

# PROGRAM OF STUDY

## Associate in Arts in Communication Studies for Transfer

In the broadest sense, Communication Studies is the study of all human communication with a focus on verbal behavior. It is not limited to the training of great orators as the leaders of society, but includes training for and analysis of communication within small and large groups, between two individuals and even communication within the individual. In all forms of communication, people talk together in order to influence the behavior of other human beings. A speaker can manage essential factors within a communication situation-such as idea selection, language use, and vocal or physical presentation-and can thus affect the behaviors which will be produced. Competent communicators also must be skilled in the critical analysis and evaluation of the messages that they hear in order to formulate effective and appropriate responses.

Topics in this field include: political debates, communicating across cultures, gender differences in communication, conflict resolution and negotiation, uses of power within groups, needs of non-native speakers, listening, and techniques for overcoming speech anxiety. A Baccalaureate and/or graduate degree in Communication Studies can lead to careers in public relations, teaching, consulting, broadcasting, law, ministry, public administration, politics, or any field in which communication skills are highly valued.

The first option listed below is the Associate in Arts in Communication Studies for Transfer (A.A.-T), which is intended for students who plan to transfer and complete a bachelor's degree in Communication Studies or a similar major at a CSU campus. Students completing the Associate in Arts in Communication Studies for Transfer are guaranteed admission to the CSU system, but not to a particular campus or 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. See Associate Degree for Transfer information in the Cabrillo College *Catalog*.

The following is required for all A.A.-T or A.S.-T degrees:

- Completion of 60 CSU-transferable semester units.
- 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 majors may require a higher GPA.
- Completion of a minimum of 18 semester units in the major with a letter grade of "C" or better, or a "P" if the course is taken on a "pass/no pass" basis.
- Certified completion of the California State University General Education-Breadth pattern (CSU GE Breadth) or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) pattern.

## Learning Outcomes

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The Cabrillo College Core Competencies (with an emphasis in the study of Communication Studies):

1. Communication: Reading, Writing, Listening, Speaking and/or Conversing
2. Critical Thinking and Information Competency: Analysis, Computation, Research, Problem Solving
3. Global Awareness: An appreciation of Scientific Processes, Global Systems and Civics, and Artistic Variety.
4. Personal Responsibility and Professional Development: Self-Management and Self-Awareness, Social and Physical Wellness, Workplace Skills

### Completion of CSU or IGETC for CSU General Education Requirements

**GE Units**

37 - 39

#### Core Course (3 units)

COMM 1	Public Speaking	3
	<b>or</b>	
COMM 1H	Honors Public Speaking	3

#### List A - Select 2 courses from: (6 units)

COMM 2	Group Discussion	3
COMM 4	Argumentation and Persuasion	3
COMM 7	Interpersonal Communication	3

<b>List B - Select 2 courses from: (6 units)</b>		<b>Units</b>
Any course not used from List A above and/or		
AP 9A	Beginning Photography	3
COMM 10	Communication Process	3
COMM 12	Intercultural Communication	3
DM 1	Introduction to Digital Media	4
HIST 4A	Survey of Western Civilization to 1648	3
<b>or</b>		
HIST 4AH	Honors Survey of Western Civilization to 1648	3
HIST 4B	Survey of Western Civilization--1648 to Late 20th Century	3
<b>or</b>		
HIST 4BH	Honors Survey of Western Civilization--1648 to Late 20th Century	3
JOURN 21	Mass Communications	3
JOURN 54A	Newspaper Production: Reporting and Photography	1
JOURN 54B	Newspaper Production: Editing	1
JOURN 54C	Newspaper Production: Management	1
MATH 12	Elementary Statistics	5
<b>or</b>		
MATH 12H	Honors Elementary Statistics	5
<b>or</b>		
PSYCH 2A	Statistics for Behavioral Sciences	3

<b>List C - Select one course from: (3 units)</b>		<b>Units</b>
Any course not used from Lists A or B above		
or		
ANTHR 2	Introduction to Anthropology: Cultural	3
ANTHR 2H	Honors Introduction to Anthropology: Cultural	3
COMM 6	Listening	1
COMM 8	Communication Activities	3
COMM 14	Health Communication	3
ENGL 1B	Composition and Literature	3
ENGL 1BH	Honors Composition and Literature	3
ENGL 1BMC	Composition and Literature: Multicultural Emphasis	3
ENGL 2	Composition and Critical Thinking	3
ENGL 2H	Honors Composition and Critical Thinking	3
ENGL 2MC	Composition and Critical Thinking: Multicultural Emphasis	3
ENGL 2MCH	Honors Composition and Critical Thinking: Multicultural Emphasis	3
JOURN 23A	Reporting for the News Media	3
ENGL 23A	Reporting for the News Media	3
PSYCH 1	General Psychology	3
PSYCH 1H	Honors General Psychology	3
SOC 1	Introduction to Sociology: Understanding Society	3
SOC 1H	Honors Introduction to Sociology: Understanding Society	3
<b>or</b>		

Any lower-division major preparation course articulated to the Similar Major at a CSU

Note: All courses except COMM 6, COMM 8, COMM 14, DM 1, JOURN 20A, JOURN 23A, JOURN 54A, JOURN 54B, JOURN 54C & TA 18 are also general education courses.

<b>Electives:</b>	<b>Units</b>
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(Any Course Numbered 1-99)

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**Total Units**

**60**

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