

MASS COMMUNICATION MAJORS (Suggested Associate in Arts Degree Curriculum)

This worksheet is designed to help students select courses which are likely to apply to a major in **MASS COMMUNICATION**. These suggested courses satisfy requirements in the Associate in Arts degree program at Prairie State College and provide the basis for transferring to a four-year institution. This program meets the guidelines of the **IAI (Illinois Articulation Initiative) Baccalaureate Major Panel for Mass Communication**. Students should obtain a copy of the **Association in Arts Degree Worksheet** and visit the IAI website at www.iTransfer.org for more information.

Bachelor's degree programs in Mass Communication encompass four major program areas: 1) **Advertising/Public Relations**, 2) **Radio/TV/Film**, 3) **Journalism/News Editorial/Photojournalism and Multi-Media**. For each specialty, nine credit hours in the major may be taken at a community college, if offered, in addition to the General Education Core Curriculum. **Students must be computer literate**. Remaining credits needed for the associate degree should be chosen with the assistance of an academic advisor. Some schools have specific requirements for admission to the major such as a minimum GPA, portfolio review, audition, or other forms of assessment. Check with the university you plan to attend for further information.

SUGGESTED CURRICULUM

Each senior institution has its own transfer policies. Therefore, we cannot guarantee the accuracy of this information in regard to every individual school. Consult the school of your choice and/or the PSC Advising Center to discuss the transferability of courses.

TRANSFERABLE GENERAL EDUCATION CORE (37-38 credits)

Area A: Communications (9 credits)

ENG 101 (3)	[C1 900]*	Composition I (Prereq. ENG 099 , C or better, or qualifying score on English Placement Test)
ENG 102 (3)	[C1 901R]*	Composition II (Prereq. ENG 101, C or better)
COMM 101(3)	[C2 900]	Principles of Communication (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)

**Must have a C or better in ENG 101 & 102 to receive credit for the degree.*

Area B: Humanities and Fine Arts (9 credits)

Select three courses with at least one course selected from the humanities area and one course from the fine arts area. Refer to the Associate in Arts Degree Worksheet, Area B, for a listing of approved course choices.

Humanities Course (3)	Select any Area B Humanities Course (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)
Fine Arts Course (3)	Select any Area B Fine Arts Course (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)
Humanities/Fine Arts Course (3)	Select any Area B Course (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)

Area C: Mathematics (3 credits)

MATH 112 (3)	[M1 904]	General Education Mathematics (Prereq. MATH 095 & 096 with C or better OR MATH 095 and high school geometry, both with C or better OR qualifying score on Math Placement Test)
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MATH 115 (3)	[M1 902]	General Education Statistics (Prereq. MATH 095 & 096 with C or better OR MATH 095 and high school geometry, both with C or better OR qualifying score on Math Placement Test)
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Area D: Physical and Life Sciences (7-8 credits)

Select one life science course and one physical science course. One course must have a lab component. Refer to the Associate in Arts Degree Worksheet, Area D, for a listing of approved course choices.

Life Science Course (3-4)	Select any Area D Life Science Course (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)
Physical Science Course (3-4)	Select any Area D Physical Science Course (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)

Area E: Social and Behavioral Sciences (9 credits)

Select three courses in at least two different disciplines. Refer to the Associate in Arts Degree Worksheet , Area E, for a listing of approved course choices.

Social/Behavioral Sci Course (3)	Select any Area E Social/Behav Sci Course (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)
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MASS COMMUNICATION MAJOR COURSE RECOMMENDATIONS (24-25 credits)

(Check with the school to which you plan to transfer to verify transferability of these courses for this major)

Select 24-25 credits from the “suggested” course recommendations listed below:

Suggested IAI Mass Communication Core courses:

COMM 111 (3) [MC 911] Introduction to Mass Communication (*Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above*)

Other suggested mass communication related courses often include (choose 2 courses from below):

COMM 102 (3) Advanced Public Speaking (*Prereq. COMM 101*)
COMM 103 (3) Group Discussion
COMM 115 (3) [MC 914] Introduction to Broadcasting
GC 175 (3) Animation Techniques (*Prereq. ART 115 or GC 115*)
ITWEB 103 (3) Introduction to Website Development
ITWEB 105 (3) Multimedia Writing
JRNLM 101 (3) [MC 919] Introduction to Journalism (*Prereq. ENG 101 with C or better*)
Any additional English courses

Other suggested courses which satisfy the PSC AA degree requirements may include electives such as:

ITAPP 101 (3) Introduction to Computers (*recommended for students who are not very computer literate*)
Any additional general education courses selected from Areas B, C, D, or E
Any entry level majors course in a transferable major area
Any foreign language courses*
Up to four credits of physical education courses
Additional courses recommended as transferable by the school to which you plan to transfer.

**Foreign Language Requirement: Some universities have a foreign language requirement. Generally, four years of a single foreign language in high school, or four semesters in college, will fulfill this requirement. It is recommended that students complete the entire sequence at one institution.*

62 CREDITS REQUIRED FOR AN ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE

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FOR TRANSFER INFORMATION:

u.select, formerly known as Course Applicability System (CAS): www.transfer.org

Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI): www.iTransfer.org

Links to Articulation Tables for Illinois Colleges: <http://www.itransfer.org/IAI/Other/Articulationlinks.taf>

Visit the web sites of colleges and universities to which you plan to transfer.

Financial aid information: www.fafsa.ed.gov and www.studentaid.ed.gov/guide

FOR CAREER INFORMATION:

Occupational Outlook Handbook, U.S. Department of Labor: <http://www.bls.gov/oco/home.htm>

Broadcast Education Association: <http://www.beaweb.org>

National Association of Broadcasters: <http://www.nab.org>

Radio-Television News Directors Association: <http://www.rtnda.org>