

Liberal Arts: Communications Option

Division of Humanities — Curriculum Code: 019C
Will Earn Upon Program Completion: Associate in Arts (A.A.) Degree

Why major in Communications?

The program is designed for students interested in gaining a general working knowledge of the media and communications industry or who intend to transfer to a four-year college to complete a bachelor's degree in this rapidly expanding field. Communications and media-related studies include television production, film production, radio production, and mass communication. Since Communications is technology driven, it involves working with applications and elements that are ever changing. At Essex, the program utilizes state-of-the-art broadcast equipment to provide students with knowledge in producing, writing, directing, editing, technical operations, and announcing. With advanced degrees and relevant job experience, students can secure rewarding positions in each of these areas. Administrative support and assistant positions are also available to qualified individuals.

If I major in Communications, can I transfer to an upper-division college or university?

The program prepares you for transfer to upper-division colleges and universities to complete a bachelor's degree in the field. ECC's transfer/articulation agreements with area four-year institutions provide smooth transfer for our A.A. graduates.

Are there any requirements I must satisfy before I start taking courses in my major?

Based on your placement test scores, you may have to take developmental courses in reading, English, and/or mathematics. You also need a grade of "C" or better in English 101 for taking most of the major courses.

How long will it take for me to complete this degree?

If you do not need developmental course work and you register for an average of 15 credits each semester, you can complete the degree in two years. You may shorten the amount of time by taking courses in the summer sessions.

Where should I direct specific questions about this program?

Call the Division at (973) 877-3319/3320.

Upon completion of this program, graduates will be able to:

- ◆ Demonstrate knowledge of the techniques and principles of television or radio production;
- ◆ Explain the actual operation of a television or radio production;
- ◆ Identify the different genres and styles of films through observation and analysis;
- ◆ Demonstrate an understanding of the make-up of film content, including the make-up of African-American film content;
- ◆ Demonstrate an appreciation of the art of filmmaking;
- ◆ Write in all the major script styles using industry standards in script formatting;
- ◆ Demonstrate an understanding of story structure;
- ◆ Analyze and critique a media script;
- ◆ Operate studio video and audio equipment and demonstrate proficiency in post-production editing;
- ◆ Explain the form and theory of electronic and print media including radio, television, Internet, film, newspapers, magazines, and books; and
- ◆ Evaluate the history, significance and importance of each media form through cross media analysis.

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GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS: (45 credits)	RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE OF COURSES:*
<p>Communications (9 credits)</p> <p>ENG 101 College Composition I 3</p> <p>ENG 102 College Composition II 3</p> <p>ENG 109 Effective Speech 3</p>	<p>First Semester</p> <p>ENG 101 College Composition I 3</p> <p>ENG 151 Mass Communications 3</p> <p>Social Science requirement 3</p> <p>Math/Lab Science requirement 4</p> <p>History requirement 3</p>
<p>Social Science (6 credits)</p> <p>Any two courses from: ANT 101, 105; ECO 101, 102, POL 101, 104; PSY 101, 102, 219, SOC 101, 108, 219 6</p>	<p>Second Semester</p> <p>CMS or CIN requirement 3</p> <p>ENG 102 College Composition II 3</p> <p>Social Science requirement 3</p> <p>Math/Lab Science requirement 4</p> <p>History requirement 3</p>
<p>Lab Science/Math (12 credits)</p> <p>A Lab Science sequence and a Math course (100) or higher or two Math courses (100 or higher) and a Lab Science course: 12</p> <p>MTH (100 level or higher)</p> <p>BIO 101-102, 103-104, or 121-122</p> <p>CHM 101-102 or 103-104</p> <p>PHY 101-102, 103-104, or 113-114</p>	<p>Third Semester</p> <p>CMS or CIN requirement 3</p> <p>English literature requirement 3</p> <p>ENG 109 Effective Speech 3</p> <p>Math/Lab Science requirement 4</p> <p>Free elective 3</p>
<p>Humanities (18 credits)</p> <p>Any two of the following 200-level English literature courses: 6</p> <p>ENG 205, 208, 215, 221, 222, 232, 237, 238, 242, 250, 263, or 264</p> <p>Any of the following History sequences: HST 101-102, 111-112, 121-122, 131-132, 134-135, 136-137, or 161-162 6</p> <p>ART/MUS requirement: ART 100, 101, 102 or MUS 100, 108, or 109 3</p> <p>Select one of the following without repeating above courses: ART 100, 101, 102, 200; MUS 100, 108, 109; ARB 101, 102; CIN 101; ENG 205, 208, 215, 221, 222, 232, 237, 238, 242, 250, 263, 264; FRN 101, 102; ITL 101, 102; PHI 101; REL 105; SPN 101, 102, 201, 202; HST 101, 102, 111, 112, 121, 122, 131, 132, 134, 135, 136, 137, 161, 162 3</p>	<p>Fourth Semester</p> <p>CMS or CIN requirement 3</p> <p>Humanities elective 3</p> <p>English literature requirement 3</p> <p>Art./Music requirement 3</p> <p>Free elective 3</p>
<p>MAJOR COURSE REQUIREMENTS: (12 credits)</p> <p>ENG 151 Mass Communication 3</p> <p>Any three of the following courses: CIN 101, CIN 103, CMS 110, 113, 121, 136, 210, 219 9</p>	
<p>ADDITIONAL COURSE REQUIREMENTS: (6 credits)</p> <p>Free electives 6</p>	
<p>Total Credits Required for Degree 63</p>	

*NOTE: This plan assumes the completion of all required developmental courses in reading, writing, and mathematics as well as other pre- and co-requisites for some of the courses, as listed in the Course Descriptions section.