



Springfield College Sequencing Guide Communications/Sports Journalism Major (COSJ) ▼ 2020-2021

If you entered Springfield College in 2020-2021, use this guide for sequencing your courses. Requirements are subject to change and may not be offered when listed. Use your online degree audit to verify your progress, and always confirm your plans with your advisor.

GenEd Requirements, Electives, and College Requirements

In addition to the major requirements listed below, you will need to fill the following General Education (GenEd) categories:

- WLPL 100, Exploring Movement & Wellness (1 cr)
- 200-level Wellness & Physical (1 cr)
- 300-level Wellness & Physical (1 cr)
- Quantitative Reasoning (3 cr)
- Scientific Reasoning (4 cr)
- Spiritual and Ethical (3 cr)
- Aesthetic Expression (3 cr)
- Historical and Social (3 cr)
- Themed Explorations (9 cr)

This major typically requires 54 credits to complete. In addition to the GenEd and major requirements listed, you must complete:

- **29 elective credits or more** (depending on GenEds selected) to total at least 120 credits
- A **minimum cumulative GPA** of 2.000 or higher
- The **residency requirement**—45 credits taken at Springfield College (including 15 of your last 30)

COSJ Major Requirements – Typical First-Year Schedule

Fall:

SCSM 101, Springfield College Seminar (GenEd requirement – 3 cr)
ENGL 113, College Writing I (GenEd requirement – 3 cr)
COMM 120, Introduction to Journalism (3 cr – also fills one WAC requirement)
COMM 134, Introduction to Communication (3 cr)
Plus other GenEds, major requirements with flexible timing, or electives (as applicable) to total approximately 15 credits

Spring:

ENGL 114, College Writing II (GenEd requirement – 3 cr)
ENGL 160, Introduction to Literary Studies (3 cr – also fills Literary Studies GenEd)
Plus other GenEds, major requirements with flexible timing, or electives (as applicable) to total 30 credits for the year

COSJ Major Requirements – Typical Second-Year Schedule

Fall or Spring:

COMM 219, TV/Digital Journalism (3 cr)
COMM 229, Radio/Audio Journalism (3 cr)

Choose **one** of the following:

ENGL 241, American Literature I (3 cr; also fills one WAC requirement)
ENGL 251, African American Literature I (3 cr)
ENGL 261, British Literature I (3 cr; also fills one WAC requirement)

Choose **one** of the following:

ENGL 242, American Literature II (3 cr; also fills one WAC requirement)
ENGL 252, African American Literature II (3 cr)
ENGL 262, British Literature II (3 cr; also fills one WAC requirement)

Plus GenEds, major requirements with flexible timing, or electives (as applicable) to total 30 credits for the year

COSJ Major Requirements – Typical Third-Year Schedule

Fall or Spring:

There are no major requirements specifically recommended for your third year. You should select major requirements from the flexible timing section, GenEds, or electives to total 30 credits for the year.

COSJ Major Requirements – Typical Fourth-Year Schedule

Fall:

COMM 482, Seminar in Mass Communications (3 cr)
Plus GenEds, major requirements with flexible timing, or
electives (as applicable) to total approximately 15 credits

Spring:

Outstanding major requirements, GenEds, or electives to
total a minimum of 120 credits for your career

Additional COSJ Major Requirements – Flexible Timing

In general, 200-level courses can be taken first year or later, 300-level can be taken second year or later, 400-level can be taken third or fourth year. Check course descriptions for specific prerequisites.

COMM 224, Advanced Journalism (3 cr)
COMM 225, Internet Journalism (3 cr)
COMM 386, Journalism Internship (minimum of 3 cr required, may be repeated for a total of 12 cr)
ENGL 377, The History of the English Language (3 cr, should take 3rd or 4th year)
or ENGL 467, Shakespeare (3 cr, spring only)

*You must complete **one** additional 3-credit ENGL course at the 200 level or above:*

ENGL _____

(Note: Two of ENGL 241, 251, 261, 242, 252, and 262 are required for the COSJ core. If you wish, you may repeat one of those courses under a different topic, and use it to fill this requirement.)

*You must complete **five** of the following selectives for a total of **15 credits**:*

COMM 130, Broadcast Writing (3 cr)
COMM 207, Desktop Writing and Publishing (3 cr)
COMM 208, Newspaper Design and Production (3 cr)
COMM 211, Sports Information (3 cr – also fills one WAC requirement)
COMM 212, Sports Writing (3 cr – also fills one WAC requirement)
COMM 230, Video Editing (3 cr)
COMM 245, Web and Multimedia Design (3 cr)
COMM 252, Sports Broadcasting (3 cr)
COMM 260, The Press in America (3 cr)
COMM 288, Special Topics in Journalism (3 cr)
COMM 301, Media, Sport and Culture (3 cr)
COMM 310, Media Law and Ethics (3 cr)
COMM 319, Advanced Television Production (3 cr)
COMM 320, Television and Society (3 cr)
COMM 325, Journalistic Ethics (3 cr)
COMM 350, Advanced Radio Production and Broadcast Management (3 cr)
ENGL 216, The Athlete in Literature (3 cr)
ENGL 217, Sports, Gambling and the Media (3 cr)
ENGL 240, Literature of Journalism (3 cr)
ENGL 301, Advanced Composition (3 cr – also fills one WAC requirement)
ENGL 303, Business and Professional Speaking (3 cr)
ENGL 305, Writing for the Professions (3 cr – also fills one WAC requirement)
SOC 420, Media and Society (3 cr)

COSJ Major – Program Standards

Program standards for the COSJ major include, but are not limited to:

- Earn a minimum of 2.500 for all courses required for the major and any COMM electives

For more information about these and other program standards, contact your advisor or the COSJ program coordinator.