

COMMUNICATION STUDIES

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Associate Degree
for Transfer
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Communication Studies A.A.-T Transfer Degree

In the broadest sense, Communication Studies is the study of all human communication with a focus on verbal behavior. It is not limited to the training of great orators as the leaders of society, but includes training for and analysis of communication within small and large groups, between two individuals and even communication within the individual. In all forms of communication, people talk together in order to influence the behavior of other human beings. A speaker can manage essential factors within a communication situation - such as idea selection, language use, and vocal or physical presentation - and can thus affect the behaviors which will be produced. Competent communicators also must be skilled in the critical analysis and evaluation of the messages that they hear in order to formulate effective and appropriate responses.

Topics in this field include: political debates, communicating across cultures, gender differences in communication, conflict resolution and negotiation, uses of power within groups, needs of non-native speakers, listening, and techniques for overcoming speech anxiety. A Baccalaureate and/or graduate degree in Communication Studies can lead to careers in public relations, teaching, consulting, broadcasting, law, ministry, public administration, politics, or any field in which communication skills are highly valued. The first option listed below is the Associate in Arts in Communication Studies for Transfer (A.A.-T), which is intended for students who plan to transfer and complete a bachelor's degree in Communication Studies or a similar major at a CSU campus. Students completing the Associate in Arts in Communication Studies for Transfer are guaranteed admission to the CSU system, but not to a particular campus or major. This degree may not be the best option for students intending to transfer to a particular CSU campus or to a university or college that is not part of the CSU system.

See Associate Degree for Transfer information in the *Cabrillo College Catalog*. The following is required for all A.A.-T or A.S.-T degrees:

- Completion of 60 CSU-transferable semester units.
- Minimum grade-point average (GPA) of at least 2.0 in all CSU-transferable coursework. While a minimum of 2.0 is required for admission, some majors may require a higher GPA.
- Completion of a minimum of 18 semester units in the major with a letter grade of "C" or better, or a "P" if the course is taken on a "Pass/No Pass" basis.
- Certified completion of the California State University General Education-Breadth pattern (CSU GE Breadth) or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) pattern.

Learning Outcomes

The Cabrillo College Core Competencies (with an emphasis in the study of Communication Studies):

1. Communication: Reading, Writing, Listening, Speaking and/or Conversing
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4. Personal Responsibility and Professional Development: Self-Management and Self-Awareness, Social and Physical Wellness, Workplace Skills

CSU or IGETC for CSU General Education Requirements 37-39 Units

Core Course (3 units)

COMM 1 Public Speaking 3
or

COMM 1H Honors Public Speaking 3

List A - Select 2 courses from: (6 units) Units

COMM 2 Group Discussion 3

COMM 4 Argumentation and Persuasion 3

COMM 7 Interpersonal Communication 3

List B - Select 2 courses from: (6 units) Units

Any course not used from List A above or

AP 9A Beginning Photography 3

COMM 10 Communication Process 3

COMM 12 Intercultural Communication 3

DM 1 Introduction to Digital Media 4

HIST 4A Survey of Western Civilization to 1648 3

or

HIST 4AH Honors Survey of Western Civilization to 1648 ... 3

HIST 4B Survey of Western Civilization-1648 to

Late 20th Century 3

or

HIST 4BH Honors Survey of Western Civilization-1648 to
Late 20th Century 3

JOURN 21 Mass Communications 3

JOURN 54A Newspaper Production: Reporting and
Photography 1

JOURN 54B Newspaper Production: Editing 1

JOURN 54C Newspaper Production: Management 1

MATH 12 Elementary Statistics 5

or

MATH 12H Honors Elementary Statistics 5

or

PSYCH 2A Statistics for Behavioral Sciences 3

List C - Select one course from: (3 units) Units

Any course not used from Lists A or B above or

ANTHR 2 Introduction to Anthropology: Cultural 3

ANTHR 2H Honors Introduction to Anthropology: Cultural 3

COMM 6 Listening 1

COMM 8 Communication Activities 3

COMM 14 Health Communication 3

ENGL 1B Composition and Literature 3

ENGL 1BH Honors Composition and Literature 3

ENGL 1BMC Composition and Literature:
Multicultural Emphasis 3

ENGL 2 Composition and Critical Thinking 3

ENGL 2H Honors Composition and Critical Thinking 3

ENGL 2MC	Composition and Critical Thinking: Multicultural Emphasis.....	3
ENGL 2MCH	Honors Composition and Critical Thinking: Multicultural Emphasis.....	3
JOURN 23A	Reporting for the News Media.....	3
ENGL 23A	Reporting for the News Media.....	3
PSYCH 1	General Psychology.....	3
PSYCH 1H	Honors General Psychology.....	3
SOC 1	Introduction to Sociology: Understanding Society.....	3
SOC 1H	Honors Introduction to Sociology: Understanding Society.....	3
Electives: (Any Course Numbered 1-99).....		3 - 5
Total Units		60

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Model Program for Communication Studies

An Associate Degree requires 60 units appropriate to your educational goal, to include general education and at least 18 units in a major. Courses should be selected to meet the lower-division major preparation requirements at your intended transfer university - these specific requirements can be found at www.assist.org for 4-year public institutions in California. Please see a counselor for advisement to ensure you are taking the best possible courses given your goal.

The department presents the following suggested Model Program for this major. The courses listed below may or may not be appropriate depending on your specific goal. Please see a counselor for advisement for transfer to any 4-year institution.

A.A. General Education		30 Units
Core Courses (13 Units)		Units
COMM 1	Public Speaking.....	3
or		
COMM 1H	Honors Public Speaking.....	3
COMM 2	Group Discussion.....	3
COMM 6	Listening.....	1
COMM 10	Communication Process.....	3
COMM 12	Intercultural Communication.....	3
Approved Electives (7 Units)		Units
COMM 4	Argumentation and Persuasion.....	3
COMM 7	Interpersonal Communication.....	3
COMM 8	Communication Activities.....	3
COMM 14	Health Communication.....	3
CS 1	Introduction to Computers and Computer Technology.....	3
CS 1L	Technology Tools.....	2
MATH 12	Elementary Statistics.....	5
or		
MATH 12H	Honors Elementary Statistics.....	5
PSYCH 1	General Psychology.....	3
or		
PSYCH 1H	Honors General Psychology.....	3
SOC 1	Introduction to Sociology: Understanding Society.....	3
or		
SOC 1H	Honors Introduction to Sociology: Understanding Society.....	3
Electives: (Any Course Number 1-99).....		10
Total Units		60

Communication Studies Courses

COMM 1 Public Speaking

3 units; 3 hours Lecture
 Hybrid Requisite: Completion of or concurrent enrollment in COMM 6.
 Repeatability: May be taken a total of 1 time.
 Emphasizes managing speech anxiety, organizing and outlining ideas, informing an audience, presenting arguments, and learning persuasive strategies. May be offered in a Distance-Learning Format.
Transfer Credit: Transfers to CSU; UC. C-ID: COMM 110

COMM 1H Honors Public Speaking

3 units; 3 hours Lecture
 Prerequisite: Honors Standing.
 Hybrid Requisite: Completion of or concurrent enrollment in COMM 6.
 Recommended Preparation: ENGL 1A/1AH/1AMC/1AMCH.
 Repeatability: May be taken a total of 1 time.
 Emphasizes managing speech anxiety, organizing and outlining ideas, informing an audience, presenting arguments, and learning persuasive strategies. May be offered in a Distance-Learning Format.
Transfer Credit: Transfers to CSU; UC. C-ID: COMM 110

COMM 2 Group Discussion

3 units; 3 hours Lecture

Hybrid Requisite: Completion of or concurrent enrollment in COMM 6

Repeatability: May be taken a total of 1 time.

Emphasizes decision making and problem solving in small groups. A central theme of this course is how to structure cooperation into the group process. Additional subjects include group development, leadership, power, and conflict management.

Transfer Credit: Transfers to CSU; UC, with limits: COMM 2 & 10 combined-maximum credit-1 course. C-ID: COMM 140

COMM 4 Argumentation and Persuasion

3 units; 3 hours Lecture

Prerequisite: ENGL 100 or ESL 100 and READ 100.

Repeatability: May be taken a total of 1 time.

Introduces basic elements of argumentation. Some emphasis placed on debating controversial issues and learning fundamental debate techniques.

Transfer Credit: Transfers to CSU; UC. C-ID: COMM 120

COMM 6 Listening

1 unit; 1 hour Lecture

Repeatability: May be taken a total of 1 time.

Introduces the role of the listener in communication with discussion and activities focusing on listening habits, perception, and types of listening (including empathic, comprehensive, and critical-thinking skills). May be offered in a Distance-Learning Format.

Transfer Credit: Transfers to CSU.

COMM 7 Interpersonal Communication

3 units; 3 hours Lecture

Repeatability: May be taken a total of 1 time.

Introduces the theory and practice of communication in personal and professional relationships. Emphasizes interpersonal competence in perception, listening, verbal and nonverbal messages and conflict management. Examines how behavior, society, and culture are interwoven to affect communication.

Transfer Credit: Transfers to CSU; UC. C-ID: COMM 130

COMM 8 Communication Activities

3 units; 3 hours Lecture

Repeatability: May be taken a total of 1 time.

Provides experience in various communication activities including observation of and participation in community and/or college groups. May be offered in a Distance-Learning Format.

Transfer Credit: Transfers to CSU.

COMM 10 Communication Process

3 units; 3 hours Lecture

Repeatability: May be taken a total of 1 time.

Provides experience in the three levels of communication: one-to-one, one-to-few, and one-to-many. Explores assumptions, principles, processes, variables, methods, and specialization of human communication.

Transfer Credit: Transfers to CSU; UC, with limits: COMM 2 & 10 combined: maximum credit-1 course. C-ID: COMM 115

COMM 12 Intercultural Communication

3 units; 3 hours Lecture

Repeatability: May be taken a total of 1 time.

Provides an understanding of the dynamics of intercultural communication with application to American culture, subcultures and different cultures of the world. Emphasizes culture shock, self awareness, perception, values, world views, verbal and nonverbal communication competency and ways to become a more cross-culturally sensitive and diverse communicator. May be offered in a Distance-Learning Format.

Transfer Credit: Transfers to CSU; UC. C-ID: COMM 150

COMM 14 Health Communication

3 units; 3 hours Lecture

Repeatability: May be taken a total of 1 time.

Introduces the theory and practice of health communication in culturally diverse settings. Covers patient-caregiver communication, the social, cultural, and political influences on health care access and utilization, and the impact of organizational culture on health care and communication. Students will gain practical experience in critical thinking, decision-making, and problem-solving within interpersonal, small group, and public speaking/education contexts.

Transfer Credit: Transfers to CSU.