

What is: Journalism

Journalism is the study and practice of reporting, whether on newsworthy information, or on a broader area of research or specific topic or point of interest. Pursuing a degree in journalism will provide you with the skills necessary to tell a nonfiction story, in a descriptive, detailed manner, and give you a strong foundation in writing, editing, interviewing, narrative construction, and the role that journalism and the media play in both the past and present.

Which Degree do I Begin with?

Students interested in transferring to a university and majoring in Journalism should plan to complete the Associate's of Arts & Sciences Direct Transfer degree (AAS-DTA).

Once students transfer to a university, they may study Journalism as a major, culminating in a BA (Bachelor of Arts) degree.

What Are Some Common Prerequisites that I'll Need to Take Here?

Every university and major concentration will require slightly different prerequisites. It is **highly recommended** that you speak with a representative at the target university in conjunction with an academic advisor here at BC to ensure that you are taking the proper courses. Double-checking requirements is as easy as going to the university department website. Below is a general guide to the courses **recommended** and the areas of study they fulfill on the DTA for students interested in a journalism major (this is not an official list):

Written Communication	Mathematics	Major Specific	Other	Recommended Courses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ENGL& 101 † ENGL& 201 or 271 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MATH 107 † 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CMST 136 CMST 142 CMST 143/44, 145/46 CMST 141 CMST 245 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication English 253, 254 Creative Writing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cultural and Ethnic Studies Political Science Art/Photo CMST 161, 163

†: Recommended during the first year of study.

Important notes about class selection above:

As a journalism major, you will most likely not need to take more than the minimum math requirements to graduate from a university once you transfer; however, taking more advanced math courses (MATH 138 or Math 141) will help you keep your options open.

For students interested in Photo Journalism, ART 150 (Basic Photo) is important, as students will gain experience in the dark room. Any additional photography classes will also help students build up a portfolio. For students interested in broadcasting, BC also offers radio broadcasting courses—CMST 161 and 163.

Students interested in journalism are encouraged to pursue internships. Speak with an advisor at the Center for Career Connections about earning EXPRL credits for internships completed while a student at BC.

Check your degree progress!
Log into degree audit at:
<http://bellevuecollege.edu/degreeaudit/>

Course Planning Notes

Use the space below to write down a course sequence for this school year. Remember to maintain balance each quarter (i.e. try not to take all sciences or all writing-based classes in a single quarter). Also, keep in mind that 12 credit hours or more is considered full time; make sure to balance class load with your personal and/or work life. This is not an official educational plan— you should see an academic advisor if you have questions about course selection.

SUMMER		FALL		WINTER		SPRING	
COURSE	CREDITS	COURSE	CREDITS	COURSE	CREDITS	COURSE	CREDITS
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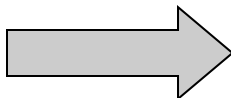
Beyond BC with a Journalism Degree!

Students majoring in Journalism gain knowledge and skills that are applicable to a wide variety of careers after graduation. Studying journalism at the college level will provide you with strong writing and interpersonal skills and ultimately give you the flexibility to work in public relations, marketing, advertising, technical writing, education, and public service, to name a few. Strong writing, researching and storytelling skills are also very valuable to have, moving forward with graduate education.

University of Washington*
Seattle University*
Central Washington University
Eastern Washington University
Gonzaga University
Western Washington University
Seattle Pacific University*

***minor or concentration within Communications major available only**

Select Washington universities which offer a degree in Journalism.



Here's the Scoop! Considerations for this Major:

- Programs will differ from university to university; for example, some will not offer a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism (BA) or may include journalism as a specific emphasis within a Communication major.
- Attend the information sessions offered by the universities, as well as transfer fairs held on campus at BC each quarter.
- Most universities have admission and exit foreign language policies; know what they are so you don't miss the graduation requirements. Journalism will fall within most colleges of arts and sciences at most schools, which may mean foreign language is required.
- Apply to more than one university and have more than one back-up plan.
- Know the school's admission requirements, expectations, deadlines, and areas of specialization.
- Journalism is a major that will require a lot of writing-focused classes and is a great fit for student with strong interests in that area.
- Students will best hone their skills in writing, reporting and interviewing by getting involved in outside, experiential learning activities, such as writing for the school newspaper, literary magazine, or a local publication in your area, or by pursuing internships at advertising agencies, local newspapers or magazines. Consider writing for the Watchdog (Bellevue College student newspaper).
- Finding a specific area of interest, or "beat" (for example, food writing, fashion writing, music or book reviewing, opinion writing, event coverage, etc.) will help you make the most of your journalism studies.

Who To Contact for more Information:

Bellevue College has a variety of friendly faces and resources to help you plan and register for classes.

New to Bellevue College? Connect with BC's Welcome Center via www.bellevuecollege.edu/welcome/ or email welcome@bellevuecollege.edu

Currently Taking Classes? Connect with the Academic Advising Department via www.bellevuecollege.edu/advising/ or call 425-564-2212.

Journalism is part of the Arts and Humanities division, and located within the Communications department. In order to make an appointment with an academic or faculty advisor, call **425-564-2212**

Looking for specific Career Information? Connect with the Center for Career Connections via www.bellevuecollege.edu/careers/ or call

This is an unofficial guide only, designed to prepare students for entry into Washington State programs. It is the student's responsibility to research and communicate with all community college and university programs to which he/she intends to apply to establish prerequisites and admission requirements, as they vary and are subject to change without notice .

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