



ARTS,  
HUMANITIES,  
COMMUNICATION  
& DESIGN  
RLC

**Associate of Arts Field of Study  
Mass Communications – Journalism to  
Bachelor of Science in Communication Studies -  
Sports Communication Concentration<sup>T</sup>  
Guided Pathway  
Effective for the 2019-2020 catalog<sup>1</sup>**



**First Year – Richland College<sup>2</sup>**

| <b>FIRST SEMESTER</b>   | <b>SECOND SEMESTER</b>                               |
|---|--|
| <b>C ENGL 1301</b> – Composition I (010)                                  | <b>C ENGL 1302</b> – Composition II (010)            |
| <b>C HIST 1301</b> – United States History I (060)                        | <b>C HIST 1302</b> – United States History II* (060) |
| <b>COMM 1307</b> – Introduction to Mass Communication                     | <b>COMM 1316</b> – News Photography I                |
| <b>C PHED 1164</b> – Introduction to Physical Fitness and Wellness (090)  | <b>COMM 2311</b> – Media Writing                     |
| <b>C SPCH 1311</b> – Introduction to Speech Communication (090) <b>OR</b> | <b>C MATH X3XX</b> Core Elective* (020)              |
| <b>C SPCH 1315</b> – Public Speaking (090) <b>OR</b>                      |  |
| <b>C SPCH 1321</b> – Business and Professional Communication (090)        |  |
| <b>Total Semester Hours: 13</b>   | <b>Total Semester Hours: 15</b>                      |

**Second Year – Richland College**

It's best to apply to Tarleton State University a full semester before you plan to transfer.

| <b>FIRST SEMESTER</b>   | <b>SECOND SEMESTER</b>  |
|---|---|
| <b>C Core Life and Physical Science 4 Credit Elective+*</b> (030) | <b>C Core Life and Physical Science 4 Credit Elective+*</b> (030)         |
| <b>C GOVT 2305</b> – Federal Government (070)                     | <b>C GOVT 2306</b> – Texas Government (070)                               |
| <b>C X3XX</b> Creative Arts Core Elective* (050)                  | <b>C X3XX</b> Humanities, Literature, and Philosophy Core Elective* (040) |
| <b>Required Communications Course++</b>                           | <b>COMM 2302</b> – Principles of Journalism                               |
| <b>COMM 2315</b> – News Reporting                                 | <b>Communications Elective+</b>   |
| <b>Total Semester Hours: 16</b>                                   | <b>Total Semester Hours: 16</b>   |

**Associate of Arts Field of Study in Mass Communications – Journalism (60 hours)**

You will need to apply for the associate's degree at your community college. Contact your advisor there for more information.

**These courses may be completed at DCCCD or TSU**

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| Elective Course | Elective Course |
| Elective Course | Elective Course |

Total Semester Hours: 12

**Third Year – Tarleton State University**

| <b>FIRST SEMESTER</b>                                    | <b>SECOND SEMESTER</b>                           |
|--|--|
| <b>ENGL 3309</b> – Technical Writing and Document Design | <b>ENGL 3310</b> – Technical Writing and Editing |
| <b>COMM 3311</b> – Writing for Publication               | <b>COMM 3310</b> – Communication Law             |
| <b>COMM 2333</b> – Broadcast Journalism                  | <b>COMM 3318</b> – News and Magazine Editing     |
| <b>C PHIL 3301</b> – Ethics in the Professions (080)     | Advanced Elective Course                         |
| <b>Total Semester Hours: 12</b>                          | <b>Total Semester Hours: 12</b>                  |

**Fourth Year – Tarleton State University**

| <b>FIRST SEMESTER</b>                                | <b>SECOND SEMESTER</b>   |
|--|--|
| <b>COMM 4312</b> – Rhetorical & Communication Theory | <b>COMM 4309</b> – Advanced Reporting                          |
| <b>ENGL 3312</b> – Graphics and Technical Writing    | <b>ENGL 4312</b> – Technical Writing and Computer Applications |
| <b>COMM 3308</b> – Digital Video Production          | <b>ENGL 4320</b> – Writing for Electronic Mediums              |
| Advanced Elective Course                             | Advanced Elective Course                                       |
| <b>Total Semester Hours: 12</b>                      | <b>Total Semester Hours: 12</b>                                |

Total Degrees Hours: 120

**This is not an official degree plan. Check with an advisor; degree plans may change in later catalogs.**

Part-time students may also follow this sequence. Developmental coursework may be required.

<sup>1</sup> You may use this pathway if you entered one of the seven colleges on or before this date.

<sup>2</sup> Students must earn at least 25% of the credit hours (15 hours) required for graduation through instruction by Richland College.

**C** This course counts for the Core Curriculum at any public college or university in Texas.

\* There are several options to fulfill this requirement. See your academic advisor for a specific list.

+ Select ONE of the following: COMM 1336, 1337, 2300, 2303, 2324, 2328, 2329, 2331, 2389

++ Select ONE of the following: COMM 1317, 1318, 1319, 1335, 2305, 2327, 2330, 2332 or 2339

You must earn a grade of "C" or better in English 1301 and the selected college-level mathematics course and receive a GPA of at least 2.00 on all college-level course work.

() Course numbers shown in parentheses are equivalent to these courses at Tarleton State University.

<sup>T</sup> Degree availability varies by campus; consult [www.tarleton.edu](http://www.tarleton.edu) for more information.

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