

This degree is designed for students wanting to complete the first 2 years of a bachelor's degree at ACC and transfer to a university to complete a BA in Journalism or Mass Communication. Students gain reporting and news writing expertise. Careers often require a BA degree or higher.

The program provides a journalism foundation in the reporting and media principles underlying journalism, along with instruction mass media, photojournalism, and public relations. Career paths for Journalism majors include working as a reporter, editor, public relations specialist, or within a marketing department. A full-time student can complete this Associate of Arts (AA) degree in two years. This degree prepares students to transfer to a four-year university to complete the second half of a Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Journalism or Mass Communication. To be successful, a student should have strong writing skills, ability to think creatively, and an interest in working with a team.

Required Courses	Credits	Pre or Co Reqs Rqd	Course Availability		
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General Education Courses					
• Arts / Humanities GT-AH1-AH4	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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• ENG 121 - English Composition I: GT-CO1*(3 Cr.)	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• ENG 122 - English Composition II: GT-CO2 (3 Cr.)	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• History GT-HI1	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• MAT 120 - Mathematics for the Liberal Arts: GT-MA1* (4 Cr.)	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Natural / Physical Science GT-SC1	4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Natural / Physical Science GT-SC2	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Social / Behavioral Science GT-SS1-SS3	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Additional Required Courses					
• Choose one of the following: JOU 121, JOU 215, JOU 231, JOU 241	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• JOU 105 - Introduction to Mass Media: GT-SS3* (3 Cr.)	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• JOU 106 - Media News and Reporting* (3 Cr.)	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• JOU 225 - New Media (3 Cr.)	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Elective					
• Elective	6	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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• Elective	6	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Pre-Requisites, Co-Requisites, and Recommendations (grade C or better required)

Where requirements are listed as course categories (e.g. Electives, Arts/Humanities) rather than as specific courses, please note that depending upon course choice, pre-requisites may be required.

ENG 121 - English Composition I: GT-CO1* (3 Cr.)

- Co-Requisite: CCR 094 - Studio 121 (3 Cr.)

ENG 122 - English Composition II: GT-CO2 (3 Cr.)

- Pre-Requisite: ENG 121 - English Composition I OR ENG 131 - Technical Writing I

MAT 120 - Mathematics for the Liberal Arts: GT-MA1* (4 Cr.)

- Co-Requisite: MAT 072 - Math for Liberal Arts Lab (1 Cr.)
- Pre-Requisite: MAT 050 - Quantitative Literacy (4 Cr.) OR MAT 055 - Algebraic Literacy (4 Cr.) OR appropriate score

Program Outcomes

1. Understand, identify, and practice the role and principles of a free press in a democratic society.
2. Use news judgment to select, produce and publish journalistic content.
3. Employ standard reporting and newsgathering techniques to produce a wide variety of journalistic content.
4. Understand, articulate, and practice the journalistic and technical skills required to create and publish journalistic content across multiple media platforms.

Notes

- *This course requires college level readiness as measured by Accuplacer, ACT, or SAT scores; approved high school course work that is less than five years old; or successful completion of appropriate college-readiness course.
- Course availability subject to change.
- Elective note: ENG 231 - Literary Magazine & ENG 230 - Creative Nonfiction are not Guaranteed Transfer courses. ENG 230 Creative Nonfiction also has a pre-requisite of ENG 221 - Creative Writing I.
- Elective options: Any Guaranteed Transfer course OR Any course in the following prefixes except Special Topics (275) and Independent Study (285): ANT, ART, BIO (100 OR above), CHE, ECO, HIS, HUM, LIT, MUS, PED, PHY (105 OR above), POS, PSY, SOC.
- It is recommended to take ART 139 - Digital Photography before JOU 121 - Photojournalism and/or JOU 225 - New Media.
- Recommended courses are listed above for certain electives; consult with the Academic Advising Office (advising@arapahoe.edu or 303.797.5664).
- Refer to 21/22 catalog for specific requirements and important information about this degree.

Graduation Requirements

- All courses required for this degree must be completed with a "C" or better to be considered for transfer to another Colorado institution. Transferability of courses to colleges or universities outside of Colorado is determined by the receiving institutio

RECOMMENDED COURSE SEQUENCE FULL-TIME TRACK

Year 1: Fall	Credits	Course
	3	Arts / Humanities GT-AH1-AH4 ~Recommended Arts / Humanities Course(s)~ ART 110 - Art Appreciation GT-AH1* (3 Cr.) HUM 103 - Introduction to Film Art: AH2* (3 Cr.) MUS 120 - Music Appreciation: GT-AH1* (3 Cr.)
	3	ENG 121 - English Composition I: GT-CO1 (3 Cr.)
	3	JOU 105 - Introduction to Mass Media: GT-SS3 (3 Cr.)
	3	MAT 120 - Mathematics for the Liberal Arts: GT-MA1* (4 Cr.)
	3	Natural / Physical Science GT-SC2 ~Recommended Natural / Physical Science Course(s)~ AST 155 - Astronomy Ancient Cultures: SC2* (3 Cr.) AST 160 - Cosmology: Origin and Evolution of the Universe: GT-SC2* (3 Cr.) BIO 116 - Introduction to Human Disease: GT-SC2* (3 Cr.) ENV 110 - Natural Disasters: GT-SC2* (3 Cr.)
Year 1: Spring	Credits	Course
	6	Elective ~Recommended Elective(s)~ ART 139 - Digital Photography I (3 Cr.) CIS 118 - Intro to PC Applications (3 Cr.) COM 115 - Public Speaking* (3 Cr.) ENG 221 - Creative Writing I: GT-AH1 (3 Cr.) HUM 103 - Introduction to Film Art: AH2* (3 Cr.) POS 111 - American Government: GT-SS1* (3 Cr.) POS 125 - American State and Local Government: GT-SS1* (3 Cr.)
	3	ENG 122 - English Composition II: GT-CO2 (3 Cr.)
	3	JOU 106 - Media News and Reporting (3 Cr.)
	4	Natural / Physical Science GT-SC1 ~Recommended Natural / Physical Science Course(s)~ ANT 111 - Biological Anthropology with Laboratory: GT-SC1* (4 Cr.) ANT 212 - Introduction to Forensic Anthropology with Lab: GT-SC1* (4 Cr.) AST 101 - Astronomy with Lab: Planetary Systems: GT-SC1* (4 Cr.) AST 102 - Stellar Astronomy with Lab: Stars and Galaxies: GT-SC1* (4 Cr.) BIO 104 - Biology: A Human Approach: GT-SC1 (4 Cr.) BIO 105 - Science of Biology with Lab: GT-SC1* (4 Cr.) CHE 101 - Introduction to Chemistry I with Lab: GT-SC1* (5 Cr.) ENV 101 - Environmental Science with Lab: GT-SC1* (4 Cr.) GEY 111 - Physical Geology w/Lab: GT-SC1* (4 Cr.)
	3	Social / Behavioral Science GT-SS1-SS3 ~Recommended Social / Behavioral Science Course(s)~ PSY 101 - General Psychology I: GT-SS3* (3 Cr.) PSY 226 - Social Psychology: GT-SS3* (3 Cr.) SOC 101 - Introduction to Sociology I: GT-SS3* (3 Cr.) SOC 218 - Sociology of Diversity: GT-SS3* (3 Cr.) SPA 211 - Spanish Language III: GT-AH4 (3 Cr.)



Year 2: Fall	Credits	Course
	3	Arts / Humanities GT-AH1-AH4 ~Recommended Arts / Humanities Course(s)~ ENG 221 - Creative Writing I: GT-AH1 (3 Cr.) HUM 103 - Introduction to Film Art: AH2* (3 Cr.) HUM 115 - World Mythology: GT-AH2* (3 Cr.) HUM 123 - Humanities: Modern World: GT-AH2* (3 Cr.) LIT 115 - Introduction to Literature I: GT-AH2* (3 Cr.) PHI 111 - Introduction to Philosophy: GT-AH3* (3 Cr.) PHI 205 - Business Ethics: GT-AH3 (3 Cr.) THE 215 - Playwriting: GT-AH1 (3 Cr.)
	6	Elective ~Recommended Elective(s)~ ART 139 - Digital Photography I (3 Cr.) ART 144 - Portrait Photography (3 Cr.) BUS 217 - Business Communication & Report Writing (3 Cr.) ENG 230 - Creative Nonfiction (3 Cr.) HUM 103 - Introduction to Film Art: AH2* (3 Cr.)
	3	History GT-HI1 ~Recommended History Course(s)~ HIS 122 - United States History Since the Civil War: GT-H1* (3 Cr.), HIS 225 - Colorado History: GT-HI1* (3 Cr.) OR any other History class
	3	JOU 225 - New Media (3 Cr.)
Year 2: Spring	Credits	Course
	3	Choose one of the following: JOU 121, JOU 215, JOU 231, JOU 241 JOU 121 - Photojournalism (3 Cr.) JOU 215 - Publications Productions and Design (3 Cr.) JOU 231 - Introduction to Public Relations (4 Cr.) JOU 241 - Feature and Magazine Writing (3 Cr.)
	5	Elective ~Recommended Elective(s)~ ART 139 - Digital Photography I (3 Cr.) ART 144 - Portrait Photography (3 Cr.) CIS 118 - Intro to PC Applications (3 Cr.) COM 115 - Public Speaking* (3 Cr.) ENG 131 - Technical Writing I: GT-CO1* (3 Cr.) ENG 230 - Creative Nonfiction (3 Cr.) ENG 231 - Literary Magazine* (3 Cr.) HIS 225 - Colorado History: GT-HI1* (3 Cr.)
	3	Social / Behavioral Science GT-SS1-SS3 ~Recommended Social / Behavioral Science Course(s)~ ANT 101 - Cultural Anthropology: GT-SS3* (3 Cr.) COM 220 - Intercultural Communication: GT-SS3* (3 Cr.) CRJ 110 - Introduction to Criminal Justice: SS3* (3 Cr.) ECO 101 - Economics of Social Issues: GT-SS1* (3 Cr.) GEO 105 - World Regional Geography: GT-SS2* (3 Cr.) POS 111 - American Government: GT-SS1* (3 Cr.) POS 125 - American State and Local Government: GT-SS1* (3 Cr.)

RECOMMENDED COURSE SEQUENCE PART-TIME TRACK

Year 1: Fall	Credits	Course
	3	Arts / Humanities GT-AH1-AH4 ~Recommended Arts / Humanities Course(s)~ ART 110 - Art Appreciation GT-AH1* (3 Cr.) HUM 103 - Introduction to Film Art: AH2* (3 Cr.) MUS 120 - Music Appreciation: GT-AH1* (3 Cr.)
	3	ENG 121 - English Composition I: GT-CO1 (3 Cr.)
	3	JOU 105 - Introduction to Mass Media: GT-SS3 (3 Cr.)
Year 1: Spring	Credits	Course
	3	JOU 106 - Media News and Reporting (3 Cr.)
	3	MAT 120 - Mathematics for the Liberal Arts: GT-MA1* (4 Cr.)
	3	Social / Behavioral Science GT-SS1-SS3 ~Recommended Social / Behavioral Science Course(s)~ ANT 101 - Cultural Anthropology: GT-SS3* (3 Cr.) COM 220 - Intercultural Communication: GT-SS3* (3 Cr.) CRJ 110 - Introduction to Criminal Justice: SS3* (3 Cr.) ECO 101 - Economics of Social Issues: GT-SS1* (3 Cr.) GEO 105 - World Regional Geography: GT-SS2* (3 Cr.) POS 111 - American Government: GT-SS1* (3 Cr.) POS 125 - American State and Local Government: GT-SS1* (3 Cr.)
Year 1: Summer	Credits	Course
	3	ENG 122 - English Composition II: GT-CO2 (3 Cr.)
Year 2: Fall	Credits	Course
	3	History GT-HI1 ~Recommended History Course(s)~ HIS 122 - United States History Since the Civil War: GT-H1* (3 Cr.), HIS 225 - Colorado History: GT-HI1* (3 Cr.) OR any other History class
	3	JOU 225 - New Media (3 Cr.)
	3	Social / Behavioral Science GT-SS1-SS3 ~Recommended Social / Behavioral Science Course(s)~ PSY 101 - General Psychology I: GT-SS3* (3 Cr.) PSY 226 - Social Psychology: GT-SS3* (3 Cr.) SOC 101 - Introduction to Sociology I: GT-SS3* (3 Cr.) SOC 218 - Sociology of Diversity: GT-SS3* (3 Cr.) SPA 211 - Spanish Language III: GT-AH4 (3 Cr.)
Year 2: Spring	Credits	Course
	3	Choose one of the following: JOU 121, JOU 215, JOU 231, JOU 241 JOU 121 - Photojournalism (3 Cr.) JOU 215 - Publications Productions and Design (3 Cr.) JOU 231 - Introduction to Public Relations (4 Cr.) JOU 241 - Feature and Magazine Writing (3 Cr.)

4 Natural / Physical Science GT-SC1

~Recommended Natural / Physical Science Course(s)~

ANT 111 - Biological Anthropology with Laboratory: GT-SC1* (4 Cr.)

ANT 212 - Introduction to Forensic Anthropology with Lab: GT-SC1* (4 Cr.)

AST 101 - Astronomy with Lab: Planetary Systems: GT-SC1* (4 Cr.)

AST 102 - Stellar Astronomy with Lab: Stars and Galaxies: GT-SC1* (4 Cr.)

BIO 104 - Biology: A Human Approach: GT-SC1 (4 Cr.)

BIO 105 - Science of Biology with Lab: GT-SC1* (4 Cr.)

CHE 101 - Introduction to Chemistry I with Lab: GT-SC1* (5 Cr.)

ENV 101 - Environmental Science with Lab: GT-SC1* (4 Cr.)

GEY 111 - Physical Geology w/Lab: GT-SC1* (4 Cr.)

Year 2: Summer
Credits
Course
6 Elective

~Recommended Elective(s)~

ART 139 - Digital Photography I (3 Cr.)

CIS 118 - Intro to PC Applications (3 Cr.)

COM 115 - Public Speaking* (3 Cr.)

ENG 221 - Creative Writing I: GT-AH1 (3 Cr.)

HUM 103 - Introduction to Film Art: AH2* (3 Cr.)

POS 111 - American Government: GT-SS1* (3 Cr.)

POS 125 - American State and Local Government: GT-SS1* (3 Cr.)

Year 3: Fall
Credits
Course
5 Elective

~Recommended Elective(s)~

ART 139 - Digital Photography I (3 Cr.)

ART 144 - Portrait Photography (3 Cr.)

CIS 118 - Intro to PC Applications (3 Cr.)

COM 115 - Public Speaking* (3 Cr.)

ENG 131 - Technical Writing I: GT-CO1* (3 Cr.)

ENG 230 - Creative Nonfiction (3 Cr.)

ENG 231 - Literary Magazine* (3 Cr.)

HIS 225 - Colorado History: GT-HI1* (3 Cr.)

3 Natural / Physical Science GT-SC2

~Recommended Natural / Physical Science Course(s)~

AST 155 - Astronomy Ancient Cultures: SC2* (3 Cr.)

AST 160 - Cosmology: Origin and Evolution of the Universe: GT-SC2* (3 Cr.)

BIO 116 - Introduction to Human Disease: GT-SC2* (3 Cr.)

ENV 110 - Natural Disasters: GT-SC2* (3 Cr.)

Year 3: Spring
Credits
Course
3 Arts / Humanities GT-AH1-AH4

~Recommended Arts / Humanities Course(s)~

ENG 221 - Creative Writing I: GT-AH1 (3 Cr.)

HUM 103 - Introduction to Film Art: AH2* (3 Cr.)

HUM 115 - World Mythology: GT-AH2* (3 Cr.)

HUM 123 - Humanities: Modern World: GT-AH2* (3 Cr.)

LIT 115 - Introduction to Literature I: GT-AH2* (3 Cr.)

PHI 111 - Introduction to Philosophy: GT-AH3* (3 Cr.)

PHI 205 - Business Ethics: GT-AH3 (3 Cr.)

THE 215 - Playwriting: GT-AH1 (3 Cr.)



Arts, Communication & Design Pathway

Academic Plan
Associate of Arts
Journalism

60 Credits

Catalog Year: 2021/2022

6 Elective

~Recommended Elective(s)~

ART 139 - Digital Photography I (3 Cr.)

ART 144 - Portrait Photography (3 Cr.)

BUS 217 - Business Communication & Report Writing (3 Cr.)

ENG 230 - Creative Nonfiction (3 Cr.)

HUM 103 - Introduction to Film Art: AH2* (3 Cr.)