

# Liberal Arts: Journalism Option (A.A.)

Division of Humanities & Bilingual Studies — Curriculum Code: 019J

*Will Earn Upon Program Completion: Associate in Arts (A.A.) Degree*

Whether you are interested in newspaper, magazine, book, or electronic publishing, the field of Journalism offers both transfer and career opportunities. At ECC, the Liberal Arts AA: Journalism degree program covers the theory and practice of reporting as well as writing news and features. Students are given the opportunity to report on news, arts, entertainment, and sports. They can also publish their work in the *Essex County College Observer* and in other College professional publications.

## Program Requirements

### GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Written & Oral Communication (9 credits)

[ENG 101](#) (3 credits)

[ENG 102](#) (3 credits)

[ENG 109](#) (3 credits)

Quantitative Knowledge & Skills and Scientific Knowledge & Reasoning (12 credits)

Choose one mathematics course and a lab science sequence or two mathematics courses and one lab science course from the following:

Mathematics: [MTH 100](#)[MTH 101](#)[MTH 103](#)[MTH 113](#)[MTH 119](#)[MTH 120](#)[MTH 121](#)[MTH 122](#)[MTH 127](#)[MTH 221](#) or [MTH 222](#) (one or two 4-credit courses)

AND

Lab Science: [BIO 101](#) – [BIO 102](#)[BIO 103](#) – [BIO 104](#)[BIO 121](#) – [BIO 122](#)[CHM 101](#) – [CHM 102](#)[CHM 103](#) – [CHM 104](#); [GEO 101](#) – [GEO 102](#)[PHY 101](#) – [PHY 102](#)[PHY 103](#) – [PHY 104](#) or [PHY 113](#) – [PHY 114](#) (one or two 4-credit courses)

Society & Human Behavior (6 credits)

Choose two of the following courses: [ANT 101](#)[ANT 105](#)[ECO 101](#)[ECO 102](#)[POL 101](#)[POL 104](#)[PSY 101](#)[PSY 102](#)[PSY 219](#)[SOC 101](#)[SOC 108](#) or [SOC 219](#) (two 3-credit courses)

Humanistic Perspective (9 credits)

Choose two of the following literature courses: [ENG 205](#)[ENG 208](#)[ENG 215](#)[ENG 221](#)[ENG 222](#)[ENG 232](#)[ENG 237](#)[ENG 238](#)[ENG 242](#)[ENG 250](#)[ENG 263](#) or [ENG 264](#) (two 3-credit courses)

AND

Choose one of the following art or music courses: [ART 100](#)[ART 101](#)[ART 102](#)[MUS 100](#)[MUS 108](#)[MUS 109](#) or [MUS 117](#) (one 3-credit course)

Historical Perspective (6 credits)

Choose one of the following history sequences: [HST 101](#) – [HST 102](#)[HST 111](#) – [HST 112](#)[HST 121](#) – [HST 122](#)[HST 131](#) – [HST 132](#)[HST 134](#) – [HST 135](#)[HST 136](#) – [HST 137](#) or [HST 161](#) – [HST 162](#) (two 3-credit courses)

Global & Cultural Awareness of Diversity (3 credits)

Choose one additional (non-repeated) course from the following: [ANT 101](#)[ANT 105](#)[ART 100](#)[ART 101](#)[ART 102](#)[ART 200](#)[CIN 103](#)[ENG 205](#)[ENG 215](#)[ENG 232](#)[ENG 237](#)[ENG 238](#)[ENG 242](#)[ENG 263](#)[ENG 264](#)[HST 121](#)[HST 122](#)[HST 137](#)[MUS 117](#)[PSY 232](#)[REL 105](#)[SOC 108](#)[SOC 205](#) or [SOC 207](#) (one 3-credit course)

### **MAJOR COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

- [IRN 141](#) Writing for the Media (3 credits)
- [IRN 142](#) News Reporting (Print) (3 credits)
- [IRN 145](#) Journalism Internship (1 credit)
- [IRN 243](#) Introduction to News Broadcasting (3 credits)
- [IRN 245](#) Politics and the Media (3 credits)

### **ADDITIONAL COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

Choose two free electives (two 3-credit courses)

### **RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE OF COURSES**

Total Credits Required for Degree: 64

First Semester

- [ENG 101](#) College Composition I (3 credits)
- [IRN 141](#) Writing for the Media (3 credits)
- Society & Human Behavior requirement (3 credits)
- Humanistic Perspective art or music requirement (3 credits)
- Historical Perspective requirement (3 credits)

Second Semester

- [ENG 102](#) College Composition II (3 credits)

[JRN 142](#) News Reporting (Print) (3 credits)

Quantitative Knowledge & Skills or Scientific Knowledge & Reasoning mathematics or lab science requirement (4 credits)

Society & Human Behavior requirement (3 credits)

Historical Perspective requirement (3 credits)

Third Semester

[ENG 109](#) Effective Speech (3 credits)

[JRN 243](#) Introduction to News Broadcasting (3 credits)

Quantitative Knowledge & Skills or Scientific Knowledge & Reasoning mathematics or lab science requirement (4 credits)

Humanistic Perspective literature requirement (3 credits)

Free elective (one 3-credit course)

Fourth Semester

[JRN 145](#) Journalism Internship (1 credit)

[JRN 245](#) Politics and the Media (3 credits)

Quantitative Knowledge & Skills or Scientific Knowledge & Reasoning mathematics or lab science requirement (4 credits)

Humanistic Perspective literature requirement (3 credits)

Global & Cultural Awareness of Diversity requirement (3 credits)

Free elective (one 3-credit course)

NOTES:

(1) The two General Education Integrated Course Goals, Ethical Reasoning & Action and Information Literacy, are both addressed by the required curriculum described above, regardless of specific choices made by the individual student.

(2) This plan assumes the completion of all required developmental courses in Reading, English, and Mathematics as well as other [pre-requisites](#) and [co-requisites](#) for some of the courses, as listed in the Course Descriptions section.