COMMUNICATION STUDIES – ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE FOR TRANSFER TO CSU

Top Code:

1506.00

This area of emphasis is intended to align with preparation for transfer into the CSU system in such majors as Art, Communication, English, Journalism, Television and Radio, Theatre Arts, and other similar fields of study. Communicating well and understanding the communication process are essential to professional success in many fields. People communicate to influence, to persuade, and to express. Learning to communicate effectively is one important reason for the study of Communication Arts. Studying the communication process helps one understand how the human mind works. Analyzing the messages in advertisements, television programs, and political speeches helps one to understand our society. Studying communication in everyday relationships, groups, and organizations shows us how these systems are created and maintained. Areas of study include face-to-face interaction, group process, organizational communication, rhetoric, advocacy, intercultural communication, political communication, and performance studies. Communication Arts students can expect to develop skills essential for leadership and career development, and for understanding and interpreting events.

The Associate in Arts in Communication Studies for Transfer degree will be awarded upon completion of coursework totaling 60 California State University (CSU) transferable units including the above major requirements and the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC-CSU) or California State University General Education (CSUGE) requirements with a minimum grade point average of 2.0. All courses in the major must be completed with a grade of "C" or better, or P if the course is graded on a P/NP basis. (Students completing this degree are not required to fulfill additional local graduation requirements.)

Program Outcomes

- Articulate the role of communication in multiple contexts.
- Demonstrate competencies for ethical communication.
- Critically analyze various communication practices.
- Demonstrate effective verbal, nonverbal and written communication in diverse forms and contexts.

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Code	Title	Units
Required Core		
SPCH 001	FUNDAMENTALS OF SPEECH	3
or SPCH 001H	HONORS FUNDAMENTALS OF SPEECH	
List A		
Select two of the following:		6
SPCH 009	SMALL GROUP COMMUNICATION	
SPCH 010	INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION	
SPCH 012	ARGUMENTATION AND CRITICAL THINKING	
or SPCH 006	ARGUMENTATION AND DEBATE	
List B		
Select two courses from below or any List A course not used above:		6
SPCH 002	PERSUASION	
SPCH 003	VOICE AND DICTION	
or SPCH 008	READERS' THEATER	
SPCH 004	ORAL INTERPRETATION	
SPCH 005	FORENSICS – SPEECH AND DEBATE TEAM	
SPCH 013	INTRODUCTION TO SPEECH COMMUNICATION	
COMM 001	SURVEY OF MASS COMMUNICATION	
ENGL 012	LANGUAGE AND CROSS-CULTURAL COMMUNICATION	
or LING 012	LANGUAGE AND CROSS-CULTURAL COMMUNICATION	
List C		
Select one course from below or any List A or B course not used above:		3-4
ANTH 002	CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY	
or ANTH 002H	HONORS CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY	
PSYC 001	INTRODUCTORY PSYCHOLOGY	
or PSYC 001H	HONORS INTRODUCTORY PSYCHOLOGY	
ENGL 001B	READING AND COMPOSITION	
or ENGL 001BH	HONORS READING AND COMPOSITION	
or ENGL 001C	INTERMEDIATE COMPOSITION-CRITICAL THINKING AND ARGUMENT	
or ENGL 001CH	HONORS INTERMEDIATE COMPOSITION-CRITICAL THINKING AND ARGUMENT	
JOUR 002	BEGINNING JOURNALISM	
or JOUR 004	REPORTING AND NEWSWRITING	
SOC 001	INTRODUCTORY SOCIOLOGY	
Required Subtotal		**18-19**
CSU General Education or IGETC CSU Pattern		37-39
Transferable Electives (as needed to reach 60 transferable units)		
Degree Total		**60**

Visit the Program Mapper (https://pasadena-city.programmapper.ws/academics/interest-clusters/569653cf-54a0-404a-870a-73a04dc48267/programs/9aa9a08b-38f2-ce85-07e1-3edc65a01fd1/) for a suggested sequence of courses.

General Education Requirements for the Associate in Arts Degree for Transfer

- General Information (https://curriculum.pasadena.edu/academic-programs-leading-degree-certificate/)
- CSU Breadth (https://curriculum.pasadena.edu/academic-programs-leading-degree-certificate/#csubreadthtext)
- IGETC (https://curriculum.pasadena.edu/academic-programs-leading-degree-certificate/#igetctext)