

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT GUIDE

Washtenaw Community College – **AA in Journalism**
 Eastern Michigan University – **BS in Journalism**

Washtenaw Community College Courses:

Eastern Michigan University Courses:

Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA) Requirements (30 credits)

Students with the MTA endorsement on their community college transcript have satisfied EMU's General Education Core Requirements and will be required to complete only the General Education Application Requirements of one Perspectives on a Diverse World course, one Learning Beyond the Classroom experience, and a Writing Intensive course in the major. Courses listed below for the MTA also satisfy program requirements at EMU and/or WCC. For WCC approved MTA courses go to the community college's website. Students without an MTA or MACRAO endorsement must complete EMU's general education program.

1. A course in English Composition

ENG 111 Composition I 4 WRTG 121 Composition II (3)+1 4

2. A course in English Composition or Communication

COM 101 or ENG 226 3 COMM 124 or WRTG 225 3

3. A course in Mathematics

Choose one from the approved MTA list 4 General Transfer Credit 4

4. Two courses in Natural Sciences from different disciplines (one lab required)

Choose two from the approved MTA list 7-8 General Transfer Credit 7-8

5. Two courses in Humanities and Fine Arts from different disciplines

Choose two from the approved MTA list 6 General Transfer Credit 6

6. Two courses in Social Sciences from different disciplines

Choose two from the approved MTA list 6 General Transfer Credit 6

EMU's Perspectives on a Diverse World Requirement: Transfer students are required to complete one course that meets the diversity requirement. The course may also fulfill an MTA requirement at WCC. The following courses can be used to fulfill MTA requirements above
Communication: COM 225; **Natural Science:** ENV 101, 105; **Humanities:** ART 143, 150; COM 225; DAN 180; DRA 180; ENG 181, 213, 214, 242; FLM 150; HUM 175, 181; MUS 180; **Social Science:** ANT 201; ECO 280; GEO 101, 104; HST 108, 109, 123, 150, 230, 235, 241; PSY 251, 270; SOC 205. **These courses apply, but do not satisfy the MTA:** ECD 240

WCC Journalism Program Requirements (30 credits)

COM 130 Introduction to Mass Communication 3	CTAT 130 Introduction to Digital Media 3
* JRN 111 Introduction to Journalism 3	JRNL 215 News Writing & Reporting 3
* JRN 210 Introduction to Copy Editing 3	JRNL 307 Copy Editing 3
* JRN 217 Introduction to Feature Writing 3	JRNL 306 Feature Writing 3
<i>JRN 217 transfers over to EMU for JRNL 306. Students using this articulation agreement must complete another writing intensive course while at EMU, not JRNL 306W, if credit is already awarded for JRNL 306.</i>	
* JRN 220 Introduction to Digital Journalism 3	JRNL 310 Digital Journalism 3
Choose two courses from: ENG 107 or any 100-level or above from COM, GDT, PHO, PLS, VID or WEB 6	General Transfer Credit 6
Open electives or coursework toward minor 9	General Transfer Credit 9

EMU Requirements and Electives that may be taken at WCC or EMU (19 credits)

¹ GDT 104 Introduction to Graphic Design 4	CMT 121 Graphic Comm (3)+1 (Rest. Elective) 4
Open electives or coursework toward minor 15	General Transfer Credit 15

Credits at WCC: 79 Credits that transfer to EMU 79

* Required for EMU's BS in Journalism program. If not transferred, must be completed at EMU.

¹ Applies toward the Journalism Restricted Electives. Other course options are available at EMU. Must complete 9 approved credits of restricted electives total.

Note: EMU's BS in Media Studies and Journalism requires a minor. Please see [EMU's catalog](#) for available minors. Coursework taken at WCC may apply toward this requirement.

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Completion of the BS in Journalism

Students are required to take a minimum of 9 credits at the 300-level or higher in their major.
 Students following this agreement must complete a 3 credit 400 level internship, or must complete a 300-level or higher course for their restricted elective.

Major Requirements

Program Requirements (13 credits)

CTAA 264	News Production	1
JRNL 213	Introduction to Journalism	3
JRNL 453	Advanced Reporting	3
JRNL 455	Journalism Law and Ethics.....	3
Choose one from the following.....		3
JRNL 313	History of American Journalism	
JRNL 315	Data Journalism	

Restricted Electives (6-9 credits)

Choose six to nine credit hours from the following – six if CMT 121 transfers over, nine if not:

ARTS 104	Graphic Design for Non-Majors	3
CMT 121	Graphic Communication	3
CMT 204	Photographic Communication	3
CTAA 264	News Production	1
CTAT 141	Digital Media Production for Non-Majors	3
CTAT 334W	Radio-Television News.....	3
JRNL 270	Data and Storytelling	3
JRNL 280	Global Journalism.....	3
JRNL 305	Editorial, Column, and Review Writings.....	3
JRNL 309	Sports Writing.....	3
JRNL 387L4	Cooperative Education in Journalism	3
JRNL 454	Contemporary Problems in Journalism.....	3
JRNL 487L4	Cooperative Education in Journalism	3
JRNL 488L4/489L4/490L4	Internship in Journalism	1-3
PURL 312	Introduction to Public Relations	3
PURL 314	Writing for Public Relations	3
WRTG 324W	Professional Writing & Technical Comm 1.....	3
WRTG 328W	Writing and Style.....	3
WRTG 424	Professional Writing & Technical Comm 2	3
WRTG 444	Writing for the Web.....	3

Minor Requirement/Electives (19-22 credits)

Students must complete a minor of at least 20 credits. Credits may transfer in from WCC to apply toward the minor. A minimum of 6 credits at the 300-level or higher must be taken at EMU. If minor requirements are met, students must complete a minimum of 39 credits at EMU under this agreement.

LBC & Writing Intensive Requirement

Students must complete one Learning Beyond the Classroom course or noncredit experience offered by EMU and one approved Writing Intensive course. Students should consult an advisor for options.

Credits at EMU:	41
Transfer Credits:	79
Total Credits:	120

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Additional Information:

1. Each institution will determine the satisfaction of their individual program and degree requirements. Both institutions agree to accept transferable courses from each other and from other regionally accredited institutions. WCC courses indicated with an * are required for EMU's BS in Journalism or BS in Media Studies and Journalism. Substitutions for these courses must be approved by the EMU program coordinator.
2. Students with the MTA endorsement on their community college transcript have satisfied EMU's General Education Core Requirements and will be required to complete only the General Education Application Requirements of one "Perspectives on a Diverse World" course, one "Learning Beyond the Classroom" experience, and a "Writing Intensive" course in the major. The Perspectives on a Diverse World requirement may be transferred to EMU.
To use the Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA), students must have an official community college transcript, with the "MTA Satisfied" endorsement sent to EMU's Admissions Office. Students who do not have "MTA Satisfied" on their community college transcript, will be required to satisfy EMU's general education requirements as applied to transfer students. The MTA may be completed after admission to EMU, however, students should inform their advisors or they may be advised to complete additional courses for the general education program. If already on the transcript, the MACRAO designation will be accepted at EMU after August 2019.
3. Only courses with a grade of "C" or better (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) will be accepted for transfer to either institution.
4. Under this agreement, EMU will waive the 60-hour rule and require that a minimum of 41 credit hours must be completed in EMU courses, with at least 15 hours in the program or (9 hours in the major and 6 hours in the minor), at the 300-level or above. Of the last 30 hours completed before graduating, a minimum of 10 credit hours must be in courses offered by EMU. A minimum of 120 credit hours, completed in-residence or accepted in transfer, is required for graduation.
5. Students must satisfy all admission requirements at the time of application for admission to EMU, including submitting transcripts from all previously attended colleges. WCC students will receive equal consideration with other students for course registration and financial aid.
6. Students are encouraged to contact EMU's Undergraduate Admissions Office before applying to EMU. To facilitate advising and the evaluation of transcripts, bring a copy of this articulation guide to all advising sessions.

Effective Date: April 1, 2025 until March 31, 2028.

This is a renewal of an agreement made in January 2014 and renewed in September 2021. This agreement is consistent with the 2024-2025 catalog. Students have until summer 2032 to graduate from Eastern Michigan University following this agreement. In the event that a student does not complete the program within seven years, they may be required to have their credits reevaluated using the requirements of the current articulation guide.

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