COMMUNICATION STUDIES - ASSOCIATE IN ARTS FOR TRANSFER

Communication Studies is the study of human communication. It includes public speaking, argumentation and persuasion, and interpersonal, intercultural, and small group communication. The importance of communication awareness, training, and skills are essential for successful and fulfilling personal, professional, and academic relationships and activities. Communication skills, theory, and practice are useful in any career including: education, business management, communication management, journalism, law enforcement, mass media and media arts, political science, public policy and administration, social work, public relations, advertising, broadcasting, technology, and finance.

To be awarded the Associate in Arts in Communication Studies for Transfer degree, students must:

1. Complete 60 semester units or 90 quarter units which are eligible for transfer to the California State University, including both of the following:
   a. The Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) or the CSU General Education – Breadth Requirements.
   b. A minimum of 18 semester units or 27 quarter units in a major or area of emphasis, as determined by the community college district.

2. Obtain a minimum grade point average of 2.0.

While a minimum of 2.0 is required for admission, some majors may require a higher GPA. Please consult with a counselor for more information.

Associate Degrees for Transfer (ADTs) also require that students must earn a "C" or better in all courses required for the major or area of emphasis. A ‘P’ (Pass) grade is acceptable grade for courses in the major if the course is taken on a “pass/no pass” basis.

Program Learning Outcomes

- Express and convey message clearly for effective oral communication
- Demonstrate effective listening skills to comprehend spoken messages, analyze information critically, and consider multiple perspectives
- Participate in the civic life of their communities through public address and civic engagement, and advocate for positive change
- Articulate the importance of diversity, differing belief and value systems, as well as individual opinions
- Apply interpersonal skills to create and maintain successful and beneficial social and civic relationships
- Describe communication technology and its impact on human communication practices

Major Requirements

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A.A.-T Degree Requirements

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COMS 040 | Introduction to Argumentation
COMS 045 | Small Group Communication
Select two of the following: | 6
Any course from above if not already taken
COMS 018 | Introduction to Communication Studies
COMS 035 | Intercultural Communication
JOURN 021 | Mass Media and Society
Select one of the following: | 3
Any course from above if not already taken
ANTH 063 | Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology
ENGL 001B | English Composition
ENGL 001C | Critical Thinking/Composition
JOURN 022 | News Writing and Reporting for the Media
PSYCH 010 | General Psychology
SOC 010 | Introduction to Sociology
Total Units | 18