Pennsylvania Highlands Community College & West Virginia University

Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts & Science: Communication A.A. leading to Bachelor of Science in Journalism B.S.J.

Suggested Plan of Study

Pennsylvania Highlands Community College	Hours	WVU Equivalents	Hours
Year One, 1st Semester			
FYE 100	1	WVUE 191	1
COM 101	3	COMM 270 & COMM 270S	3
COM 115	3	COMM 173	3
ENG 110	3	ENGL 101	3
MAT 145	3	MATH 126	3
COM 200 (Concentration Elective)	3	MDIA 101 (Required)	3
TOTAL	16		16
Year One, 2nd Semester			
CIT 100	3	CS 1TC	3
MPR 230 (Concentration Elective)	3	JRL 335S (JRL Elective 1)	3
ENG 200	3	ENGL 1C2	3
MATH 200	3	STAT 211 (Required)	3
ART 101 or MUS 100 or PHI 110 or REL 100 (Humanities Track 1)	3	ARHS 101 or MUSC 111 or PHIL 100 or RELG 102	3
TOTAL	15		15
Year Two, 1st Semester			
COM 110	3	COMM 102	3
MPR 270 (Concentration Elective)	3	JRL 2TC (JRL Elective 2)	3
MPR 290 (Concentration Elective)	3	MDIA 401 (Required)	3
Science Elective	4	General Elective	4
ENG 215 or ENG 230 or ENG 235 or ENG 240 or ENG 245 or ENG 250 (Humanities Track 2)	3	ENGL 111 or ENGL 241 or ENGL 242 or ENGL 261 or ENGL 262 or ENGL 285 (English Lit or Creative Writing - Required)	3
TOTAL	16		16
Year Two, 2nd Semester			
COM 120	3	COMM 112	3
MPR 200 (Concentration Elective)	3	ADV 309	3
HIS 110 (Social Science Track 1)	3	HIST 153 (Required)	3
PSY 100 or SOC 100 (Social Science Track 2)	3	PSYC 101 or SOC 101 (Required; Pick One)	3
GOV 100 (Humanities or Social Science Elective)	3	POLS 102 (Required)	3
TOTAL	15		15

West Virginia University			
Summer Session (Online)		MDIA 215S (If offered)	3
Year Three, 1st Semester		Year Three, 2nd Semester	
MDIA 215S (If not taken during the Summer) or General Elective	3	JRL 235S, JRL 236S, JRL 237S, JRL 238S, or JRL 240S (Skills Course 3)*	1
MDIA 225S	3	MDIA 328	3
JRL 318S	3	JRL 319S	3
ECON 200	3	BCOR 350	3
JRL 235S, JRL 236S, JRL 237S, JRL 238S, or JRL 240S (Skills Course 1)*	1	Required Minor Course (1)	3
JRL 235S, JRL 236S, JRL 237S, JRL 238S, or JRL 240S (Skills Course 2)*	1	Required Minor Course (2)	3
TOTAL	14		16
Year Four, 1st Semester		Year Four, 2nd Semester	
JRL 341S	3	JRL 411 or JRL 431S or JRL 459S or JRL 487S (JRL Capstone)	3
Foreign Language (1)	3	JRL 458S	3
Required Minor Course (3)	3	Foreign Language (2)	3
Required Minor Course (4)	3	Required Minor Course (5)	3
General Elective	3	General Elective	3
TOTAL	15		15

Students who maintain a 2.0 GPA will be directly admitted into the Journalism program upon transferring to West Virginia University. Those students who have below a 2.0 GPA must have a C- or better in MDIA 215S to be admitted into the Journalism program within the College of Creative Arts and Media upon transferring. Students will need to attempt to take MDIA 215S online prior to their first fall semester, or at minimum their first fall semester.

*In place of the THREE required, one-hour skills classes listed (ex: JRL 235S, JRL 236S, JRL 237S, JRL 238S, JRL 240S) students in the School of Media and Communications at WVU, may opt to take ONE three-hour skills class approved by their advisor.

Some JRL Capstones require pre-reqs. Students must let their advisor know if they want to purse an area of 'Specialization.' For example: If you want to pursue a broadcast/tv track and want to take JRL 487S as your capstone. course (WVU News) you must take JRL 335S one semester, followed by JRL 386S the next semester; prior to the JRL 487S capstone your senior year.

Journalism majors are required to declare a minor. Students should work with their faculty advisor to complete this task.

Students transferring to West Virginia University with an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree will have satisfied the General Education Foundation requirements at WVU.

Students who have questions about admission into their intended program, GEF requirements, or any other issue relating to academics at West Virginia University should contact the Office of Undergraduate Education at WVU.

The above transfer articulation of credit between West Virginia University and Pennsylvania Highlands Community College, is approved by the Dean, or the Dean's designee, and effective the date of the signature.

Sandra M. Schwartz — Sandra M. Schwartz — 10/07/2026

Print Name — Signature — Date

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