

# LIBERTY UNIVERSITY

School of Communication  
Degree Completion Plan (DCP)

**B.S. in**  
**Communication Studies: Journalism**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ ID \_\_\_\_\_

**GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS** (55 hours)  
**ALL GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES MUST BE CHOSEN FROM THE LIST OF "APPROVED RESIDENTIAL GENERAL EDUCATION & INTEGRATIVE COURSES."** ([www.liberty.edu/gened](http://www.liberty.edu/gened))

**FOUNDATIONAL STUDIES** (16 hours)  
**MUST** be completed within the first 45 hours of a student's program.  
Transfer students must complete within their first year at Liberty.

Course	Hrs.	Sem. Taken	Grade
ENGL 101 Composition and Rhetoric	3	_____	_____
ENGL 102 Composition and Literature	3	_____	_____
COMS 101 Speech Communication	3	_____	_____
MATH ____ (above 110)	3	_____	_____
GNEG 101 Contemporary Issues I	1	_____	_____
GNEG 102 Contemporary Issues II	1	_____	_____
EVAN 101 Evangelism and Christian Life	2	_____	_____

Technology Competency Sem. Passed \_\_\_\_\_

**INVESTIGATIVE STUDIES** (39 hours)

ENGL 201, 202, 215, 216, 221, or 222	3	_____	_____
NAT SCI _____	3	_____	_____
NAT SCI, MATH or CMIS 201	3	_____	_____
HIUS 221 or 222 or HIEU 201 or 202	3	_____	_____
GOVT 200, PSYC 101 or 210, SOCI 200 or 201	3	_____	_____
SOC SCI/HIST _____	3	_____	_____

HUMN 101, THEA 101, VCAR 105,  
or MUSC 103 **AND**

\*GEN ED ELECTIVE (non-language) **OR**  
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PHIL 201 Phil./Contemporary Ideas	3	_____	_____
THEO 201 Theology Survey I	3	_____	_____
THEO 202 Theology Survey II	3	_____	_____
BIBL 105 Old Testament Survey <b>OR</b> ^BIBL 205 Old Testament Life/Literature	3	_____	_____
BIBL 110 New Testament Survey <b>OR</b> ^BIBL 210 New Testament Life/Literature	3	_____	_____

\*Choose from Fine Arts/Nat Sci/Math or CSCI/Soc Sci/  
CMIS 201/VCAR 105

\*\*Must be the same language

^Options available to Honors students

**NOTE: HIUS 221 or 222 is strongly recommended.  
GOVT 220 is strongly recommended.**

**MAJOR: COMMUNICATION STUDIES: JOURNALISM** (42 hours)

**(CORE)** (12 hours)

Course	Hrs.	Sem. Taken	Grade
COMS 110 Intro. to Mass Communications	3	_____	_____
COMS 210 Communication Perspectives	3	_____	_____
COMS 220 Mass Communication Writing	3	_____	_____
COMS 360 Professional Communication	3	_____	_____

**(SPECIALIZATION: Journalism)** (30 hours)

COMS 234 Copy Editing	3	_____	_____
COMS 354 News Writing	3	_____	_____
COMS 388-399 (1 hour X 3 semesters) (2 must be related to Journalism)	3	_____	_____
COMS 484 Communication Law & Ethics	3	_____	_____
COMS 485 Investigative Reporting	3	_____	_____
COMS 499 Internship	3	_____	_____

**Print**

VCAR 222 Desktop Publishing	3	_____	_____
VCAR 340 Publication Design	3	_____	_____
COMS 373 Editorial and Opinion Writing <b>OR</b> COMS 374 Magazine Writing/Editing	3	_____	_____
COMS 482 Specialized Publications	3	_____	_____

**OR**

**Broadcast**

COMS 223 Audio and Video Basics	3	_____	_____
COMS 323 Scriptwriting for Visual Media <b>OR</b> COMS 454 Radio News Production	3	_____	_____
COMS 324 Announcing	3	_____	_____
COMS 473 TV News Production	3	_____	_____

**NOTES: Must have a "C" or above in upper-level courses in the major  
Must have an overall average of "C" in the major**

**DIRECTED COURSES (REQUIRED)** (0-3 hours)

These courses are approved General Education courses and may be counted in Foundational/ Investigative Studies.

ECNC 110 Survey of Economics	3	_____	_____
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**FREE ELECTIVES** (0-23 hours)

[9 hours must be upper level] Minors are included as elective hours, as are CRST 290 and any INFT courses.

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**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

CRST 290 History of Life	2-3	_____	_____
FRSM 101 Freshman Seminar	REQ.	_____	MET _____

**TOTAL** – 120 hours minimum required. (Of this total, at least 36 hours must be 300-400 level.)