

COMMUNICATION STUDIES

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Degree(s)

Transfer:

 A.A.-T in Communication Studies for Transfer 32120 AA.COMM.OPTBAAT
or 32120 AA.COMM.OPTCAAT

(using General Education Requirements Option B or C)

See Also

A.A. in Liberal Arts - Arts, Humanities & Communications
Emphasis

Non-Transfer:

None

See:

A.A. in Humanities

Certificate(s)

None

Employment Concentration Certificate(s)

Communication, Teamwork and Leadership 99999 ECC.COMM.CTL

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Communication Studies Program offers lower division preparation for students who plan to transfer to pursue a bachelor's degree in Communication Studies.

The Communication transfer program major provides students with an opportunity to improve their personal and professional lives. Students will study communication dynamics in interpersonal relationships, groups and public settings. By studying how, why, and with what consequences people communicate, students themselves will become more competent communicators. Students will develop broad based competencies in oral and written communication as well as critical analysis. This major will prepare students for careers or further studies in international relations, intercultural studies, rhetoric, public relations, advertising, journalism, corporate communications, mass media, politics, civic service and a variety of other disciplines.

Communication is a discipline with its roots in ancient Greek and Roman oratory. Oral communication skills have been important throughout the history of western culture and essential in the rise of democratic forms of government. During the Twentieth Century, the discipline has broadened from its original focus on public speaking to include the teaching of communication skills needed in all aspects of daily life: family, friendships, work groups, social contacts, intercultural relations, politics, and mass media production and consumption. The discipline plays a key role in the technologically driven Information Age.

Communication courses involve the student in the process of learning both theory and skills. Students learn by engaging in class activities that allow for application of theory to everyday experiences, development of critical thinking abilities, and practice of oral communication skills.

FORENSICS PROGRAM

The MSJC Forensic Team is comprised of students, on all campuses, competing in a broad range of oratory events, both individually and as a team. Students compete against other colleges and universities. Major forensic events include debate, extemporaneous speaking (informative and persuasive), and oral interpretation (prose and poetry). It is very challenging, tons of fun and a tremendous academic advantage to students in transferring. Contact the Director of Forensics, Ron Newman (rnewman@msjc.edu) for details)

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Transfer Degree

For any BA/BS careers, please see your transfer institution.

Employment Concentration

Soft skills are a collection of skills appropriate to any career in any field. In particular, this skill set enables one to be more effective in dealing directly with co-workers and the consumer/the public than they otherwise would be.



TRANSFER PREPARATION

MSJC offers a range of course work to prepare students to transfer to four-year colleges and universities. All four-year institutions prescribe their own standards for course evaluation and admissions. Prospective transfer students are advised to research careers, degrees and majors in the Career/Transfer Center, access www.assist.org, review the MSJC catalog and meet with a counselor to expedite their transfer plan.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Recognize and discuss the ways in which communication, both verbal and nonverbal, affects lives in various social contexts (e.g., intrapersonal, interpersonal, intercultural, group, organizational, mass, and mediated communication among others).
- Locate, read, and critically evaluate research (traditional and electronic), comparing and contrasting research methodologies used in the discipline.
- Construct and responsibly present different types of speeches both individually and group, demonstrating effective communication practices (e.g., active listening, self-presentation).
- Explore, compare and evaluate the basic communication theories of small group, public, organizational and mass communication, the ways in which technology affects communication, as well as the rhetorical foundations of the field of Communication Studies.

DEGREE

Transfer A.A.-T Degree

Communication Studies

An Associate in Arts in Communication Studies for Transfer will fulfill the requirements for students to transfer to a CSU institution as a Communication Studies major. The Communication Studies courses in A.A.-T in Communication Studies will provide students with the practical skill of effective communication, both publicly, inter-personally, and professionally. Additionally, the student will gain specific knowledge in a variety of other communication subtexts: intercultural, media, argument, organizational, persuasion, gender, public relations, and/or performance.

The major required for an A.A.-T in Communication Studies for Transfer may be met by

- Completion of 60 semester units or 90 quarter units that are eligible for transfer to the California State University.
- The Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) or the California State University General Education-Breadth Requirements.
- A minimum of 18 semester units or 27 quarter units in a major or area of emphasis, as determined by the community college district.
- Obtainment of a minimum grade point average of 2.0.

ADT also requires 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 if pass is defined as a grade of C or better.

A.A.-T in Communication Studies for Transfer (18 units)

Required Core (3 units)

COMM-100 Public Speaking 3 units

or

COMM-100H Honors Public Speaking 3 units

List A: Select two (6 units)

COMM-103 Interpersonal Communication 3 units

or

COMM-103H Honors Interpersonal Communication 3 units

COMM-104 Argumentation and Debate 3 units

or

COMM-104H Honors Argumentation and Debate 3 units

COMM-106 Small Group Communication 3 units

List B: Select two (6 units)

Any List A course not used above or one of the following:

COMM-108 Intercultural Communication 3 units

or

COMM-108H Honors Intercultural Communication 3 units

COMM-110 Communications Media Survey 3 units

COMM-113/THA-113 Oral Interpretation of Literature 3 units

COMM-115 Persuasion 3 units

COMM-120 Survey of Communication Studies 3 units

COMM-160 Debate and Forensic Activities 1-3 units

COMM-201 Advanced Public Speaking 3 units

List C: Select one (3 units)

Any List A or B course not used above or one of the following:

COMM-116 Gender and Communication 3 units

COMM-117 Organizational Communication 3 units

COMM-119 Public Relations 3 units

COMM-129/THA-127 Reader's Theater 3 units

Units for Major 18

CSU General Education or IGETC Pattern 37-39

Possible double counting 15

Transferable Electives (as needed to reach 60 CSU transferable units)

Total Units for A.A.-T Degree 60 units

This Associate in Arts in Communication Studies for Transfer degree is intended for students who plan to complete a bachelor's degree in a similar major at a CSU campus. A student completing this degree is guaranteed admission to the CSU system, but not a particular campus or major. Students should meet with a counselor to develop an educational plan and receive university admission and transfer requirements.

Employment Concentration

Communication, Teamwork and Leadership (15 units)

Soft skills are the “people skills” that accompany an individual’s technical skills and knowledge. These skills help distinguish employees in the job market and workplace and are critical to excellence in any field. This skill set includes interpersonal communication skills, the ability to work collaboratively in teams, and strengthened emotional intelligence. Additionally, strong writing, speaking and listening skills, together with enhanced critical thinking skills, allow individuals to excel in personal leadership.

Required Courses (13 units)

COMM-103	Interpersonal Communication	3 units
or		
COMM-103H	Honors Interpersonal Communication	3 units
COMM-106	Small Group Communication	3 units
ENGL-098	Writing and Reading Fundamentals in English	4 units
or		
ENGL-101	College Composition	4 units
or		
ENGL-101H	Honors College Composition	4 units
or		
ESL-098W	English Writing Fundamentals	4 units
GUID-120	Personal Success Habits of Highly Effective People	3 units
or		
LEAD-101	Leadership Development	3 units