

*Journalism: Associate in Arts for Transfer  
CSU*

Journalism is a unique form of communication because it uses storytelling to present the news and its journalists who are the storytellers and historians that help people make sense of the events happening in the world around them. The journalism program at MSJC has many opportunities for engagement, learning, and storytelling.

**Please see a Pathways Counselor:** Transfer degrees require a minimum of 60 semester CSU transferable units or UC semester transferable units with a minimum 2.0 GPA overall. [Contact a Counselor](#) to create an education plan customized to meet your needs.

**Transfer Majors/Award Focus**

- Journalism A.A.-T CSU
- Journalism A.A.-T UC


**GE Pattern/Units**

- GE Pattern: Option B
- Total Units: 61

**Program maps** indicate the major coursework and recommended general education courses to fulfill your degree in 2 years (approximately 15 units/ semester or 30 units/year). If you are a part-time student, start Semester 1 courses and follow the course sequence. Some of the courses listed may be substituted by another course. Please view these options in the official course [catalog](#).


**Semester 1**

**16 Units**

|  | COURSE               | TITLE  | UNIT |
|---|----------------------|--|------|
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | ENGL-101             | College Composition (formerly Freshman Composition)              | 4    |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | HIST-111 or HIST-112 | U.S. History to 1877 or U.S. History Since 1865                  | 3    |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | COMM-110             | Communications Media Survey                                      | 3    |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | MATH-140 or PSYC-121 | Introduction to Statistics or Statistics for Behavioral Sciences | 3    |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | SOCI-101             | Principles of Sociology  | 3    |

**Semester 2**

**16 Units**

|  | COURSE                          | TITLE   | UNIT |
|---|---------------------------------|---|------|
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | COMM-104                        | Argumentation and Debate  | 3    |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | COMM-100                        | Public Speaking   | 3    |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | COMM-119                        | Public Relations  | 3    |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | PS-101                          | Introduction to American Government and Politics                        | 3    |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | SPAN-101 or FREN-101 or ASL-100 | Elementary Spanish I or Elementary French I or American Sign Language I | 4    |

**Career Options**

- Program Directors (SM, A, B)
- Broadcast News Analysts (SM, B)
- Reporters and Correspondents (B, M)
- Find more careers: [msjc.emsicc.com](https://msjc.emsicc.com)


Required Education: SM: some college; C: Certificate; A: Associate, B: Bachelor's

## Financial Aid

Financial aid is determined by the number of credit hours you take in a semester. Maximize your financial aid by taking 12-15 units per semester.


### Semester 3

14 Units

|  | COURSE                                | TITLE  | UNIT |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|------|
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | ART-100                               | Art Appreciation   | 3    |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | JOUR-110                              | Introduction to Reporting and Newswriting  | 3    |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | ANTH-101                              | Biological Anthropology  | 3    |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | ANTH-111                              | Biological Anthropology Lab  | 1    |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | SPAN-102 or<br>FREN-102 or<br>ASL-101 | Elementary Spanish II or<br>Elementary French II or<br>American Sign Language II | 4    |

### Semester 4

15 Units

|  | COURSE   | TITLE  | UNIT |
|---|--|--|------|
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | COMM-103   | Interpersonal Communication  | 3    |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | PS-103/ETHS-103 or<br>HIST-160/ETHS-160<br>or<br>LIT-275/ETHS-275 or<br>LIT-280/ETHS-280 | Ethnic Politics in America or<br>Black History in the American Context<br>or<br>Latinx/Chicanx Literature or<br>Multiethnic Literature | 3    |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | ENVS-101   | Environmental Science  | 3    |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | COMM-120   | Survey of Communication Studies  | 3    |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | JOUR-130   | Journalism Practicum   | 3    |

### Notes:

**Language Requirement:** Some CSU's require the equivalency of an intermediate language proficiency for graduation. Please see a counselor for more detail regarding specific CSU major and graduation requirements.

### Work Experience

Sign up for a special project or internship opportunity. Gain [work experience](#) and earn credits.

## The Talon

While you are earning your journalism degree you can participate in our very own student newspaper, The Talon. The Talon is an internship style group that will help you apply your Journalism skills in writing, graphic design, and photography.

The Talon is a platform for Mt. San Jacinto College students and the community to promote a diverse student voice, involvement from the college, and creative collaborations to:

Visit our [Mt. San Jacinto College website](#).

