PROGRAM OF STUDY

Associate in Arts in Communication Studies for Transfer Degree: AA-T

Communication Studies is specifically focused on the study of human communication within such contexts as interpersonal relationships, small groups, organizations, and cultures. Topics of study vary accordingly and include such areas as language and meaning, nonverbal communication, conflict management, leadership, problem solving, and interviewing. Students examine the role that communication plays in managing their interactions in both personal and professional contexts. While there is some specific communication skill development in the introductory courses, most courses focus on understanding and analyzing the nature of human communication within the given context. Because communication skills are always listed as the most desirable quality that employers are looking for in applicants, the number of possible career paths is almost limitless. Some general areas where Communication Studies graduates are often employed include human relations, personnel, training and development, corporate communication, sales, public relations, management, and event planning.

The Associate in Arts in Communication Studies for Transfer (AA-T) is intended for students who plan to complete a Bachelor's Degree in Communication Studies, or a similar major at a CSU campus. Students completing the AA-T in Communication Studies are guaranteed admission to the CSU system, but not necessarily to a particular campus or major of choice. Students should consult with a counselor for more information on university admission and transfer requirements as this AA-T in Communication Studies 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.

To earn an Associate in Arts in Communication Studies for Transfer, students must:

1. Complete 60 semester or 90 quarter CSU transferable units.

2. Obtain a 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 transfer institutions and majors may require a higher GPA.

3. Complete 18 specified major units. All courses in the major must be completed with a grade of C or better or a "P" if the course is taken on a "pass-no-pass" basis (Title 5 § 55063). Even though a "pass-no-pass" is allowed, it is recommended that students complete their major courses with a grade.

4. Obtain certification of the California State University General Education-Breadth (CSU GE-Breadth) pattern or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC for CSU) pattern.

REQUIRED CORE: Complete the following (3 units)		**Units**
COMM M01	Public Speaking	3
	or	
COMM M01H	Honors: Public Speaking	3

LIST A: Select and complete two courses (6 units)		**Units**
COMM M04	Interpersonal Communication	3
COMM M06	Small Group Communication	3
COMM M07	Argumentation and Debate	3

LIST B: Select and complete a minimum of 6 units		**Units**
COMM M02	Introduction to Persuasion	3
COMM M05	Oral Interpretation of Literature	3
COMM M10A	Forensics I	2
COMM M12	Intercultural Communications	3
Any course from LIST A not already used.		

LIST C: Select and complete one course (3 units)		**Units**
COMM M13	Gender Communication	3
COMM M16	Readers' Theatre	3
COMM M17	Computer-Mediated Communication	3
COMM M18	Introduction to Organizational Communication	3
COMM M19	Communication and Leadership	3
COMM M20	Business and Professional Speech	3
COMM M23	Introduction to Health Communication	3

COMM M25	Introduction to Rhetorical Criticism	3
COMM M26	Rhetoric of Popular Culture	3
Any course in LIST A or B not already used		

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Total Units for the Major: 18
General Education Requirements
CSU GE-Breadth Certification Plan: 39
IGETC: 37*
***IGETC 1C is required for all CSU applicants. Students applying to a UC or Private School may earn this ADT without IGETC 1C but will be ineligible to apply to a CSU.**
TOTAL DEGRE UNITS: 60

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