



# Journalism Option in the Liberal Arts Advising Handbook





# Journalism Option at LaGuardia

## **Why Study Journalism?**

The Journalism Option in the Liberal Arts prepares students for journalism and other media careers through teaching the fundamentals of the news gathering process, from developing story ideas, conducting secondary research and in-person interviews, to writing and editing and publishing stories. By pursuing this major, students will gain the writing, editing and technology skills they need do journalism in the twenty-first century. They will learn the ethics and responsibilities of journalists, and the process of interviewing sources and writing news in a variety of formats including or print, online and radio broadcast. Besides learning the format and techniques of writing hard news stories, students will be exposed to different kinds of journalism including features writing for newspapers, magazines and online formats. They will explore using the personal voice in literary journalism in such genres as blog posts, personal essays, memoirs and autobiography. Furthermore, students will gain an insight into the new media of digital journalism and become both critical consumers and producers of news. With articulation agreements with Brooklyn College (right now) and York College (starting in Fall 2013), students can transfer seamlessly to leading programs in journalism within CUNY and complete their four-year degrees. The Journalism program is committed to bringing a diversity of voices to its students using the diversity and richness available in Queens and New York City.

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## II. Program Curriculum

The current curriculum for the Journalism Option in the Liberal Arts is as follows:

**Program Code: 01066**

### **PATHWAYS COMMON CORE**

**REQUIRED CORE: 12 credits**

**English            6 credits**

ENG101 English Composition I  
ENG102 Writing through Literature

**Mathematics    3 credits**

*Select one of the following courses:*  
MAT107: Mathematics and the Modern World  
MAT112 College Algebra  
MAT118 Introductory Statistics  
MAT132: History of Mathematics

**Life & Physical Science            3 credits**

*Select one of the following courses:*  
SCB101 Topics in Biological Sciences  
SCC101 Topics in Chemistry  
SCP101 Topics in Physics  
SCP140 Topics in Astronomy

**Flexible Core: 18 credits**

*Select **one** course from each of the five flexible core categories and **one additional** course from any flexible core category:*

*World Cultures and Global Issues  
US Experience in its Diversity  
Creative Expression  
Individual and Society  
Scientific World*

*Students must select one Urban Study course to complete college requirement.*

**To complete the degree requirements from the Flexible Core, students are advised to select courses from the recommended course selections listed in the program handbook.**

**PROGRAM CORE: 30 credits**

**Journalism Core: 12 credits**

*Select four of the following courses:*  
ENG210 Journalism: Its Scope and Use  
ENG211 Journalism: The Craft of Gathering and Reporting the News  
ENG212 Feature Writing for Newspapers and Popular Magazines

ENG213 Broadcast Journalism: Writing for Radio  
ENG274 Creative Nonfiction Workshop

**English 3 credits**

ENG103 Preparing and Writing the Research Paper

**Liberal Arts 3 credits**

LIB200 Humanism, Science and Technology

**Humanities 3 credits**

*Select one of the following courses:*

HUA101 Introduction to Art

HUC106 Public Speaking

HUC150 The Art of Film

HUM101 Introduction to Music

HUN195 Art in New York

HUP101 Introduction to Philosophy

HUP104 Ethics and Moral Issues

**Social Science 3 credits**

*Select one of the following:*

SSA100 Introduction to Anthropology

SSA101 Cultural Anthropology

SSE105 International Economics

SSE125 World Geography

SSH105 World History from Ancient Times to 1500

SSH106 World History from 1500 to the Present

SSP200 Global Politics

SSH103 Western Civilization from Ancient Times to the Renaissance

SSH104 Western Civilization from the Renaissance to Modern Times

SSH110 East Asia Civilization and Societies

SSH231 Afro-American History

SSH232 Survey of Latin American and Caribbean History

SSP220 Politics of Latin America and the Caribbean

SSS100 Introduction to Sociology

**Unrestricted electives 6 credits**

*Students may take a LIB203 Experiential Learning course.*

**Total: 60 credits**

### III. Does Pathways Apply to Me?

#### Explaining the LaGuardia Community College Pathways “Opt In” Policy

#### **For Associates in Arts and Associates in Science Majors including students majoring in the Journalism Option in the Liberal Arts:**

If you have 44 earned credits or fewer when you register for Fall 2013, you are required to meet with an Academic Advisor. You will also review the Pathways “Opt In” Policy at that time.

#### **Current students with:**

0 – 14 credits – are strongly advised to “opt-in” to Pathways Curricular Guidelines

15 – 44 credits – will decide whether to “opt-in” to Pathways Curricular Guidelines

45+ credits – are strongly advised to remain in their present degree program but may select to “opt in” to Pathways Curricular Guidelines.

*To be sure you fully understand how the requirements of your degree program work with Pathways, please visit B-101 to schedule an appointment with an academic advisor.*

## **IV. Careers for Journalism Majors**

The skills of reading, thinking critically and writing clearly are in-demand for any career path that you choose.

Four-year Journalism degrees can lead to these careers:

Online Journalist

Magazine Journalist

Newspaper Journalist

Editor

Public Relations

Publishing

Law

Foreign Correspondent

Travel Writer

Blogger

Movie Critic

Food Writer

TV Broadcaster

Business Journalist

Technology Journalist

Technical Writer

Investigative Journalist



## **V. Transfer Options and Articulation Agreements**

Currently, if you graduate with an A.A. degree in Journalism at LaGuardia, you can be assured of a smooth transfer process to Brooklyn College's four-year program in Journalism through our existing articulation agreement. Brooklyn offers a leading program in journalism within CUNY, both for print, digital and broadcast journalism.

Starting in Fall I 2013, we are planning to institute an articulation agreement with York College, which also offer a standout Journalism program right here in Queens. We look forward to building an alliance with this exciting program, which offers over a dozen advanced electives in journalism, a state-of-the-art TV studio and many other opportunities.

CUNY remains committed Journalism in many of its two-year and four-year colleges. Once you graduate with a four-year B.A. degree, you might one day consider getting a Master's degree at the CUNY Graduate School of Journalism, a world-class program in digital and broadcast journalism in midtown Manhattan.

As a LaGuardia student in Journalism, you will be able to attend events at Brooklyn, York and at the Graduate School of Journalism. You will benefit from the commitment to the study of Journalism that has been made at LaGuardia and other CUNY colleges!

Regardless of where you want to transfer, through Pathways you can be assured that the 60 credits you earn at LaGuardia will be accepted at any four-year CUNY institutions.

You can find more information about Pathways by visiting this link:

<https://www.cuny.edu/academics/initiatives/pathways.html>

## VI. Special Resources for Journalism Students

The LaGuardia Community College school newspaper, **The Bridge**, offers a great opportunity for you to develop your hands-on journalistic skills. Written and edited by entirely students, with guidance from the faculty advisor Victor Rosa ([vrosa@lagcc.cuny.edu](mailto:vrosa@lagcc.cuny.edu)), this publication covers school and community events, politics, cultural events on campus, in Queens and New York City. Contact Prof. Rosa to get more information. We are always looking for interested writers and editors!

Beside our newspaper, **LaGuardia WebRadio** (<http://www.lagcc.cuny.edu/webradio/>) offers an exciting mix of music, talk and special interest programming on web radio provided by students.

Additionally, the Journalism program sponsors panelists and guest speakers from the world of journalists so you can keep track of what's happening in the field, learn about career possibilities and gain information on transferring to four-year programs. Recent speakers have included Earl Caldwell and Les Payne (*The New York Daily News*), Kirk Semple (*The New York Times*), and Noah Rosenberg (*Narratively*).

## VII. College Resources

### **Bursar's Office**

Website: <http://www.laguardia.cuny.edu/Bursars/Home/>

Location: Room C-110

Phone: 718-482-7226

E-mail: [bursar@lagcc.cuny.edu](mailto:bursar@lagcc.cuny.edu)

*The Bursar's Office is the place to find help with charges, bill and payment information.*

### **Office of the Registrar**

Website: <http://www.laguardia.cuny.edu/registrar/home/>

### **Enrollment Services Center**

Location: Room C-107

Hours of Operation: Mon., 9 am - 7 pm, Tue. and Wed., 9 am - 5 pm, Thur. 9 am - 7 pm

*The Registrar coordinates registration for all LaGuardia students. You can get in-person help with your classes or schedule at the Enrollment Services Center (C-107) during the hours above.*

### **Single Stop USA**

Website: <http://www.lagcc.cuny.edu/SingleStop/home/>

Location: Room C-107

Contact: Gina Rois

Phone: 718-482-5135

E-mail: [grois@lagcc.cuny.edu](mailto:grois@lagcc.cuny.edu)

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Thu., 9 am - 5 pm, Fri., by appointment

*Single Stop USA has partnered with the LaGuardia Community College to provide students and their families with access to benefits and services needed to help students stay in school and graduate. It can help with benefits screening and counseling, tax preparation, as well as legal and financial counseling.*

### **Ombuds Office**

Website: <http://www.lagcc.cuny.edu/Student-Services/Ombuds/>

Contact: Maria Riggs

Location: Room C-317

Phone: 718-482-5180

E-mail: [mariarig@lagcc.cuny.edu](mailto:mariarig@lagcc.cuny.edu)

*The Ombuds Office offers a confidential, neutral resource for students to receive assistance, voice concerns and complaints. The Student Advocate/Ombuds Officer serves as a mediator who strives to address issues and facilitates communication and resolution in a fair and equitable manner.*

## VIII. Support Services

### **Student Life**

Website: <http://www.laguardia.edu/studentlife/>

*The Student Life website has information on activities that connect your personal and professional life beyond the classroom including clubs, the Student Government Association, our award-winning Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society and The Bridge, our student newspaper.*

### **The Bridge**

Location: Room M-159

Phone: 718-482-5189

E-mail: [thebridge@lagcc.cuny.edu](mailto:thebridge@lagcc.cuny.edu)

*The Bridge is LaGuardia's school newspaper written and edited by student reporters and editors.*

### **LaGuardia WebRadio**

Website: <http://www.lagcc.cuny.edu/webradio/>

Location: Room MB-06

*LaGuardia's Web Radio Station is run by students for the LaGuardia community and provides an exciting array of music, talk and community news programming.*

### **Center for Student Success**

Website: <http://www.lagcc.cuny.edu/redesign-2011/tertiary-pb.aspx?pageid=21474838830>

Location: Room C-249

Phone: 718-482-5245

Hours: Mon. - Fri. 9 am - 7 pm

E-mail: [css@lagcc.cuny.edu](mailto:css@lagcc.cuny.edu).

*The Center for Student Success (CSS) at LaGuardia Community College will help you find answers and connect you to the resources you need to succeed. Meet with friendly, trained professionals who will listen to your concerns and point you in the right direction, including help with academic, advising, financial, immigration and career questions.*

### **Office for Students with Disabilities**

Website: <http://www.lagcc.cuny.edu/osd/>

Location: Room M-102

Phone: 718-482-5279

E-mail: [osd@lagcc.cuny.edu](mailto:osd@lagcc.cuny.edu).

Hours: Mon. - Thu., 9 am - 8 pm, Fri., 9 am - 5 pm

*The Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD) provides services for students with disabilities to ensure access to College programs. We offer personal, academic, career, and accommodations counseling, evaluation referrals, testing for learning disabilities, and adaptive/assistive technology.*

### **Women's Center**

Website: <http://www.lagcc.cuny.edu/Student-Services/Women-s-Center/>

Contact: Joanna DeLeon

Location: Room M-115

Phone: 718-482-5102

E-mail: [jdeleon@lagcc.cuny.edu](mailto:jdeleon@lagcc.cuny.edu)

*The Women's Center at LaGuardia Community College provides supportive and educational services promoting the growth and development of LaGuardia women.*

### **Tutoring**

Website: <http://www.lagcc.cuny.edu/Current-Students/Academic-Help-Tutoring/>

*The above website contains links to many resources for academic help and tutoring services available at LaGuardia including tutoring labs, the Mathematics Tutoring Center (Math Lab), the Collegiate Science and Technology Entry Program (for Chemistry), the Academic Peer Instruction Program, the Student Government Association (SGA) Study Hall and the Anatomy and Physiology Study Hall. Follow this link to get the help you need.*

### **Writing Center**

Website: <http://www.lagcc.cuny.edu/english/writingcenter/>

Room B-200

Hours: Mon. - Fri. 9:15 am - 9 pm.

*The Writing Center offers the chance to work with a skilled writing tutor on any part of the writing process, from getting started through finishing a draft all the way to making revisions after your instructor has marked the paper.*

### **Health Services**

Website: <http://www.lagcc.cuny.edu/Student-Services/Health-Services/>

Location: Room MB-40

Phone: 718-482-5280

*The Health Services Center helps students with health problems, and/or immunization needs that significantly affect your ability to remain in school and graduate. They also offer information such as brochures, pamphlets, videos, and referrals on various health issues.*

### **Transfer Services Office**

Website: <http://www.lagcc.cuny.edu/transfercenter/>

Room B-125

Phone: 718-482-5185

E-mail: [transfer@lagcc.cuny.edu](mailto:transfer@lagcc.cuny.edu)

*The Office of Transfer Services is a one-stop source of information on transfer within CUNY or to other public and private four-year colleges and programs. This office sponsors many transfer events and information sessions with many area colleges and universities throughout the year.*

### **Academic Calendar**

Website: <http://www.lagcc.cuny.edu/academics/academic-calendar/>

*The LaGuardia Academic Calendar contains important dates for our Fall I, Fall II, Spring I and Spring II semesters.*