



Journalism A.A.

Career Community: Communication, Journalism, and Language

Curriculum Code: 1628

Effective: Fall 2023 – Summer 2028

Description

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 public 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 English Department, Arts and Sciences Building, Room 2203, telephone number 517-483-1061, or the Academic Advising Department, Gannon Building – StarZone, telephone number 517-483-1904.

General Education – Transfer Degrees (MTA), Recommended Courses

(For the full list of options, see [General Education](#))

- English Composition
Communication, Journalism, and Language Career Community courses will meet this requirement.
- English Composition (second course)/Communication
Communication, Journalism, and Language Career Community courses will meet this requirement.

- Humanities and Fine Arts – *Select two*
Communication, Journalism, and Language Career Community courses LING 230 and DMAC 260, ENGL 200, JAPN 121, SPAN 121, or THEA 110, will meet this requirement.
- Mathematics
Communication, Journalism, and Language Career Community courses will meet this requirement.
- Natural Sciences
Limited Choice courses will meet this requirement.
- Social Sciences
Limited Choice courses will meet this requirement.

Communication, Journalism, and Language Career Community Courses – *These courses are required for all Communication, Journalism, and Language programs (Communication, Journalism, Sign Language Interpreter, and World Language). They should be taken before other Program Required or Limited Choice Courses. Some courses meet General Education requirements for 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 COMM 130 or ENGL 122 or ENGL 132 or SIGN 160	Dynamics of Communication Fundamentals Public Speaking Composition II Honors Composition II Intro to the Deaf Community	3 / 3 3 / 3 4 / 4 4 / 4 3 / 3
DMAC 260 or ENGL 200 or JAPN 121 or SIGN 162 or SPAN 121 or THEA 110	World Cinema Introduction to Literature Elementary Japanese I American Sign Language II Elementary Spanish I Introduction to Theater	4 / 4 3 / 3 4 / 4 3 / 3 4 / 4 3 / 3
ENGL 121 or ENGL 131	Composition I Honors Composition I	4 / 4 4 / 4
LING 230 or SIGN 161	Introduction to Linguistics American Sign Language I	3 / 3 4 / 4
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 ENGL 122 or ENGL 132, LING 230, and STAT 170.
- Eastern Michigan University (Journalism) and Ferris State University choose ENGL 122 or ENGL 132, LING 230, and MATH 119 or 120.
- Eastern Michigan University (Communication and Theater Arts Secondary Education) choose ENGL 122, LING 230, MATH 120, and THEA 110.
- Grand Valley State University and Michigan State University choose ENGL 122 or ENGL 132, LING 230, and MATH 120.
- Western Michigan University choose ENGL 122 or ENGL 132, LING 230, and MATH 119.

Program of Study 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
COMM 270	Mass Communication	3 / 3
DMAC 141	Ethics and Impact of the Media	3 / 3
JRNL 151	Newswriting and Reporting	3 / 3
JRNL 254	Opinion Writing	3 / 3

Program of Study Required Courses, Limited Choice – Natural Sciences - Select two from two to three courses, 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.

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
ANTH 275	Biological Anthropology	4 / 4
ANTH 280	Forensic Anthropology	3 / 3
ASTR 201	Introductory Astronomy	4 / 5
BIOL 120	Environmental Science	4 / 6
BIOL 121	Biol Foundation for Physiology	4 / 6
BIOL 125	Introductory Biology	4 / 6

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
BIOL 127	Cell Biology	4 / 6
BIOL 128	Organismal Biology	4 / 6
BIOL 145	Intro Anatomy and Physiology	4 / 6
BIOL 201	Human Anatomy	4 / 6
BIOL 202	Human Physiology	4 / 5
BIOL 203 and BIOL 204	Microbiology Microbiology Laboratory	3 / 3 1 / 3
BIOL 210	Natural Resource Conservation	4 / 6
BIOL 260	Botany	4 / 6
BIOL 265	Zoology	4 / 6
CHEM 135	Chemistry in Society	4 / 5
CHEM 151 and CHEM 161	General Chemistry Lecture I General Chemistry Lab I	4 / 4 1 / 3
CHEM 152 and CHEM 162	General Chemistry Lecture II General Chemistry Lab II	3 / 3 1 / 3
CHEM 182 and CHEM 192	Introductory Organic Chemistry Intro Organic Chem Lab	3 / 3 1 / 3
CHEM 262	Quantitative Analysis	3 / 6
CHEM 272	Organic Chemistry Laboratory	2 / 6
GEOG 220	Weather, Forecasting & Climate	4 / 4
GEOG 221	Physical Geography	4 / 4
GEOL 221	Physical Geology	4 / 6
GEOL 222	Historical Geology	4 / 6
GEOL 230	Environmental Geology	4 / 6
ISCI 121	Physical Science Concepts	4 / 6
ISCI 131	Integrated Physical Science	4 / 6
PHYS 120	The Art of Physics	4 / 5
PHYS 200	Intro to Applied Physics	4 / 5
PHYS 221	Introductory Physics I	4 / 6
PHYS 222	Introductory Physics II	4 / 6
PHYS 251	Physics I with Calculus	5 / 7
PHYS 252	Physics II with Calculus	5 / 7

Program of Study Required Courses, Limited Choice – Social Sciences - *Select two courses from two different disciplines or as indicated for each transfer institution and major.*

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
ANTH 270	Cultural Anthropology	3 / 3
COMM 280	Intercultural Communication	3 / 3
EDUC 204	Educational Psychology	3 / 3
EDUC 220	Introduction to Education	3 / 3
POLS 201	Intro to Political Science	3 / 3
POLS 240	Introduction to Public Policy	3 / 3

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
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

Notes:

For future transfer to:

- Central Michigan University (Journalism) choose PSYC 200 and SOCL 120.
- Eastern Michigan University (Journalism) choose ANTH 270 and POLS 201; (Communication and Theater Arts Secondary Certification) choose EDUC 204 and PSYC 200.
- Ferris State University (Journalism) choose 2 from ANTH 270, COMM 280, and POLS 201.
- Grand Valley State University (Journalism) choose 2 from ANTH 270, COMM 280, and POLS 201.
- Michigan State University (Journalism) choose ANTH 270 or COMM 280, and POLS 201.
- Western Michigan University (Journalism) choose 2 from ANTH 270, COMM 280, and POLS 201.

Program of Study Limited Choice Courses – *Select a minimum of nine credits 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.)*

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
ARTS 102	Design & Communication	3 / 4
ARTS 151	Color and 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
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	Digital Audio Production I	4 / 4
DMAC 130	Digital Video Production	4 / 4
DMAC 131	Digital Cinematography I	4 / 4
DMAC 132	Video Post-Production I	4 / 4

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
DMAC 140	Pre-Production Design	3 / 3
EDUC 230	Intro to Special Education	3 / 3
ENGL 122 or ENGL 132	Composition II Honors Composition II	4 / 4 4 / 4
ENGL 124	Technical Writing	3 / 3
ENGL 127	Business Writing	3 / 3
ENGL 260	African-American Literature	4 / 4
FREN 121 or GRMN 121 or JAPN 121 or SPAN 121	Elementary French I Elementary German I Elementary Japanese I Elementary Spanish I	4 / 4 4 / 4 4 / 4 4 / 4
FREN 122 or GRMN 122 or JAPN 122 or SPAN 122	Elementary French II Elementary German II Elementary Japanese II Elementary Spanish II	4 / 4 4 / 4 4 / 4 4 / 4
FREN 201 or GRMN 201 or JAPN 201 or SPAN 201	Intermediate French I Intermediate German I Intermediate Japanese I Intermediate Spanish I	4 / 4 4 / 4 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 202	Psychology of Personality	3 / 3
PSYC 203	Social Personality	3 / 3
SOCL 260	Race and Ethnicity	3 / 3
STAT 170	Introduction to Statistics	4 / 4
THEA 120	Introduction to Acting	2 / 3

Notes:

Students interested in preparing for freelance work choose 12-14 credits from ARTS 102, ARTS 171, ARTS 173, ARTS 175, BUSN 118, MKTG 200, and PHOT 111.

For future transfer to:

- Central Michigan University (Journalism BA) choose COMM 130 and 3 courses from the same foreign language: FREN or GRMN or JAPN or SPAN (121, 122, 201).
- Central Michigan University (Journalism BS) choose COMM 130, PSYC 202, PSYC 203, and SOCL 260.
- Eastern Michigan University (Journalism and Media Studies) choose ARTS 151, COMM 120 or COMM 130 and COMM 280, DMAC 130, and PHOT 111.
- Eastern Michigan University (Communication and Theater Arts Secondary Certification) choose COMM 120 or COMM 130, COMM 200, COMM 240, and COMM 280 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 102 and ARTS 162 and 2 courses from the same language: FREN or 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: FREN or 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 ENGL 122 or ENGL 132 or SIGN 160
DMAC 260 or ENGL 200 or JAPN 121 or SIGN 162 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 - Social Science
Limited Choices as needed for total credits

Semester IV
JRNL 254
LING 230 or SIGN 161
Limited Choice – Social Science
Limited Choices as needed for total credits

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