

# JOURNALISM

## Curriculum Guide for Academic Year 2021-2022

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Students planning to **transfer** to a four-year college or university should refer to the ASSIST web site at [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org) and **consult a counselor** before beginning a program of study. Please call 562-938-4561 for the LAC, or 562-938-3920 for PCC to schedule a meeting with a counselor. Students may also wish to visit the Transfer Center on either campus.

### Program of study leading to: Associate in Arts (A.A.) Degree

#### **Newspaper/Magazine**

##### REQUIRED COURSES

		UNITS	In Progress	Completed Grade
JOURN 1A OR	Digital Design and Publication OR	3 OR		
JOURN 6	Magazine Writing	3		
JOURN 10	Intro. to Global Media Communications	3		
† JOURN 20	Beginning Newswriting & Reporting	4		
JOURN 25	Free-Lance Writing	3		
JOURN 35 OR	Photojournalism OR	3 OR		
JOURN 36	Digital Photojournalism	3		
<b>Subtotal Units</b>		<b>16</b>		

##### IN ADDITION, complete TWO (2) COURSES from the following:

JOURN 40	Social Media in Journalism	3		
JOURN 81	Multimedia Newsroom: Features	4		
JOURN 82	Multimedia Newsroom: Profiles	4		
JOURN 83	Multimedia Newsroom: Politics	4		
<b>Subtotal Units</b>		<b>7-8</b>		
<b>TOTAL UNITS</b>		<b>23-24</b>		

#### **Public Relations Emphasis**

##### REQUIRED COURSES

		UNITS	In Progress	Completed Grade
JOURN 1A	Digital Design and Publication	3		
JOURN 5	Introduction to Public Relations	4		
JOURN 10	Intro. to Global Media Communications	3		
† JOURN 20	Beginning Newswriting & Reporting	4		
JOURN 36	Digital Photojournalism	3		
<b>Subtotal Units</b>		<b>17</b>		

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**IN ADDITION, complete TWO (2) COURSES from the following:**

JOURN 81	Multimedia Newsroom: Features	4		
JOURN 82	Multimedia Newsroom: Profiles	4		
JOURN 83	Multimedia Newsroom: Politics	4		
<b>Subtotal Units</b>		<b>8</b>		
<b>TOTAL UNITS</b>		<b>25</b>		

**Publication Specialist Emphasis**

**REQUIRED COURSES**

		UNITS	In Progress	Completed Grade
JOURN 1A	Digital Design and Publication	3		
JOURN 6	Magazine Writing	3		
† JOURN 20	Beginning Newswriting & Reporting	4		
JOURN 25	Free-Lance Writing	3		
JOURN 35 OR	Photojournalism OR	3 OR		
JOURN 36	Digital Photojournalism	3		
<b>Subtotal Units</b>		<b>16</b>		

**IN ADDITION, complete TWO (2) COURSES from the following:**

JOURN 40	Social Media in Journalism	3		
JOURN 81	Multimedia Newsroom: Features	4		
JOURN 82	Multimedia Newsroom: Profiles	4		
JOURN 83	Multimedia Newsroom: Politics	4		
<b>Subtotal Units</b>		<b>7-8</b>		
<b>TOTAL UNITS</b>		<b>23-24</b>		

For graduation with an **Associate in Arts (A.A.) Degree with a major in Journalism:**

- Minimum Unit Requirements:** §Any course that appears on a curriculum guide and the General Education Pattern (Plan A) may fulfill both major and general education requirements (Approved by College Curriculum Committee Spring 2012). For this degree, complete a minimum of 60 units in courses numbered 1-599. Please note that additional elective units may be required to meet this minimum based upon courses selected to fulfill General Education for the Associate Degree.

<b>Journalism Major: Newspaper/Magazine Emphasis:</b>	23-24 units
<b>General Education/A.A. §</b>	25 units
<b>Journalism Major: Public Relations Emphasis:</b>	25 units
<b>General Education/A.A. §</b>	25 units
<b>Journalism Major: Publication Specialist Emphasis:</b>	23-24 units
<b>General Education/A.A. §</b>	25 units

- Scholarship:** Maintain an **overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.0** ("C" average) based on all accredited college work applied to the degree, no matter where completed. For this **field of concentration, complete each course above with a grade of "C" or better**, or "P" if course is graded on a P/NP basis.
- Residence for the Degree:** Complete at least 12 semester units of the required 60 semester units in residence at Long Beach City College in order for the college to grant an Associate of Arts and/or an Associate of Science Degree.
- Residence for the Field of Concentration:** Complete fifty percent (50%) or more of the unit requirements for this field of concentration in residence; this means:
  - For the **Newspaper/Magazine Emphasis**, complete at **least 11.5-12 units** of the required 23-24 at **Long Beach City College**.
  - For the **Public Relations Emphasis**, complete at **least 12.5 units** of the required 25 at **Long Beach City College**.
  - For the **Public Specialist Emphasis**, complete at **least 11.5-12 units** of the required 24 at **Long Beach City College**.
 Credit earned by exam, where applicable, may be included.

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5. **General Education and Proficiency Requirements:** Complete the required A.A./A.S. General Education and Proficiency requirements\*, otherwise known as "Plan A". For Plan A requirements, refer to the general catalog or view it online at <http://osca.lbcc.edu> .
6. Complete and submit the degree application form to the Admissions and Records office during your final semester of course work. These forms are available in the Admissions and Records office, or online at <http://admissions.lbcc.edu/> . Refer to the Schedule of Classes (<http://schedule.lbcc.edu>) and click the "Important Dates" link to view the actual deadline for each semester.

\*The requirements for general education/proficiency and the field of concentration (major) need to be from the same catalog year. This catalog year may be any year between the year of initial enrollment to the present, provided continuous enrollment is maintained throughout. See the catalog for definition of "continuous enrollment".

Program of study leading to:  
**Certificate of Achievement in Photojournalism**

<b><u>REQUIRED COURSES</u></b>		<b>UNITS</b>	<b>In Progress</b>	<b>Completed Grade</b>
† ENGL 1 <b>OR</b>	Reading & Composition <b>OR</b>	4 <b>OR</b>		
† ENGL 1H <b>OR</b>	Honors Reading & Composition <b>OR</b>	4 <b>OR</b>		
† ENGL 105	Fundamentals of Writing	4		
PHOT 31	Basic Photo – Black and White	4		
PHOT 32	Introduction to Digital Photography	4		
† PHOT 35	Photography for Publication	3		
<b>Subtotal Units</b>		<b>15</b>		
<b><u>IN ADDITION, complete TWO (2) COURSES from the following:</u></b>				
JOURN 81	Multimedia Newsroom: Features	4		
JOURN 82	Multimedia Newsroom: Profiles	4		
JOURN 83	Multimedia Newsroom: Politics	4		
<b>Subtotal Units</b>		<b>8</b>		
<b><u>Complete NINE - ELEVEN (9-11) units from the following:</u></b>				
JOURN 6	Magazine Writing	3		
JOURN 40	Social Media in Journalism	3		
JOURN 81	Multimedia Newsroom: Features	4		
JOURN 82	Multimedia Newsroom: Profiles	4		
JOURN 83	Multimedia Newsroom: Politics	4		
JOURN 86	Multimedia Editors: Design	4		
JOURN 87	Multimedia Editors: Visuals	4		
JOURN 88	Multimedia Editor Training: Management	4		
† PHOT 39	Photography for Publication	3		
<b>Subtotal Units</b>		<b>9-11</b>		
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>32-34</b>		

For graduation with a **Photojournalism Certificate of Achievement:**

1. Complete each of the **REQUIRED COURSES** listed above with a **minimum grade of "C"**, or better, or "P" if course is graded on a P/NP basis and a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0.
2. Complete fifty percent (50%) or more of the unit requirements for this field of concentration in residence; this means at **least 16-17 units** of the required 32-34 units must be **completed at Long Beach City College**. Credit earned by exam, where applicable, may be included.
3. Complete and submit the certificate application form to the Admissions and Records office during your final semester of course work. These forms are available in the Admissions and Records office, or online at <http://admissions.lbcc.edu/> . Refer to the Schedule of Classes (<http://schedule.lbcc.edu>) and click the "Important Dates" link to view the actual deadline for each semester.

## **Suggested Sequence of Classes**

This is not an educational plan, as course offerings, student schedules, and circumstances vary. Students must meet all the prerequisites in order to be eligible for the sequence of courses. A suggested full-time sample sequence of courses for the required **60** units to reach an **Associate Degree** includes:

### **First Semester**

JOURN 10  
JOURN 20 or 1A

### **Second Semester**

JOURN 20 or 1A  
JOURN 36

### **Third Semester**

JOURN 25  
JOURN 80, 81, 82 or 83  
JOURN 6  
JOURN 40

### **Fourth Semester**

JOURN 80, 81, 82, 83  
JOURN 86, 87, 88  
JOURN 71, 72, or 73

A suggested sample sequence of courses for the **Certificate of Achievement** includes:

### **First Semester**

JOURN 10  
JOURN 20

### **Second Semester**

JOURN 25  
JOURN 35

### **Third Semester**

JOURN 80, 81, 82, or 83  
JOURN 85, 86, 87, or 88  
JOURN 71, 72, or 73  
JOURN 40

## Career Opportunities

This field of concentration, with an emphasis in Newspapers/Magazines or social media, provides a basic program for students interested in careers requiring journalistic training, such as newspaper or internet reporting, magazine or free-lance writing.

The emphasis in **Public Relations** provides a basic program for students interested in careers in any aspect of public relations and in writing and editing in-house or websites or social-media platforms.

The **Publication Specialist** emphasis provides a basic program for students interested in learning to produce a variety of publications including newsletters, brochures, websites, proposals, social-media platforms and house magazines.

The **Certificate of Achievement** provides access to entry-level employment in a variety of journalism related fields. These include newspapers, magazines, web sites, newsletters, social-media platforms and press relation offices.

The **Photojournalism Certificate of Achievement** provides students with the ability to learn the entry-level skills necessary to embark upon a career in the news online and documentary photography field. It includes emphasis in practical applications leading to career advancement.

## Program Mission and Outcomes

The journalism program prepares students with a body of knowledge and a system of inquiry, scholarship and training for careers in which they are accountable to the public interest for their knowledge, ethics, competence and service; to members of society, clients or consumers for their competencies and the quality of their work; and to employers for their performance.

### **Program Student Learning Outcomes:**

- Demonstrate the Ability to attain the Institutional Student Learning Outcomes (ISLOs).
- Gather and prepare material accurately and fairly while meeting deadlines.
- Apply teamwork skills to publish a newspaper, magazine, or website.

## Legend

† This course has a prerequisite. Prerequisite courses must be complete with at least a “C” or “P” grade. Refer to the General Catalog (<http://www.lbcc.edu/cat/index.html>), the Schedule of Classes (<http://schedule.lbcc.edu/>), or the online Credit Course Outline (<http://wdb-asir.lbcc.edu/coursecurriculum/courseetails/>) for specific prerequisite information.

