

COMMUNICATION STUDIES 2.0: AA-T DEGREE

The Associate in Arts in Communication Studies for Transfer (AA-T in Communication Studies) is designed to provide a clear pathway to a CSU institution for students who plan to transfer and complete a CSU major or baccalaureate degree in Communication Studies. California Community College students who are awarded an Associate in Arts in Communication Studies for Transfer (AA-T in Communication Studies) are guaranteed admission with junior standing somewhere in the CSU system and given priority admission consideration to their local CSU institution or to a program that is deemed similar to their community college major. This priority does not guarantee admission to specific majors or institutions.

To fulfill the requirements for this degree, students will complete the required and elective courses in the area of emphasis and the appropriate general education pattern (either CSU GE or IGETC) totaling 60 semester CSU-transferable units.

Additional NVC graduation requirements do not apply to this degree. Students must successfully pass all courses in the area of emphasis with a minimum of "C" and maintain an overall minimum 2.0 GPA. Additionally, students pursuing this degree option must work with a counselor and faculty advisor to ensure appropriate elective course selections for their intended area of emphasis for the baccalaureate degree.

Career Opportunities

While the format and medium may change, clear, effective communication is always in demand. Communication Studies graduates can embark on careers in a variety of settings in the private and public sectors, as well as pursuing further study in areas such as linguistics, ethnic studies, or social work.

- Arbitrators/negotiators
- Counselors
- Public relations specialists
- Corporate trainers
- Advertising and promotions managers

Program Learning Outcomes

1-1 1. Demonstrate self-awareness in various communication settings. 1-2 2. Utilize an understanding of interpersonal dynamics and the communication process to communicate effectively verbally and nonverbally. 1-3 3. Demonstrate intercultural competence. 1-4 4. Use critical thinking skills to evaluate and create messages. 1-5 5. Demonstrate critical listening skills. 1-6 6. Demonstrate effective workplace skills. 1-7 7. Develop and present effective speeches for diverse audiences and occasions.

Degree Requirements

Code	Title	Units
Required Core Courses (6 units)		
COMM-120	Interpersonal Communication	3
COMM-122	Public Speaking	3
Required Electives: List A (9 units)		
Complete three courses from the following:		9
COMM-126	Intercultural Communication	
COMM-128	Critical Thinking: Argumentation and Debate	

COMM-130	Small Group Communication	
COMM-132	Oral Interpretation	
COMM-134	Introduction to Communication Theory	
Required Electives: List B (3 units)		
Complete one course from the following:		3
Any LIST A course not already used.		
ANTH-121	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	
COMM-124	Career Communication	
ENGL-121	Advanced Composition and Literary Analysis	
ENGL-125	Advanced Composition & Critical Thinking	
PSYC-120	General Psychology	
SOCI-120	Introduction to Sociology	
Total Units		18

To receive an Associate Degree for Transfer, students must complete 60 CSU transferable semester units with a grade point average of at least 2.0, and either the California State University General Education (CSU-GE) (<https://catalog.napavalley.edu/getting-your-degree/general-education/#csugeneraleducationtext>) or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) (<https://catalog.napavalley.edu/getting-your-degree/general-education/#igetcgeneraleducationtext>) pattern. Consultation with a Counselor is highly encouraged to ensure all requirements are met.