PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:
The Journalism certificate is designed to provide students an opportunity to sample the cross-curricular course offerings at the college in preparation for a career in the mass media. The program is well suited for 2-year students planning to enter the fields of writing, photography, and design for publication. Course offerings include Journalism practice and theory, English, Photography, computer skills and Communication Studies.

HOW DO I KNOW THIS MAJOR IS FOR ME?
- You enjoy investigating
- You enjoy analyzing and interpreting news and information
- You like to write
- You enjoy reviewing and correcting errors in content, grammar, and punctuation
- You like to follow instructions and formatting guidelines
- You enjoy gathering information about events through research, interviews, experiences
- You like to attend political, news, sports, artistic, social, or other functions
- You enjoy establishing and maintaining relationships with individuals who are credible sources of information

WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS CERTIFICATE?
- Social Media Assistant
- Information Clerk
- Blogger
- Freelance Writer
- Photojournalist
- Receptionist
- Public Address Announcer
- Media Worker
- Recreation Leader

WHERE CAN I WORK?
This pathway provides you with a choice of various work environments including:
- Newspapers
- Radio/Television Broadcasting
- Film and Video Industries
- Social Media
- Book Publishers
- Online News
- Fashion and Sports Agencies
- Schools and Colleges
- Movie Sets
- Publication Offices
- Local Government
- Small Businesses
- County Offices
- Entertainment Companies

WHAT IS THE POTENTIAL WAGE OUTLOOK?
The certificate may lead to a position as an Information Clerk, which according to O*NetOnline the median wage in California was $43,310 annually. The job and wage outlook will vary based on the position selected within this major. To review current salary information and job outlook for other occupational titles, visit [www.onetonline.org](http://www.onetonline.org).

WHAT CAN I DO IN THE FUTURE WITH MORE EDUCATION?
The positions below require at least a bachelor’s degree in Journalism. According to O*NetOnline, the median salary in 2016 for a Broadcast News Analyst in California was $53,970 annually. You can complete the Associate Degree for Transfer in Journalism to follow this pathway.
- Broadcast News Analysts
- Editors
- Reporters
- Correspondents
- Writers
- Anchor
- Content Director
- News Director
- Radio News Anchor
- Radio Talk Show Host

For additional information about career pathways and to find out if this major is a good fit for you visit the Career Center located in MACC 203. Career information was collected from [www.onetonline.org](http://www.onetonline.org) and [www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov).
MAJOR AND COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

LEGEND: G=Grade  IP=In Progress  N=Need  Bold: Prerequisites  Plain Text: No Prerequisites

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All courses required for a certificate must be completed with a minimum grade of C.

Student Name: ________________________________  ID#: ________________________________  Date: ________________________________  Counselor: ________________________________

COUNSELOR NOTES:

$46 per unit for CA Residents