

COMMUNICATION STUDIES ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE FOR TRANSFER (AA-T)

Division: Language Arts

PROGRAM CODE: 1A31002

Financial Aid Eligible

The **Communication Studies Associate in Arts Degree for Transfer** is designed to provide an opportunity for the Communication Studies major to achieve a Communication Studies Associate in Arts Degree for Transfer while completing the first and second year requirements for transfer to a four-year institution. While a baccalaureate degree is recommended preparation for those considering professional careers, completion of this curriculum will demonstrate commitment to the field and provide comprehensive preparation for upper division work. The Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act (Senate Bill 1440, now codified in California Education Code sections 66746-66749) guarantees admission to a California State University (CSU) campus for any community college student who completes an "associate degree for transfer", a newly established variation of the associate degrees traditionally offered at a California community college. The Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T) is intended for students who plan to complete a bachelor's degree in a similar major at a CSU campus. Students completing these degrees (AA-T) are guaranteed admission to the CSU system, but not to a particular campus or major. Students transferring to a CSU campus that does accept the AA-T will be required to complete no more than 60 units after transfer to earn a bachelor's degree (unless the major is designated "high-unit" 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. Students should consult with a counselor when planning to complete the degree for more information on university admission and transfer requirements. To earn an Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T) students must complete: (1) a minimum of 18 units of major course requirements with a grade of C or better; AP(Pass) grade is an acceptable grade for a course in the major only if the P is defined to be equivalent to a C or better (2) California State University General Education Breadth requirements (CSU GE Breadth) or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC); (3) any elective courses to complete a minimum of 60 units of CSU transferable coursework; (4) have an overall GPA of 2.0. This certificate requires a total of 18 units in the major, in addition to general graduation requirements.

| Code | Title | Units |
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| Required Core Courses (3 units): | | |
| COMM 100 C | Human Communication | 3 |
| or COMM 100HC | Honors Human Communication | |
| List A: Take the following two courses (6 units) | | |
| COMM 105 C | Interpersonal Communication | 3 |
| COMM 135 C | Argument and Critical Thinking | 3 |
| List B: Select two courses (6 units). Please note Forensics courses may only be taken for a maximum of 3 units | | |
| COMM 124 C | Small Group Communication | 3 |
| COMM 120 C | Intercultural Communication | 3 |
| COMM 170 C | Oral Interpretation of Lit | 3 |
| COMM 138 C | Forensics ¹ | 1-2 |

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| COMM 238 C | Forensics ¹ | 1-2 |
| COMM 220 C | The Rhetoric of the City | 3 |
| or COMM 220HC | Honors Rhetoric of the City | |
| JOUR 110 C | Global Media | 3 |
| List C: Select one course (3 units) from below or any LIST A or B course not already used | | 3 |
| COMM 110 C | Mediated Oral Communication | 3 |
| JOUR 101 C | Reporting and Writing | 3 |
| PSY 101 C | Introduction to Psychology | 3 |
| or PSY 101HC | Honors Intro to Psychology | |
| SOC 101 C | Introduction to Sociology | 3 |
| or SOC 101HC | Honors Introduction to Sociology | |
| ANTH 102 C | Cultural Anthropology | 3 |
| or ANTH 102HC | Honors Cultural Anthropology | |
| Total Units | | 18 |

¹ Forensics courses may only be taken for a combined maximum of 3 units

Program Student Learning Outcomes:

OUTCOME 1: Acquire the knowledge of introductory Communication Studies principles/theories, including interpersonal, argumentation, intercultural, small group, and/or oral interpretation, necessary for transfer to a four-year institution.

OUTCOME 2: Acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to communicate ideas orally and in writing.

OUTCOME 3: Acquire the knowledge and critical thinking skills necessary to analyze arguments.

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