

## Mass Communication/Journalism (A1010W)

### Associate in Arts Pre-Major

*Under the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement and the Independent Comprehensive Articulation Agreement, this template has been developed by university and community college faculty as a blueprint for guiding community colleges in developing programs for students who intend to major in Mass Communication/Journalism. Students who successfully complete this course of study and who meet the requirements for admission to the university are eligible to apply for admission to the major with junior standing.*

*All colleges will not offer all pre-major programs, and course selections may vary. Check college catalogs for course and program offerings.*

**General Education Core (44 SHC)\*** Forty-four semester hours of credit in general education core courses are required as outlined on the NCCCS Curriculum Standards for Associate in Arts degree programs. The general education core includes study in the areas of humanities and fine arts, social and behavioral sciences, natural sciences and mathematics, and English composition.

**English Composition (6 SHC)** *Two English composition courses are required.*

- English 111, Expository Writing, is required as the first composition course.
- The second composition course must be selected from the following:
  - ENG 112 Argument-Based Research (3 SHC)
  - ENG 113 Literature-Based Research (3 SHC)
  - ENG 114 Professional Research and Reporting (3 SHC)

**Humanities/Fine Arts (12 SHC\*\*)** *Four courses from three discipline areas are required.*

- One course must be a literature course.
- Three additional courses from the following discipline areas are required: art, dance, drama, foreign languages, interdisciplinary humanities, literature, music, philosophy, and religion. One of these courses must be from fine arts and one from humanities.

**Social/Behavioral Sciences (12 SHC)** *Four courses from three discipline areas are required.*

- One course must be a history course.
- The following course is required (3 SHC):
  - PSY 150 General Psychology (3 SHC)
- Two courses from the following discipline areas are required, to include at least one additional discipline: anthropology, economics, geography, history, political science, psychology, and sociology. The following courses are recommended:
  - SOC 210 Intro to Sociology (3 SHC) *or* SOC 225 Social Diversity (3 SHC)

**Natural Sciences/Mathematics (14 SHC)**

*Natural Sciences (8 SHC):*

- Two courses from the biological and physical science disciplines, including accompanying laboratory work, are required.

*Mathematics (6 SHC):* Two courses are required.

- One course must be in introductory mathematics (college algebra, trigonometry, calculus, etc.)
- The second course may be a higher level mathematics course or may be selected from among other quantitative subjects, such as computer science (CIS) and statistics (MAT). The following course is recommended to meet the second mathematics requirement:
  - CIS 110 Introduction to Computers (3 SHC)

*A college may award a diploma under the A1010W for completion of the entire general education core, as outlined, with a grade of "C" or better in each course.*

**Other Required Hours (20-21 SHC)\*** One semester hour of credit may be included in a sixty-five semester hour credit associate in arts program. The transfer of the 65<sup>th</sup> hour is not guaranteed. A minimum of 20 SHC of college transfer courses in general education, pre-major or elective courses is required.

- The following courses are required (6 SHC):  
COM 150 Intro. to Mass Communication (3 SHC)  
COM 231 Public Speaking (3 SHC)
- 14 additional hours of approved college transfer courses are required.

The following courses are recommended:

- HUM 160 Introduction to Film (3 SHC)
- JOU 110 Intro to Journalism (3 SHC)
- JOU 216 Writing for Mass Media (3 SHC)
- JOU 217 Feature/Editorial Writing (3 SHC)
- JOU 242 Intro to Multimedia (3 SHC)
- Foreign Languages (6 SHC) sequential courses

**Total Semester Hours Credit (SHC) in Program: 64-65**

- \* **Students must meet the receiving university's foreign language and/or health and physical education requirements, if applicable, prior to or after transfer to the senior institution.**
- \*\* **3 SHC in Speech/Communication may be substituted for 3 SHC in Humanities/Fine Arts. Speech/Communication may not substitute for the literature requirement.**

### ***Application to a University***

*Admission application deadlines vary; students must meet the deadline for the senior institution to which they plan to transfer. Upon successful completion of the associate degree, students who meet the requirements outlined in this pre-major articulation agreement will be eligible to be considered for admission as juniors to the signatory institutions offering the baccalaureate degree as listed at [www.northcarolina.edu/content.php/aa/planning/traditional.htm](http://www.northcarolina.edu/content.php/aa/planning/traditional.htm) or in the NC Independent Colleges and Universities Handbook which is available online at [www.ncicu.org/publications](http://www.ncicu.org/publications). Students are encouraged to contact the senior institution to confirm degree offerings.*

### ***Admission to the Major***

*Grade point average requirements vary, and admission is competitive across the several programs in Mass Communication/Journalism.*