

Mass Communication Transfer Guide McHenry County College

This transfer program for the prospective Mass Communication major is recommended by the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) and can be incorporated into MCC's Associate in Arts (A.A.) or Associate in Science (A.S.) degree. It is designed to help students who have decided on the major but who are **undecided about a baccalaureate transfer school. If you know where you will transfer, do not use this guide. Instead, use course information specific to the major at that school.** The decision to accept courses is always up to the transfer school, and responsibility for complying with requirements ultimately rests with the student.

Generally, bachelor's degree programs in Mass Communication encompass 4 major program areas: Advertising/Public Relations, Radio/TV/Film, Journalism/News Editorial/Photojournalism, and Multimedia. Schools have specific requirements for admission to the major (e.g., portfolio review, minimum grade point average, and/or other forms of assessment).

The following are course suggestions to follow while you are deciding on a specific transfer institution. **(Please remember that all of these courses may not be required at the transfer school you choose.)**

PLEASE SEE AN ADVISOR FOR GUIDANCE IN SELECTING A TRANSFER SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATE COURSEWORK.

<u>General Education Core Curriculum</u>	
<p>Communications: 3 courses (9 semester credits) ENG151 (3 cr.) – Composition I ENG152 (3 cr.) – Composition II SPE151 (3 cr.) – Introduction to Speech</p> <p>Mathematics: 1 or 2 courses (3 to 6 semester credits) (The A.A. degree requires 3 credits and the A.S. degree requires 6 credits.) Select from IAI Mathematics courses*.</p>	<p>Physical and Life Sciences: 2 courses (8 semester credits) Select 1 course from the IAI Physical Sciences Select 1 course from the IAI Life Sciences</p> <p>Social and Behavioral Sciences: 3 courses (9 semester credits) Select 3 courses from IAI Social and Behavioral Science* (must be from at least 2 different disciplines)</p> <p>Humanities and Fine Arts: 3 courses (9 semester credits) Select 1 course from IAI Humanities*. Select 1 course from IAI Fine Arts*. Select 1 course from either IAI Humanities or IAI Fine Arts*.</p>
<p>*For complete listings of approved courses, see MCC's catalog or the A.A. and A.S. degree planning sheets.</p>	

<u>Mass Communication Core Courses</u>			
<p>The following courses are suggested Mass Communication core courses for the student who is undecided about the transfer school. Please keep in mind that all of these courses may not substitute for major coursework required at the transfer school. <i>If coursework is accepted, the transfer school may require a grade of "C" or better.</i></p>			
Radio/TV/Film	Advertising/Public Relations Select 3-6 sem. credits	Journalism/News Editorial/ Photojournalism	Multimedia
JRN152 Intro. to Mass Comm.	JRN152 Intro. to Mass Comm.	JRN152 Intro. to Mass Comm.	JRN152 Intro. to Mass Comm.
JRN165 Intro.to Broadcasting	JRN155 Newswriting	JRN155 Newswriting	
JRN180 Intro. to Film	JRN165 Intro.to Broadcasting		

Don't Forget!

- **Do not take too long to decide on your transfer school. There is no guarantee that all of the courses listed on this guide will be required at your transfer school. Also, there may be other MCC courses that your transfer school will accept or require.**
- **Foreign language is a graduation requirement for the English major at many schools.**
 MCC's A.A. degree foreign language requirement: Completion of the same foreign language through the 4th semester college-level class.
- **The completion of the coursework on this guide does not satisfy a degree at MCC.**

The Illinois Articulation Initiative website was used to create this guide. Transfer guides are produced as a service to MCC students. Every effort is made to maintain up-to-date and accurate information; however, this information is subject to change. Students should check with an MCC advisor and with the IAI website (www.itransfer.org.) for the most current course recommendations.