**Program Description**

Journalism teaches critical thinking and communication skills that enable students to translate events and issues of importance accurately and responsibly. Students who may benefit from the major are those anticipating careers in newspapers, television or film, photojournalism, layout, computer graphics, graphic design, advertising, or public relations, or media management.

**Associate in Arts Degree**

An Associate in Arts Degree can be obtained upon completion of 60 units, including the required core courses, program electives, and courses in one of four emphasis areas (a total of 24 units), and completion of the general education requirements and electives. All courses in the major must be completed with a grade of C or better or a P if the course is taken on a pass-no pass basis.

**Required Courses**

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Program electives: 12 units

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**NOTE:** Courses with an “*” have prerequisites or advisories other than eligibility for ENGL 001.

**Recommended Electives**

- Any course from a second emphasis area
- Any foreign language
- JOUR 060
- *MATH 011
- OCED 090, 091

Program electives are intended to improve students' critical thinking and communication skills and to give them tools to succeed in the workplace. Students must take at least three units in each of the following areas:

**Area I**—ENGL 002, ENGL 004, MATH 011, SPCH 006, PHIL 005

**Area II**—ART 006, ART 007, ART 052, ART 056, ART 057, ENGL 006, ENGL 058, JOUR 050, PHOT 030, PHOT 056, PHOT 070, SPCH 001, THEA 050, TV 055, TV 056, TV 060

**Area III**—OCED 090, any modern foreign language
Journalism

JOUR 001 3 Units
Newswriting & Reporting
Prerequisite: Eligibility for ENGL 001. This course teaches the theory and practice of writing news stories for the media. The student learns effective writing and interviewing strategies, common story structures, grammar and style rules, libel and privacy laws. **Three hours lecture.**

JOUR 002 3 Units
Introduction to Feature and Magazine Writing
Prerequisite: Eligibility for ENGL 001. This class teaches the theory and practice of feature writing, including profiles, critical reviews, opinion columns, travel, news features and trend stories. Students learn research and reporting methods, grammar and style rules, libel and privacy laws, and tools for marketing their stories. **Three hours lecture.**

JOUR 011 3 Units
Introduction To Mass Communication
Prerequisite: Eligibility for ENGL 001. Study of the mass media including newspapers, magazines, radio, television, motion pictures and advertising which examines the standards, ethics, and rights of the media and the relationship of government and the public to the various media forms. Emphasis is on the functions, limitations, and responsibilities of the press, as well as the past, present and future impact on society and the individual. Attention will be given to theories of persuasion, the symbolic power and manipulation of images, and the relationship between information and knowledge. Essay examinations and critical papers are required. **Three hours lecture.**

JOUR 050 1 Unit
Grammar and Style for Media Writers
Prerequisite: Eligibility for ENGL 001. Course Advisory: SCC minimum Math standard. Intensive review of grammar, word use, spelling, and principles of clear, concise writing for the media. This is a pass/no-pass only course. **Two hours lecture (8 week course).**

JOUR 060 1-3 Units
Publications Laboratory
Prerequisite: Eligibility for ENGL 001. Theory, practice, and training in planning, writing, editing, art work, photography, and management of staff members of the college online and print newspaper. One-unit option requires three hours a week; two-unit option requires six hours a week; and three-unit option requires nine hours a week. Repeatable to a maximum of 12 units, including initial enrollment. **Three to six hours lab, three hours by arrangement weekly.**

JOUR 099 1-3 Units
Jour Honors
Prerequisites: Completion of 24 units of college credit with a minimum GPA of 3.3; a minimum of 5 units in the discipline with a grade of B or better; an ability to work independently; and permission of the Division Dean based on instructor availability. Course Advisories: Eligibility for ENGL 1 and SCC minimum Math standard. Course Description: An independent study class designed for students who have successfully completed at least two journalism classes and wish to do field work. The student works by arrangement with the instructor. Repeatable 1 time. **Three to nine hours weekly by arrangement.**

Special Topics
These courses, numbered 098 or 148 depending upon their transferability, are courses of contemporary interest centered on changing knowledge and important issues in the field. Announcements of Special Topics courses appear in the Schedule of Classes.

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