

The AAS in Contemporary Journalism prepares students with a broad range of skills for the changing field of journalism and media as well as for careers in journalism, public relations, communication, law, lobbying, training, marketing, etc. Students will receive training in producing publications in print and online. Students will combine traditional journalism skills in writing and editing with digital skills in page layout and production to produce printed publications as well as websites, e-zines, blogs, and other relevant internet media.

Required Courses	Credits	Pre or Co Reqs Rqd	Course Availability		
			Fall	Spr	Sum
General Education Courses					
• Any GT-Pathways LIT or HUM Course	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• BIO 116 - Introduction to Human Disease OR SCI 105 - Science in Society OR any GT-Pathways BIO OR SCI Course*	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• COM 115 - Public Speaking*	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• COM 217 - Group Communication OR COM 225 - Organizational Communication	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• ENG 121 - English Composition I: GT-CO1*	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• ENG 122 - English Composition II: GT-CO2	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• ENG 231 - Literary Magazine OR ENG 264 - Publishing your Writing*	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• MAR 216 - Principles of Marketing	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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• MGD 102 - Introduction to Multimedia	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• MGD 114 - Adobe InDesign	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• PSY 101 - General Psychology I OR PSY 102 - General Psychology II OR SOC 101 - Introduction to Sociology*	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major Courses					
• JOU 105 - Introduction to Mass Media: GT-SS3*	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• JOU 106 - Media News and Reporting*	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• JOU 121 - Photojournalism	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• JOU 180 - Internship	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• JOU 206 - Intermediate Newswriting and Editing	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• JOU 225 - New Media	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• JOU 231 - Introduction to Public Relations	4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• JOU 241 - Feature and Magazine Writing	3	<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 122 - English Composition II: GT-CO2

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

JOU 206 - Intermediate Newswriting and Editing

- Pre-Requisite: JOU 106 - Media News and Reporting

Program Outcomes

- Use news judgment to select, produce and publish journalistic content.
- Gather information through interviewing sources and research using libraries, archives, documents, databases, and electronic sources.
- Employ standard reporting and newsgathering techniques.
- Create journalistic content across multiple media platforms, and in the process, identify which mediums and platforms are best for which stories.
- Identify and practice the role and principles of a free press in a participatory democracy: accuracy, ethics, fairness and context.

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.
- AAA 101 – College 101: Student Experience is required for all new college students seeking degrees or transfer.
- Course availability is subject to change.
- ENG 264 is only offered in Fall term. Schedule adjustment required if this course is selected.
- Recommended courses may be listed above for certain electives; consult with the Academic Advising Office (advising@arapahoe.edu or 303.797.5664) for additional elective recommendations.
- Refer to 19/20 catalog for specific requirements and important information about this degree.

Graduation Requirements

- All courses must be completed with a grade of “C” or better.
- To graduate, students must apply for graduation (form available at www.arapahoe.edu/departments-and-programs/graduation) by the deadline and meet all degree requirements.

RECOMMENDED COURSE SEQUENCE FULL-TIME TRACK

Year 1: Fall	Credits	Course
	3	COM 115 - Public Speaking
	3	ENG 121 - English Composition I: GT-CO1
	3	JOU 105 - Introduction to Mass Media: GT-SS3
	3	JOU 106 - Media News and Reporting
	3	MGD 102 - Introduction to Multimedia
Year 1: Spring	Credits	Course
	3	COM 217 - Group Communication or COM 225 - Organizational Communication
	3	ENG 122 - English Composition II: GT-CO2
	3	JOU 121 - Photojournalism
	3	JOU 206 - Intermediate Newswriting and Editing
	3	MAR 216 - Principles of Marketing
Year 2: Fall	Credits	Course
	3	Any GT-Pathways LIT or HUM Course
	3	BIO 116 - Introduction to Human Disease OR SCI 105 - Science in Society or any GT-Pathways BIO or SCI Course
	3	JOU 225 - New Media
	4	JOU 231 - Introduction to Public Relations
	3	MGD 114 - Adobe InDesign
Year 2: Spring	Credits	Course
	3	ENG 231 - Literary Magazine OR ENG 264 - Publishing your Writing
	1	JOU 180 - Internship
	3	JOU 241 - Feature and Magazine Writing
	4	MAT 120 - Mathematics for the Liberal Arts: GT-MA1
	3	PSY 101 - General Psychology I OR PSY 102 - General Psychology II OR SOC 101 - Introduction to Sociology

RECOMMENDED COURSE SEQUENCE PART-TIME TRACK

Year 1: Fall	Credits	Course
	3	ENG 121 - English Composition I: GT-CO1
	3	JOU 105 - Introduction to Mass Media: GT-SS3
	3	MGD 102 - Introduction to Multimedia
Year 1: Spring	Credits	Course
	3	ENG 122 - English Composition II: GT-CO2
	3	JOU 106 - Media News and Reporting
	3	MAR 216 - Principles of Marketing
Year 1: Summer	Credits	Course
	3	COM 115 - Public Speaking
	3	PSY 101 - General Psychology I OR PSY 102 - General Psychology II OR SOC 101 - Introduction to Sociology
Year 2: Fall	Credits	Course
	3	BIO 116 - Introduction to Human Disease OR SCI 105 - Science in Society or any GT-Pathways BIO or SCI Course
	3	JOU 225 - New Media
	3	MGD 114 - Adobe InDesign
Year 2: Spring	Credits	Course
	3	JOU 121 - Photojournalism
	3	JOU 206 - Intermediate Newswriting and Editing
	4	JOU 231 - Introduction to Public Relations
Year 2: Summer	Credits	Course
	4	MAT 120 - Mathematics for the Liberal Arts: GT-MA1
Year 3: Fall	Credits	Course
	3	Any GT-Pathways LIT or HUM Course
	3	COM 217 - Group Communication or COM 225 - Organizational Communication
Year 3: Spring	Credits	Course
	3	ENG 231 - Literary Magazine OR ENG 264 - Publishing your Writing
	1	JOU 180 - Internship
	3	JOU 241 - Feature and Magazine Writing