

appropriate General Education courses for their individual transfer goals.

It is strongly recommended that students consult with a counselor to determine which general education option is most appropriate for their individual educational goals.

Electives as needed to meet minimum of 60 units required for the degree.

Communication Studies

Award Type	Units
Associate in Arts for Transfer Degree: Communication Studies	18

Program Description

Communication Studies is an academic discipline that deals with processes of human communication. It describes, explains, and depicts the various elements that influence communication such as age, gender, culture, settings, and circumstance. Courses in Communication Studies challenge students, broaden their views, and help them develop increased skill and awareness of communication practices. The primary role of Communication Studies is to help students acquire the communication skills that will equip them to live and work effectively, creatively, and responsibly in a variety of social contexts and in a variety of relationships.

Program Learning Outcomes

Students who complete the Communication Studies program will be able to:

- Apply appropriate communication skills across settings, purposes, and audiences.
- Practice critical thinking to develop innovative and well-founded perspectives related to the communicated message.
- Demonstrate the ability to effectively deliver formal and informal oral presentations to a variety of audiences in multiple contexts.
- Demonstrate the ability to construct effective written messages in various formats and styles to a variety of audiences.

Students will be assessed through a combination of performance evaluations, written assignments, and written tests and quizzes.

Transfer Information

Common university majors related to the field of Communication Studies include:

- Communication Studies
- Communication
- Communicative Disorders
- Digital Journalism
- Graphic Communications
- Health Communication
- Human Communication
- Journalism, Marketing
- Mass Communications
- Mass Media
- Organizational Communication
- Public Relations
- Speech Communication

Students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university in this discipline should consult with a counselor or visit the Transfer Center to determine the appropriate major preparation courses for their specific transfer institution and major. More information on transfer programs and procedures is available in the Transfer Guide section of the catalog.

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Associate in Arts in Communication Studies for Transfer Degree

This degree is accepted by some but not all CSU campuses.

The Associate in Arts in Communication Studies for Transfer Degree is intended for students who plan to complete a bachelor's degree in Communication Studies or a related major in the California State

University (CSU) system. Students who complete this degree and transfer to a participating CSU campus will be required to complete no more than 60 units after transfer to earn a bachelor's degree. It may not be appropriate preparation for students transferring to a CSU campus that does not accept the degree. Students who plan to complete this degree should consult a counselor for additional information about participating CSU campuses as well as university admission, degree, and transfer requirements.

NOTE: Students intending to transfer to SDSU should consult a counselor and visit www.assist.org for guidance on appropriate transfer coursework.

Courses required for the major:	Units
COMS 103 Oral Communication	3

Select two of the following courses:

(It is recommended that students select courses that meet lower division major preparation requirements for their transfer university)

COMS 135 Interpersonal Communication	3
COMS 160 Argumentation	3
COMS 170 Small Group Communication	3

Select two of the following courses (not selected above)

(It is recommended that students select courses that meet lower division major preparation requirements for their transfer university)

COMS 104 Advanced Public Communication	3
COMS 135 Interpersonal Communication	3
COMS 160 Argumentation	3
COMS 170 Small Group Communication	3
COMS 180 Intercultural Communication	3
COMS 201 Communication and Community	3
JOUR 202 Introduction to Mass Communication	3
ENGL 205 Critical Thinking and Intermediate Composition	3
HIST 105 Introduction to Western Civilization I	3
MATH 119 Elementary Statistics	3

or

PSYC 258 Behavioral Science Statistics	3
PSYC 101 General Psychology	3

Select one of the following courses (not selected above)

(It is recommended that students select courses that meet lower division major preparation requirements for their transfer university)

COMS 104 Advanced Public Communication	3
COMS 135 Interpersonal Communication	3
COMS 160 Argumentation	3

COMS 170 Small Group Communication	3
COMS 180 Intercultural Communication	3
COMS 201 Communication and Community	3
JOUR 202 Introduction to Mass Communication	3
ANTH 103 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	3
ENGL 205 Critical Thinking and Intermediate Composition	3
HIST 105 Introduction to Western Civilization I	3
MATH 119 Elementary Statistics	3
or	
PSYC 258 Behavioral Science Statistics	3
PSYC 101 General Psychology	3
SOCO 101 Principles of Sociology	3

Total Units = 18

General Education: In addition to the courses listed above, students must complete one of the following general education options:

- The IGETC pattern (page 116) is accepted by all CSU campuses and most UC campuses and majors. It is also accepted by some private/independent or out of state universities.
- The CSU GE pattern (page 124) is accepted by all CSU campuses and some private/independent or out of state universities. It is not accepted by the UC system.

It is strongly recommended that students consult with a counselor to determine which general education option is most appropriate for their individual educational goals.

Electives as needed to meet maximum of 60 CSU-transferable units required for the degree.