

Communications - Mass Communications Option

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

	Credit Hours
GENERAL EDUCATION	37
ENGLISH COMPOSITION	
ENGL 1113 English Composition I.....	3
ENGL 1213 English Composition II	3
HISTORY AND GOVERNMENT	
HIST 1483 American History to 1877 (or)	
HIST 1493 Am. History Since 1877	3
POLI 1113 American Government	3
HUMANITIES	
Electives	6
One 3-hour course to be chosen from those listed with International Dimension and 3 hours of humanities electives.	
MATHEMATICS	
MATH 1493 Math Applications (or)	
MATH 1513 College Algebra	3
SCIENCE	
One Biological Science with Lab	4
One Physical Science with Lab	4
COMPUTER SCIENCE	
CS 1113 Computer Concepts (or)	
BSAD 1113 Digital/Financial Literacy....	3
ORIENTATION	
ORNT 1101 Freshman Orientation	1
GENERAL EDUCATION ELECTIVES.....	4
Select courses from: Language Arts, Natural Sciences, Foreign Languages, Fine Arts, Humanities, Mathematics, Behavioral or Social Sciences	

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.....	20
JOUR 1013 Intro to Mass Communication ..	3
JOUR 1113 Writing for Mass Media.....	3
JOUR 1133 Beginning Photography	3
JOUR 1123 News Reporting and Writing ...	3
JOUR 2013 Principles of Advertising	3
JOUR 2240 Publications Practicum	2
SPCH 1653 Radio Broadcasting.....	3
Substitutions may be made with prior approval.	

RECOMMENDED PROGRAM ELECTIVES... ..	3
JOUR 2023 Photojournalism	3
JOUR 2223 Broadcast Journalism	3
SPCH 2123 Television Production	3
SPCH 1713 Intro to Oral Communication ...	3
SPCH 2010 Speech Activity Participation ...	2

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS.....	60
PHYS EDUCATION ACTIVITY COURSES	2

(Students who take HPET 1113 Nutrition, HPET 1223 Health Education and Wellness, HPET 2212 First Aid, or NUTR 2123 Intro to Human Nutrition as a gen ed elective, may have the 2-hour activity requirement waived.)

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS.....	62
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SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE

	Credit Hours
FIRST SEMESTER	16
ENGL 1113 English Composition I	3
CS 1113 Computer Concepts (or)	
BSAD 1113 Digital/Financial Literacy....	3
ORNT 1101 Freshman Orientation	1
MATH 1493 Math Applications (or)	
MATH 1513 College Algebra	3
JOUR 1013 Intro to Mass Communications .	3
JOUR 1113 Writing for Mass Media	3
SECOND SEMESTER	15
ENGL 1213 English Composition II	3
HIST 1483 American History to 1877 (or)	
HIST 1493 American History Since 1877 .	3
JOUR 2013 Principles of Advertising	3
JOUR 1123 News Reporting and Writing	3
JOUR 1133 Photography	3
THIRD SEMESTER	15
POLI 1113 American Government	3
Science Elective (Biological or Physical)	4
Humanities Elective	3
SPCH 1653 Radio Broadcasting.....	3
JOUR 2240 Publications Practicum	2
FOURTH SEMESTER.....	16
General Education Electives	4
Humanities Elective	3
Science Elective (Biological or Physical).....	4
Recommended Program Electives	3
HPEA Activity Electives	2

This is a suggested sequence timeline only. A student may require more than four semesters to complete an Associate in Arts degree.

The Associate in Arts degree in Mass Communications prepares students to transfer to four-year colleges to pursue the Bachelor's degree.

The degree is designed to give valuable knowledge and experience in the various fields of the modern media, from radio and television broadcasting to journalism and advertising, offering several real-life opportunities for students to hone their skills.

Students have the opportunity to work on the school newspaper, school radio station, or local television studios.

Career Opportunities

Editor
Information Specialist
Media/Public Relations
News Reporter/Writer
On-Air Broadcast Talent
Photographer
Photojournalist
Sports Reporter
Teacher
Technical Writer

NOC evaluates students for placement into either foundational or college-level courses, whichever will lead to the greatest possibility of student success. Academic placement is determined either by ACT test scores or by COMPASS test scores. These tests are administered in the Testing Center at NOC. Based upon the scores, some or all of the following six (6) courses may need to be taken:

- MATH 0003 Pre-Algebra
- MATH 0023 Concepts of Algebra
- MATH 0123 Intermediate Algebra
- ENGL 0123 Basic Composition
- READ 0123 Critical Content Reading and Scientific Reasoning