I	4 / 4 4 / 4 4 / 4
GRMN 122 or JAPN 122 or SPAN 122	Elementary German II Elementary Japanese II Elementary Spanish II	4 / 4 4 / 4 4 / 4
JAPN 201 or SPAN 201	Intermediate Japanese I Intermediate Spanish I	4 / 4 4 / 4
HIST 212	U.S. History: 1877 to Present	4 / 4
MKTG 200	Principles of Marketing	3 / 3
PHOT 111	Digital Photography I	3 / 3
PSYC 200	Introduction to Psychology	4 / 4
PSYC 202	Psychology of Personality	3 / 3
PSYC 203	Social Psychology	3 / 3
SOCL 120	Introduction to Sociology	4 / 4
SOCL 260	Race and Ethnicity	3 / 3
STAT 170	Introduction to Statistics	4 / 4

Notes:

Students interested in preparing for freelance work choose 12-14 credits from ARTS 171, ARTS 173, ARTS 175, BUSN 118, MKTG 200, and PHOT 111.

DMAC 132 has limited transferability and should only be selected as noted below.

For future transfer to:

- Central Michigan University (Journalism BA) choose COMM 130 and 4 courses from the same foreign language: JAPN or SPAN 121, 122, 201, and 202.

- Central Michigan University (Journalism BS) choose COMM 130, PSYC 200, PSYC 202, PSYC 203, SOCL 120, and SOCL 260.
- Eastern Michigan University (Journalism and Media Studies) choose COMM 120 or COMM 130, COMM 280, DMAC 120, DMAC 130, DMAC 246, and PHOT 111.
- Eastern Michigan University (Communication and Theater Arts Secondary Certification) choose COMM 120 or COMM 130, COMM 200, COMM 240, COMM 280, EDUC 204, and EDUC 230.
- Ferris State University (Journalism and Professional Communication) choose DMAC 120, DMAC 130, DMAC 131, and DMAC 132.
- Grand Valley State University (Journalism) choose COMM 120, COMM 130, HIST 212, and STAT 170.
- Michigan State University (Journalism) choose ARTS 162 and 2 courses from the same language: GRMN or JAPN or SPAN 121 and 122.
- Western Michigan University (Journalism) choose COMM 130, COMM 200, COMM 240 or COMM 260, and 2 courses from the same language: GRMN or JAPN or SPAN 121 and 122.

Minimum Total Credit Hours

60 credits / 60 billing hours

Recommended Course Sequence

Semester I
ACAD 100
DMAC 141
ENGL 121 or ENGL 131
Limited Choice – Natural Sciences

Semester II
COMM 120 or COMM 130 or COMM 200 or COMM 240 or COMM 260 or ENGL 122 or ENGL 132
DMAC 260 or ENGL 200 or ENGL 261 or JAPN 121 or SPAN 121 or THEA 110
MATH 119 or MATH 120 or STAT 170
Limited Choice - Natural Sciences

Semester III
COMM 270 – Milestone course
JRNL 151 – Milestone course
Limited Choice – Humanities and Fine Arts
Electives as needed for total credits

Semester IV
JRNL 254
Limited Choice – Social Science

Semester IV
Electives as needed for total credits

LCC makes every effort to limit revisions to the pathways during their effective timeframe. However, the College reserves the right to update certificate and degree titles, and make course changes as needed, without prior notice. The College also reserves the right to discontinue programs when warranted.