



Journalism

Major Preparation Sheet 2017-2018

Where does my path start?

You will complete an Associate of Arts – Direct Transfer Agreement (AA-DTA) at Shoreline.

Use the AA -DTA Degree Planning Guide, with this sheet, to understand the requirements for graduation.

Once you complete your Shoreline degree, you can transfer to a four-year school to earn a bachelor of arts in journalism or communications. Journalism is also an excellent major for graduate studies in humanities, social sciences, business, law, and education.

What is Journalism?

Journalism is the investigation and reporting of news. Many people believe that journalists' most important task is to monitor powerful institutions and expose injustices. However, journalists report on any number of topics, including natural disasters, war, political campaigns, court cases, economic trends, scientific breakthroughs and sports. They may also write political opinions or review movies, restaurants and vacation spots. Their work is aired in several forms, from blogs on the Internet to documentaries on TV. Journalism programs in the U.S. often include Basic Reporting, Advanced Reporting, Feature Writing, Mass Media and Society, Law and Ethics, and Internships.

Contemporary issues in Journalism: The 24/7 news cycle, anonymous sources, ethics, celebrity news, the future of print media and newspapers, diversity in the newsroom, privacy, concentrated ownership, the ethnic press, and the Freedom of Information Act.

Where can I go for help?

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What can I do with a Bachelor's Degree in Journalism?

Graduates of Journalism programs go on to work as reporters, editors, videographers, photo-journalists, documentary filmmakers, speech-writers, public-relations specialists, bloggers, grant-writers, researchers, social-media managers, authors of nonfiction books, private investigators and assorted other professions. The skills learned involve gathering and analyzing information, and then presenting it in a clear, fair, engaging manner to an audience. These skills can be applied to almost any field.

Potential employers include: newspapers, magazines, TV networks and stations, radio stations, news sites, search-engine news sites, online newsletters, news agencies, public-relations firms, government agencies, colleges and universities, non-profit organizations, private investigation firms and public advocacy groups. For more information, please visit <http://www.shoreline.edu/counseling-center/career-counseling.aspx>.

What courses should I take?*

	<p>Required: ENGL& 101 ENGL& 102 One course in Multicultural Understanding - CMST 203 strongly recommended One course in Quantitative/Symbolic Reasoning</p>
	<p>Strongly Recommended: CMST& 101, 220 Recommended: World language if required for university admission or graduation.</p>
	<p>Strongly Recommended: CMST& 102 Recommended: Economics, history, and political science courses</p>
	<p>Recommended: CMST& 101, 210, 215, 230; CMST 140, 235, 244, 245, 247; World Language if required for university admission or graduation.</p>

Where can I transfer and what does my chosen four-year school require?

Before choosing classes, become familiar with the four-year program where you want to apply: visit the website, email the department, and/or speak with a Shoreline advisor. Below are examples from Washington schools with different admissions and graduation requirements. Check with the school for world language requirements. (Non-native speakers of English are often exempt from this requirement.)

School	Transfer Information	School	Transfer Information
Central Washington University	http://tinyurl.com/jdpjra6	University of Washington – Seattle	http://tinyurl.com/hm3uecl
Eastern Washington University	http://tinyurl.com/gqpzhnq	Walla Walla University	http://tinyurl.com/z5a4h8p
Gonzaga University	http://tinyurl.com/7c9d6xh	Washington State University	http://tinyurl.com/jk3a2v2
Pacific Lutheran University	http://tinyurl.com/zygoljk	Western Washington University	http://www.wvu.edu/vtc/
Seattle Pacific University	http://tinyurl.com/z46xxxr	Whitworth University	http://tinyurl.com/zcdww66
Seattle University	http://tinyurl.com/z3kjpqm		

**** This unofficial guide is intended to support you as you prepare for your major. Please consult with an advisor and your chosen four-year school(s), as program and admissions requirements vary and may change without notice.**