



USING THIS GUIDE:

This guide has been published to assist students in preparing for transfer from Jefferson College with an **Associate of Arts degree in Communications** to Webster University for a **Bachelor of Arts degree in Media Studies**. This should not be used in place of individual academic advising. Students are strongly encouraged to meet with a Webster University transfer admissions counselor early in their academic career to ensure a smooth transfer experience.

ABOUT MEDIA STUDIES MAJOR AT WEBSTER:

The media studies major is a broad communication experience within the School of Communications. In this program, students explore the design, delivery and effects of media messages in a range of communication fields and across multiple communication platforms. Media studies majors approach media from academic and practical standpoints, develop diverse professional portfolios and hone skills integral to a variety of media careers. The media studies degree affords an excellent foundation for pursuing a variety of careers within any organization that uses and values communication.

Required courses for this degree at Webster are available online.

WEBSTER ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

When considering an application, Webster looks for evidence of potential for academic success. A cumulative GPA on all college level coursework of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale is preferred; however, each applicant is given individual consideration. If you have circumstances which might affect your admission this may be discussed confidentially with a member of the admissions staff. The University operates on rolling admission, and application files are reviewed by an admissions counselor as soon as all requested credentials have been received.

Each transfer applicant must submit:

- A completed [Application for Admission](#)
 - If interested, review the information about the [Webster – Jeffco Media Studies Dual Admission Program](#).
- An official transcript from Jefferson College, and an official transcript from all other postsecondary institutions previously attended. All official transcripts should be sent to:

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

IMPORTANT TRANSFER NOTES:

- Webster University 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 120 credit hours to graduate.
- Courses completed with a grade below a C- do not count toward fulfilling the specific course requirements of the major or general education/Global Citizenship Program.
- Transfer students who have taken introductory coursework in the major should not expect to complete their degree in fewer than four semesters due to sequential nature of courses.

- Most students who major in the School of Communications must complete a portfolio review as a requirement for graduation. This portfolio review or its equivalent is the pre-requisite for an Internship or Senior Overview. 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 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 90 credit hours.
- All transfer coursework must be college-level (100-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.

MISSOURI REVERSE TRANSFER:

Webster University is participating in the [Missouri Reverse Transfer](#) statewide initiative to help more Missourians earn associate degrees. Webster has partnered with each community college in the state to help students apply Webster University credit back to the community college to earn the associate degree, if they transferred prior to earning the degree. Please speak with your transfer admissions counselor or academic advisor for more information.

WEBSTER DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:

A minimum of **120** credit hours consisting of the following:

- Applicable University Global Citizenship Program hours
- 39-44 Required credit hours for the Major
- Electives

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 an Associate of Arts (AA) degree or the CBHE-approved CORE 42 of general education before transferring to Webster University will have satisfied the general education requirements and GLBC 1200 Global Cornerstone Seminar requirement of the GCP. All students are required to take the Global Keystone Seminar at Webster.

REQUIRED COURSES:

Jefferson College Semester 1 (Fall 1 st Year)	Notes
ENG 101 English Communication I (3)	
MTH 134 College Algebra (3)	
COL 100, 101, or 136 First Year Experience (1-3)	
COM 100 Fundamentals of Communication (3)	
COM 130 Introduction to Mass Media Communications (3)	Will transfer to Webster as MDST 1010 Media Foundations
PSY 101 or SOC 101- Behavioral Science course (3)	
Total Hours: 16-18	

Jefferson College Semester 2 (Spring 1 st Year)	Notes
ENG 102 English Composition II (3)	
ENG 110 Journalism I (3)	Will transfer to Webster as satisfying MDST 1050 Media Writing
COM 150 Introduction to Television Production (3)	Will transfer to Webster as satisfying EPMD 1000 Introduction to Media Production
HST 103, HST 104 or PSC 102 – Constitution requirement (3)	
ENG 122 Film Appreciation – Humanities course (3)	Will transfer to Webster as FLST 1000 Film and Television Appreciation
Total Hours: 15	

Jefferson College Semester 3 (Fall 2 nd Year)	Notes
Physical Science (with or without Lab) (3-5)	Either Physical Science or Biological Science course must include a lab
HST 103, 104/PSC 102, 103 American History/Government (3)	
THT 110 Beginning Acting (3)	
ENG 111 Journalism II, COM 250 Television Production II, or BUS 101 Introduction to Business (3)	Will transfer to Webster as JOUR 2140 Advanced Reporting, FTVP 2500 Event and Studio Production, or BUSN 1200 Introduction to Business, respectively
THT 100 Theater Appreciation-Humanities course (3)	
Total Hours: 15-17	

Jefferson College Semester 4 (Spring 2 nd Year)	Notes
Biological Sciences (with or without lab) (3-5)	Either Physical Science or Biological Science course must include a lab
Behavioral Science course (3)	
Computer Literacy requirement (3)	
COM 110 Public Speaking (3)	Will transfer to Webster as SPCM 1040 Public Speaking
Humanities course (3)	
Total Hours: 15-17	

Webster University Semester 5 (Fall 3 rd Year)	Notes
MDST 1160 Communication for Media Professionals (3)	
MDST 2100 Media Literacy (3)	
MDST 2800 Media, Diversity, and Society (3)	
KEYS 4xxx – Keystone course (3)	
General Elective (3)	
General Elective (1)	
Total Hours: 16	

Webster University Semester 6 (Spring 3 rd Year)	Notes
MDST 2500 Professional Development for Media Careers (3)	
MDST 3100 Social Media Strategies & Tactics (3)	
MDST 3260 Global Media Practice (3)	

General Elective (3)	
General Elective (3)	
General Elective (1)	
Total Hours: 16	
Webster University Semester 7 (Fall 4th Year)	Notes
MDST 3300 Media Law, Ethics & Policy (3)	
MDST 4110 Digital Media & Culture (3)	
MDST 4200 Media Research (3)	
General Elective (3)	
General Elective (3)	
Total Hours: 15	

Webster University Semester 8 (Spring 4th Year)	Notes
MDST 4620 Media Practicum/Thesis* (3-4 hours) <i>or</i> MDST 4950 Internship* (3-8 hours)	
General Elective (3)	
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Total Hours: 12	

***For the MDST 4620 or MDST 4950 course, students must earn a grade of no less than a B.**

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. Many students may choose to obtain a minor out of the required elective hours. Please note that all coursework applied to a minor must be completed at Webster University, with a grade of C- or better.

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