

COMMUNICATION STUDIES 2.0, ASSOCIATE IN ARTS FOR TRANSFER (AA-T)

Overview

Whatever their age, social position, or occupation, people communicate. Humans spend more time engaged in speaking and listening than virtually any other activity. Communication is as important as it is pervasive—success or failure often depends on how well we express ourselves and understand others. Recognizing this fact, the Communication Department offers a wide range of courses to help students become more skillful, aware communicators. The department's curriculum focuses on communication in a variety of settings—interpersonal, small group, organizational, presentational, via mass media and between cultures and nations. Courses are also available in argumentation and debate, communication theory and research methods. Communication students will have the opportunity to gain practical and theoretical knowledge about human communication, develop their communication skills, and showcase their proficiency by participating in various projects through their classes. The Communication Department strives to foster an inclusive and welcoming learning experience for all, and develop in our students a deep value of diversity, equity, and inclusion which they will take into their lives and careers outside of our college.

The AA-T in Communication Studies 2.0 provides students with the foundational knowledge in communication to make a successful transition into a Baccalaureate Degree in Communication at any of the CSU campuses. The Associate Degree for Transfer (AA-T or AS-T) is a special degree offered at California Community Colleges. Students who earn an AA-T or AS-T degree are guaranteed admission to a campus within the California State University (CSU) system in a similar major, although not necessarily to a specific campus. Students who complete an AA-T or AS-T are given priority consideration when applying to a particular program that is similar to the student's community college major and will be given a special GPA advantage when applying to CSU impacted campuses or majors. Students who are planning to pursue an AA-T or AS-T are strongly advised to meet with a counselor for additional information about this transfer program. Visit the I Can Go to College (<https://icangotocollege.com/>) site for more information about these degrees.

Requirements

Associate Degree for Transfer Graduation Requirements

Complete all of the following:

1. All Department Requirements listed below with a "C" or better or "P" in each course.
2. IGETC-CSU (<https://catalog.sbccc.edu/transfer-curricula/#igetctext>) or the CSU GE Breadth (<https://catalog.sbccc.edu/transfer-curricula/#csugebtext>) pattern.
3. A total of 60 CSU transferable semester units.
4. Maintain a minimum cumulative CSU transferable GPA of 2.0.
5. A minimum of 12 units through SBCC.

Important Note: This AA-T in Communication Studies 2.0 replaces the old AA-T in Communication Studies which was deactivated effective Fall 2024. New students beginning at SBCC in Fall 2024 or after need to

complete the AA-T in Communication Studies 2.0 requirements. Students with catalog rights prior to Fall 2024 are advised to consult the CSU ADT Major & Campus Search (<https://www.calstate.edu/apply/transfer/Pages/associate-degree-for-transfer-major-and-campus-search.aspx>) database to determine which bachelor's degree programs offered by the CSU campuses are deemed similar to the each of the two versions of the AA-T in Communication Studies. Students are also advised to consult ASSIST (www.assist.org) (<https://assist.org/>) and to meet with an academic counselor to discuss the best combination of courses to take for their AA-T to ensure they receive the admission benefits associated with it, and to meet the requirements of the transfer institution to which they are intending to transfer.

Code	Title	Units
Department Requirements		
Required Core		6-6 units
COMM 121	Interpersonal Communication	
or COMM 121H	Interpersonal Communication, Honors	
COMM 131		
or COMM 131H		
List A - Complete three courses from the following:		9-13 units
CHIN 102	Beginning Chinese II	
or FR 102	Beginning French II	
or GER 102	Beginning German II	
or ITAL 102	Beginning Italian II	
or JAPN 102	Beginning Japanese II	
or SPAN 102	Beginning Spanish II	
COMM 101	Introduction to Communication	
COMM 141	Small Group Communication	
COMM 151	Intercultural Communication	
COMM 171	Mass Media and Society	
COMM 235	Argumentation and Debate	
ENG 103	Critical Thinking and Reading	
or ENG 111	Critical Thinking and Composition Through Literature	
or ENG 111H	Critical Thinking and Composition Through Literature, Honors	
or ENG 115		
or PHIL 111	Critical Thinking And Writing In Philosophy	
or PHIL 205	Introduction to Logic	
GDP 110	Media Design	
JOUR 122A	The Channels: Newswriting and Editing	
JOUR/PHOT 190	Photojournalism	
MATH 117		
or PSY 150	Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences	
or SOC 125	Introduction to Statistics in Sociology	
POLS 101		
List B - Complete one course from the following:		3-5 units
Any List A course not already used or one of the following		
ANTH 103	Introduction To Cultural Anthropology	
COMM 142	Leadership in a Global Society	
COMM 161	Communication in Organizations	
COMM 162		
COMM 200	Rhetoric of Pop Culture	

COMM 288	Communication Research Methods
COMM 289	Communication Theory
ENG 200	Introduction to Literature
JOUR 101	Reporting/Writing I
PSY 100	
or PSY 100H	
SOC 101	Introduction To Sociology
or SOC 101H	Introduction to Sociology, Honors
Total Units	
18.00-24.00	

Learning Outcomes

1. Analyze and critically evaluate communication practices, messages and outcomes in various contexts (e.g., interpersonal, intercultural, small group, public and professional communication, and mass media).
2. Apply strategies for improved communication effectiveness in oral, written and/or presentation contexts.
3. Read, evaluate and report on communication research.
4. Evaluate the benefits and challenges of diverse communicative practices of people living in a global/multicultural society.
5. Explain the ethical dimensions of communication.

Recommended Sequence

Make an appointment with your SBCC academic counselor through Starfish to create a Student Education Plan that reflects a recommended course sequence for this program that is tailored to your individual needs.

How to schedule an Academic Counseling appointment (<https://www.sbcc.edu/counselingcenter/counselingappointments.php>).