

**USING THIS GUIDE:**

This guide outlines a path for degree completion at Webster University for the **Bachelor of Arts in Media Communications** for students entering with an **Associate of Arts degree** from El Paso Community College. This guide is not intended to replace individual academic advising. Students are strongly encouraged to meet with a Webster University Admissions representative early on to help ensure a smooth transfer experience.

ABOUT MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS DEGREE AT WEBSTER:

The BA in media communications enables students to become familiar with several areas within the communications curriculum. Students will take a core that will ground them in media theory, writing and production, and then select a 12-hour concentration within the programs in the School of Communications.

The BA in Media Communications is offered as an online program or available at the home campus in Webster Groves, MO.

WEBSTER ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants to Webster's degree completion programs should have successfully completed an associate degree or at least two years of college-level work (64 semester hours) with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale. Transfer coursework should include at least one college-level writing/composition class and one college-level mathematics course. While the above profile is recommended, each applicant will be given a thorough individual review. When considering an application, Webster looks for evidence of potential for academic success.

Each transfer applicant must submit:

- A [Completed Application for Admission](#)
- A \$35.00 nonrefundable application fee
- An official transcript from El Paso Community College, and an official transcript from any and all other postsecondary institutions previously attended.
- Additional credentials as requested

All **official transcripts** should be sent to:

Webster University
Office of Admission
470 East Lockwood Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63119

Notes: Application and transcripts should be completed at least one month prior to the desired date of enrollment. Applications submitted less than two weeks before the start of the term may not be reviewed in time for registration for that term. Please work through your transfer admissions counselor for specific deadlines and entry dates. Students intending to apply for financial aid should note that earlier deadlines are required.

WEBSTER DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:

A minimum of **128** credit hours consisting of the following:

- Applicable University Global Citizenship Program hours
- 39 Required credit hours for the Major
- Electives

IMPORTANT TRANSFER NOTES:

- Webster has a minimum residency requirement that 30 of the student's last 36 credits must be taken at Webster University. All students must have a minimum of 128 credit hours to graduate.
- Students must earn a grade of C- or better in any course they wish to apply toward their major or general education/GCP.
- Most students who major in the School of Communications must complete a portfolio review as a requirement for graduation. While the majority of work students will exhibit for this review should come from assignments in their courses at Webster University, students may also include exceptional work they have completed at other institutions and therefore the departments suggest incoming transfer students save any such work they deem appropriate for the portfolio review. Any questions about the portfolio review process should be directed to their academic advisor.
- Webster University provides full transfer of coursework successfully completed as part of an associate of arts degree awarded by a regionally accredited institution. While students with associate's degrees typically transfer 60-66 credit hours, Webster will transfer in all coursework that is part of the completed associate degree. Transfer of additional lower-division credit beyond the associate's degree is restricted. All transfer credit is capped at 98 credit hours.
- All transfer coursework must be college-level (1000-level or above) with a passing grade. A grade of D or higher is considered passing, but a D will have severe transfer restrictions. Pass/Fail courses will count for transfer credit if the student received a Pass. For repeated courses only the second grade will be counted. Incomplete grades are not accepted in transfer. Formal evaluation of transfer credit is conducted by the Office of the Registrar upon admission to the University.

GENERAL EDUCATION/GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP PROGRAM:

Webster University requires all baccalaureate students to complete a general education program. The Global Citizenship Program (GCP) is a set of undergraduate degree requirements and a general education program developed by Webster University faculty to help prepare students to confront global problems and 21st century challenges.

Students who complete the Associate of Arts (AA), Associate of Science (AS) degree, or have satisfied the Texas Core Curriculum general education block before transferring to Webster University will have completed general education requirements and FRSH 1200 First Year Seminar requirement of the GCP. All students are required to take the Global Keystone Seminar at Webster.

Students who transfer without an AA/AS degree or satisfaction of the Texas Core Curriculum will have previous college coursework evaluated for the University's general education requirements on a course-by-course basis. See list of El Paso Community College courses approved for GCP in the [transfer equivalency database](#).

ELECTIVES:

Elective hours can consist of any college-level courses that are not already being applied to the major or general education requirements of the degree, taken to reach the required 128 hours for graduation.

2+2 ARTICULATION FOR AA DEGREE TO BA DEGREE

The next section will identify, for El Paso Community College students earning the Associate of Arts degree, what requirements will be remaining to earn the Bachelor of Arts in Media Communications at Webster University.

AA COMMUNICATION-JOURNALISM-MASS COMMUNICATION (YEARS 1 AND 2 AT EL PASO CC)

El Paso Degree Requirement	Webster Degree Requirement Fulfilled
CORE CURRICULUM 44 CR.	
Communication (6 cr.) (ENGL/SPCH)	Completed AA fulfills general education
Mathematics (3 cr.) (MATH)	Completed AA fulfills general education
Life and Physical Sciences (8 cr.)	Completed AA fulfills general education
Language Philosophy & Culture (3 cr.) <i>Recommended: COMM 1307 Mass Media & Society</i>	Completed AA fulfills general education MEDC 1010 Introduction to Mass Communications
Creative Arts (3 cr.)	Completed AA fulfills general education
History (6 cr.)	Completed AA fulfills general education
Government/Political Science (6)	Completed AA fulfills general education
Social and Behavioral Sciences (3 cr.)	Completed AA fulfills general education
Component Area Option (6 cr.) (EDUC 1300/ENGL 1302)	Completed AA fulfills general education
FIELD OF STUDY CURRICULUM 16 CR.	
Combination of any two : COMM 1316 Photojournalism (3 cr.) COMM 1336 Video Field Production (3 cr.) COMM 2303 Audio Production (3 cr.)	EPMD 1000 Introduction to Media Production <i>This course will be waived if a transfer student has taken two media production courses in different areas. One of the courses will be substituted for EPMD 1000 in the Webster degree audit. Media production areas are: audio (radio), film production, interactive digital, animation, photography, and video (television).</i>
COMM 2311 Writing for Mass Media I <i>or</i> COMM 2315 Writing for Mass Media II <i>or</i> COMM 1129 Publications I <i>or</i> COMM 2339 Writing for the Electronic Media (3 cr.) <i>(The Media Communications degree requires MEDC 1050 or JOUR 1030. Students may take any of the 4 courses listed above to meet this requirement at EPCC.)</i>	MEDC 1050 Introduction to Media Writing <i>or</i> JOUR 1030 Fundamentals of Reporting
<i>Select 2 courses, or additional course(s) from above:</i> COMM 2300 Introduction to Communication Studies <i>or</i> COMM 2327 Advertising in the Mass Media <i>or</i> COMM 2330 Introduction to Public Relations <i>or</i> COMM 2389 Academic Cooperative (3 cr.)	SPCM 3150 Topics in Communication ADVT 1940 Intro to Marketing Communications PBRL 1010 Fund. of Strategic Comm. and Public Relations General Elective
Elective (1 cr.)	General Elective
TOTAL FROM EPCC: 60 CR.	

BA MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS (YEARS 3 AND 4 AT WEBSTER UNIVERSITY)

Webster University <i>Remaining courses at Webster may vary if students do not follow recommendations listed above in selecting EPCC courses.</i>
MEDC 1630 Media Literacy (3 cr.)
MEDC 2200 Ethics in the Media (3 cr.)
MEDC 2800 Cultural Diversity in the Media <i>or</i> MEDC 3260 International Communication (3 cr.)
MEDC 4100 The Law and the Media (3 cr.)
SPCM 1280 Interpersonal Communication (3 cr.)
MEDC 4620 Senior Overview <i>or</i> MEDC 4950 Internship (3 cr.)

12 cr. MEDC, SCPT, or SPCM Concentration (6 cr. must be upper division)
Students will choose a 12-credit concentration in any one of the disciplines in the School of Communications (ADVT, ANIM, AUDI, FILM, FLST, INTM, JOUR, MEDC, PBRL, PHOT, SCPT, SPCM, VIDE). Currently, courses are available online for students to select concentrations in Media Communications (MEDC), Scriptwriting (SCPT), or Speech Communication Studies (SPCM). Courses for concentration in other areas are under development. Speak with your Webster advisor for more information.

KEYS xxxx Global Keystone (3 cr.)

60 CR. – EPCC transfer

30 CR. – Webster major remaining

3 CR. – Global Keystone

35 CR. – Remaining Electives

128 total hours

Webster University reserves the right to correct errors in these listings or to make revisions in degree requirements or course equivalencies without prior notice.