

# JOURNALISM, ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE

Financial Aid Eligible  
Banner Code: 1\_AA\_JOUR  
Control Number: 14411

Students graduating with an Associate of Arts degree in Journalism will be prepared to enter the workforce in an entry level capacity without transfer to a four-year university. Students will gain skills in newswriting, feature writing, editing, design, photography, multimedia producing and editorial design making.

## Program Outcomes

1. The student will be able to write a balanced news article on deadline in traditional journalistic style incorporating interviewing skills, analyzing information and presenting a complete, balanced story.
2. Students will demonstrate an ability to write, edit and produce all aspects of the bi-weekly campus newspaper Coast Report, including an understanding of design, photography use and editing peer's articles.
3. Students will be able to evaluate online media and distinguish between mainstream, traditional media and news promoting a philosophy or one-sided agenda. They will also be able to evaluate blogs and social media.
4. Students will demonstrate the ability to use visual journalism to tell a story.

## Associate in Arts Degree Requirements

1. **UNIT REQUIREMENT** - 60 UNITS, with at least a 2.0 grade point average. At least 12 of the units must be earned at OCC, with a minimum of one course taken for a letter grade. At least 3 units in an advanced course from the program must be completed at OCC. A student must be enrolled at the time of application for graduation. Units earned at an accredited college or university on a credit/no credit basis will be counted toward the degree requirements of the college, to a maximum of 15 units.
2. **MAJOR REQUIREMENT** - Complete the AA or AS major requirements as detailed in the Degree and Certificate section of this catalog.
3. **MATHEMATICS REQUIREMENT** - Demonstrate competence in mathematics by either obtaining a satisfactory grade (grade of "C" or better or "pass") in a mathematics course at or above the level of Intermediate Algebra as demonstrated by prior coursework, or by demonstrating competency that is comparable through the completion of a college-level math course that has Intermediate Algebra as a prerequisite: Psychology A160 or Math A100 or higher, with the exception of Math A220.
4. **GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENT** - Students may choose to complete Option 1 (OCC AA GE) (<https://catalog.cccd.edu/orange-coast/general-education-patterns/associate-arts-general-education-option-1/>), Option 1 (OCC AS GE) (<https://catalog.cccd.edu/orange-coast/pathways/language-communication/journalism/journalism-associate-arts-degree/orange-coast/general-education-patterns/associate-science-general-education-option-1/>), Option 2 (CSU GE) (<https://catalog.cccd.edu/orange-coast/general-education-patterns/associate-degree-general-education-option-2/>), or Option 3 (IGETC) (<https://catalog.cccd.edu/orange-coast/general-education-patterns/associate-degree-general-education-option-3/>) to satisfy the general

education requirement. See the General Education Patterns section of this catalog for more information.

5. **GLOBAL AND MULTICULTURAL REQUIREMENT** (*Required for AA degree only*) Some of the courses listed in this requirement can also be used to meet General Education Requirements. Courses that are repeatable for credit can only be used once in this area. - Select one or more courses from the following totaling 3 units: Anthropology A100\*, A100H\*, A102\*, A190\*, Art A108\*, Communication Studies A155\*, Counseling A107\*, A107H\*, Dance A130\*, A133\*, A135\*, A137\*, A138\*, Early Childhood A126, English A152\*, A173\*, Ethnic Studies A100\*, A150\*, Fashion A125, Food and Nutrition A185, Geography A185\*, History A101\*, A110\*, A141, A142, A145,\* A150\*, A151\*, A152\*, A161\*, A161H\*, A162\*, A162H\*, Philosophy A120\*, Psychology A105\*, Religious Studies A110\*, A120\*, A140\*, A150\*, A160, Sociology A100\*, A100H\*, A115\*, A150\*, A190\* \*Denotes courses that fulfill CSU GE Breadth and/ or IGETC requirements.

Course	Title	Units
<b>Required Courses</b>		
<i>Core Courses</i>		
CMST A240	Media Literacy	3
JOUR A110	News Writing and Reporting	3
JOUR A115	Newspaper Production Level 1	4
<b>Restricted Electives</b>		
Select at least eight units of the following:		8
CMST A180	Introduction to Mass Communications	
FILM A155	Television Production 1	
JOUR A116	Multi-Media Reporting and Producing	
JOUR A117	Narrative Journalism	
JOUR A125	Newspaper Production Level 2	
JOUR A185	Photojournalism	
JOUR A215	Coast Report Editorial Board Level 1	
PSCI A180/A180H	American Government	
Minimum Program Major Units		18
AA General Education Option 1, 2, or 3		Varies
Transferable electives as needed to satisfy unit requirement		Varies
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>60</b>