



Language & Communication Career and Academic Pathways (CAPs) Program Map: Associate in Arts Degree for Journalism

Total number of units: 64 units

Top Code/Academic Plan: 0602.00

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Semester 1	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Advising Notes
Program Course	JOURNAL 101	Collecting and Writing News	3	This course should be taken by Journalism majors in their first semester.	Offered in fall and spring semesters.
Program Course	JOURNAL 105	Mass Communications	3		Offered in fall and spring semesters.
GE Course	MATH 125	Intermediate Algebra	5		This course may have sections that include a low cost (LCT) or no cost textbook (ZTC). Check the current catalog for the section number(s). You can search for classes in the ELAC and LACCD Schedule of Classes under "Class Search Type" as "Zero Textbook Cost" or "Low-Cost Textbook Classes."
GE Course	LACCDGE Area B1: American Institutions		3	POL SCI 001 is recommended. This course has sections that are part of the Honors Program. Check the current catalog for the section number(s). To apply for admission to the Honors Program, please visit the ELAC Counseling Center. For additional information about the Honors Program, please visit the ELAC Honors Program website or contact Dr. Bermudez at bermudn@elac.edu .	This course may have sections that include a low cost (LCT) or no cost textbook (ZTC). Check the current catalog for the section number(s). You can search for classes in the ELAC and LACCD Schedule of Classes under "Class Search Type" as "Zero Textbook Cost" or "Low-Cost Textbook Classes."

Total Units 14

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GE Course	ENGLISH 101		3	This course has sections that are part of the Honors Program. Check the current catalog for the section number(s). To apply for admission to the Honors Program, please visit the ELAC Counseling Center. For additional information about the Honors Program, please visit the ELAC Honors Program website or contact Dr. Bermudez at bermudn@elac.edu .	This course may have sections that include a low cost (LCT) or no cost textbook (ZTC). Check the current catalog for the section number(s). You can search for classes in the ELAC and LACCD Schedule of Classes under "Class Search Type" as "Zero Textbook Cost" or "Low-Cost Textbook Classes."
GE Course	LACCDGE Area E1: Health Education		3		

Total Units 6

Semester 2	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Advising Notes
Program Course	JOURNAL 218-1	Practical Editing I	3		Offered in fall and spring semesters.
Program Course	PHOTO 047	Beginning Digital Photography	3		Offered in fall and spring semesters.
Program Course	PUB REL 001	Principles of Public Relations	3	You can also take JOURNAL 260 or JOURNAL 202.	Offered in fall and spring semesters.
Program Course	JOURNAL 219-1	Techniques of Staff Editors	1		Offered in fall and spring semesters.
Program Course	JOURNAL 217-1	Publication Laboratory	2		Offered in fall and spring semesters.

Total Units 12

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GE Course	LACCD GE Area D2: Communication and Analytical Thinking		3	Comm 101 is recommended.	Course load can be reduced by utilizing the interession semesters.

Total Units 3

Semester 3	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Advising Notes
Program Course	JOURNAL 217-2	Publication Laboratory II	3	This is a recommended elective.	Offered in fall and spring semesters.
Program Course	JOURNAL 219-2	Techniques for Staff Editors II	1		Offered in fall and spring semesters.
Program Course	JOURNAL 218-2	Practical Editing II	3	You can also take JOURNAL 217-2 or JOURNAL 219 -2.	Offered in fall and spring semesters.
Program Course	JOURNAL 202	Advanced Newswriting	3	PUB REL 001 or JOURNAL 202 is recommended.	Offered in fall and spring semesters.
GE Course	LACCD Area A: Natural Sciences		3	GEOG 001 is recommended. This course has sections that are part of the Honors Program. Check the current catalog for the section number(s). To apply for admission to the Honors Program, please visit the ELAC Counseling Center. For additional information about the Honors Program, please visit the ELAC Honors Program website or contact Dr. Bermudez at bermudn@elac.edu .	This course may have sections that include a low cost (LCT) or no cost textbook (ZTC). Check the current catalog for the section number(s). You can search for classes in the ELAC and LACCD Schedule of Classes under "Class Search Type" as "Zero Textbook Cost" or "Low-Cost Textbook Classes."
GE Course	LACCD GE Area E2: Physical Education		1	Choose a course from Area E2.	

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Program Course	ELECTIVE		3		

Total Units 3

Semester 4	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Advising Notes
Program Course	JOURNAL 217-3	Publication Laboratory III	2		Offered in fall and spring semesters.
Program Course	JOURNAL 218-3	Practical Editing III	3		Offered in fall and spring semesters.
Program Course	JOURNAL 219-3	Tecniques for Staff Editors	1		Offered in fall and spring semesters.
Program Course	ELECTIVE		3	Choose 1 course from: ECON 001, HISTORY 001, 002, 011, 012, PSYCH 001, SOC 001. HISTORY 001, 002, 011, 012, ECON 001, PSYCH 001, SOC 001 has sections that are part of the Honors Program. Check the current catalog for the section number(s). To apply for admission to the Honors Program, please visit the ELAC Counseling Center. For additional information about the Honors Program, please visit the ELAC Honors Program website or contact Dr. Bermudez at bermudn@elac.edu .	HISTORY 011, 012, SCO 001 may have sections that include a low cost (LCT) or no cost textbook (ZTC). Check the current catalog for the section number(s). You can search for classes in the ELAC and LACCD Schedule of Classes under "Class Search Type" as "Zero Textbook Cost" or "Low-Cost Textbook Classes."

Semester 4	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Advising Notes
Program Course	ELECTIVE		3	Choose 1 course from: ECON 001, HISTORY 001, 002, 011, 012, PSYCH 001, SOC 001. HISTORY 001, 002, 011, 012, ECON 001, PSYCH 001, SOC 001 has sections that are part of the Honors Program. Check the current catalog for the section number(s). To apply for admission to the Honors Program, please visit the ELAC Counseling Center. For additional information about the Honors Program, please visit the ELAC Honors Program website or contact Dr. Bermudez at bermudn@elac.edu .	HISTORY 011, 012, SCO 001 may have sections that include a low cost (LCT) or no cost textbook (ZTC). Check the current catalog for the section number(s). You can search for classes in the ELAC and LACCD Schedule of Classes under "Class Search Type" as "Zero Textbook Cost" or "Low-Cost Textbook Classes."

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Degree Path and Requirements:

Students are required to complete a minimum of 60 required semester units, 21 of which are units in the LACCD General Education Plan.

This map is a suggested term-by-term sequence of courses to complete the program in a recommended time frame. This is an efficient and recommended plan, but actual plans may vary by individual student need. This map cannot replace a meeting with [counselors](#).

Department Advising Notes:

JOURNAL 202 and JOURNAL 260 are offered only in spring semester at night. All other journalism and public relations classes are offered day and night in spring and fall semesters only, but not every class is at night every semester. News production classes are To Be Arranged and will fit around a student's schedule. All classes are on the Monterey Park campus.

Program Description

This program is designed for the student intending to work in reporting, writing, and/or editing on a daily or weekly newspaper, Internet news outlet, magazine, television, radio, news media, public relations or free-lance writing, or social media.

Career and Transfer Opportunities

Preparation in Journalism style of writing prepares students for careers in public relations, the law, in addition to journalism careers such as newspapers, magazines, websites or for TV or radio stations or social media. [Career Coach link](#).

Visit the [Transfer Center](#) for transfer information, which varies based on transfer college. Make an appointment with a [counselor](#). Students can visit [Career and Job Services](#) for career counseling and further exploration.

Youtube Videos

[Think Like A Journalist | Kelsey Samuels | TEDxPlano](#)

Program Map

A suggested sequence of classes to complete a degree, certificate, or program of study. Students should consult an academic counselor for variations to this plan based on part-time or full-time status, transfer plans, pre-requisites needed, etc.

Prerequisite Course

A specific course that must be completed before advancing to the next course.

Check the online catalog at elac.edu for the latest and most accurate information.

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