

Communications Studies Programs

A.A.-T DEGREE: COMMUNICATION STUDIES

The Associate in Arts in Communication Studies for Transfer degree includes curriculum which focuses on practical application of communication skills and communication theory. Students who complete the degree will be able to demonstrate communication competence in both personal and business relationships. The Associate in Arts in Communication Studies for **Transfer is intended for students who plan to complete a bachelor's degree in Communication Studies** at a CSU campus. Students completing this degree are guaranteed admission to the CSU system, but not to a particular campus or major. Students transferring to a CSU campus that does accept this degree will be required to complete no more than 60 units after **transfer to earn a bachelor's degree. 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.** In all cases, students should consult with a counselor for more information on university admission and transfer requirements. In order to earn this A.A.-T degree, students must complete a minimum of 60 required semester units of CSU transferable coursework with a minimum GPA of 2.0.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon satisfactory completion of this award, the student should be prepared to:

- 1. Construct speeches and other compositions demonstrating clarity of ideas, research skills, proper source citation, logical argument, awareness of audience, and proper outlining techniques.*
- 2. Identify and apply principles of interpersonal communication theory to build functional relationships.*
- 3. Demonstrate critical thinking in the analysis and production of communication.*
- 4. Adequately debate others, present platform speeches, or perform works of literature in a classroom or outside venue.*

(1) Completion of 60 semester units or 90 quarter units that are eligible for transfer to the California State University, including both of the following:

(A) The Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) or the California State University 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) Obtainment of a minimum grade point average of 2.0. 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 not an acceptable grade for courses in the major.

To earn an Associate in Arts for Transfer Degree in this major, the student must complete the requirements detailed in the Transfer Model Curriculum pathway. All courses must be completed with a C or better.

REQUIRED CORE - COMPLETE 3 UNITS	
COMM 100 [1] Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
LIST A (SELECT TWO) - COMPLETE 6 UNITS	
COMM 104 [NP] Argumentation	3 OR
COMM 107 [NP] Introduction to Debate	3
COMM 103 [NP] Interpersonal Communication	3
COMM 106 [NP] Group & Organizational Communication	3
LIST B (SELECT TWO) - COMPLETE 6 UNITS	
Any List A course not used above	3
COMM 102 [NP] Introduction to Human Communication	3
COMM 105 ^ [2, 3, 4] Intercollegiate Forensics	3
COMM 110 [NP] Persuasion	3
COMM 120 [NP] Oral Interpretation	3
COMM 130 [NP] Intercultural Communication	3
Up to 3 units in Forensics may be counted for list B	
LIST C (SELECT ONE) - COMPLETE 3 UNITS	
Any List A or List B course not used above	3
COMM 122 [NP] Introduction to Readers' Theatre	3
COMM 123 [NP] Storytelling	3
COMM 124 [2, 3, 4] Advanced Readers' Theatre	3
TOTAL UNITS FOR THE A.A.T. MAJOR	18
Total units that may be double-counted	18
General Education (CSU-GE or IGETC) units	37-39
Elective (CSU transferable) units	21-23
TOTAL UNITS REQUIRED FOR A.A.-T DEGREE	60

**Note: Double counting courses in GE and the major is permissible. Guidance and Activities requirements are not required for the Associate in Arts in Communication Studies for Transfer degree.*

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The Communication Studies Program at Modesto Junior College offers students a variety of courses which incorporate both theory and performance instruction. These include public speaking, argumentation and debate, organizational communication, intercultural and interpersonal communication, contest speaking and forensics competition which includes debate and individual events. The MJC Forensics Team has captured a number of state and national championships. Most courses are available to students in both day and evening hours.

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- 2. Identify and apply principles of interpersonal communication theory to build functional relationships.*
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To earn an Associate in Arts Degree, the student must complete the requirements detailed in the University Preparation Pathway which include completion of the requirements below. Student should consult with a Speech Communication advisor for selection of Elective Units.

REQUIRED COURSES - COMPLETE 6 UNITS

COMM 100 [1] Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3 OR
COMM 102 [1] Introduction to Human Communication	3
COMM 104 [NP] Argumentation	3 OR
COMM 107 [1] Introduction to Debate	3

ELECTIVE COURSES - COMPLETE 15 UNITS

COMM 103 [2,3,4] Interpersonal Communication	3
COMM 105 [NP] Intercollegiate Forensics	3
COMM 106 [3,4] Group & Organizational Communication	3
COMM 110 [NP] Persuasion	3
COMM 120 [NP] Oral Interpretation	3
COMM 122 [NP] Introduction to Readers' Theatre	3
COMM 123 [NP] Storytelling	3
COMM 124 [2,3,4] Advanced Readers' Theatre	3
COMM 130 [2,3,4] Intercultural Communication	3
COMM 133 [2,3,4] Mediated Communication	3
COMM 145 [NP] Parliamentary Procedure	1
COMM 180AB [NP] Communication Studies Lab Tutoring 1	1-2

TOTAL UNITS IN A.A. MAJOR 21

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT: COMMUNICATION STUDIES

The Certificate of Achievement in Communication Studies is designed to enhance a **student's ability to communicate** in academic and professional settings. This certificate is intended to improve the communication skills of students from all majors and career plans. Students majoring in fields that require strong communication skills may use certification in Communication Studies as an alternative to completing a Communication Studies degree.

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- 2. Identify and apply principles of interpersonal communication theory to build functional relationships.*
- 3. Demonstrate critical thinking in the analysis and production of communication.*

To earn a Certificate of Achievement, the student must complete the following coursework. Each course must be completed with a grade of C or better or "P" (Pass).

ORAL COMMUNICATION AREA - COMPLETE 3 UNITS

COMM 100 [NP] Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
COMM 102 [NP] Introduction to Human Communication	3
COMM 110 [NP] Persuasion	3

CRITICAL THINKING AREA- COMPLETE 3 UNITS

COMM 104 [NP] Argumentation	3
COMM 107 [NP] Introduction to Debate	3

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS AREA- COMPLETE 3 UNITS

COMM 103 [NP] Interpersonal Communication	3
COMM 130 [NP] Intercultural Communication	3

GROUP AND ORGANIZATIONAL COMMUNICATION AREA- COMPLETE 3 UNITS

COMM 106 [NP] Group & Organizational Communication	3
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TOTAL UNITS FOR certificate OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARD	12
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**Pending ACCJC Approval*