

## Communication Studies Associate in Arts Degree for Transfer

The Associate in Arts Degree in Communication Studies for Transfer, also called the Communication Studies AA-T Degree, prepares students to transfer to CSUs that offer bachelor's degrees in Communication Studies. Ed Code Section 66746-66749 states students earning the Communication Studies AA-T degree will be granted priority for admission as a Communication Studies major to a local CSU, as determined by the CSU campus to which the student applies. This degree requires students to complete 60 CSU transferable units including completion of CSU GE or IGETC and 19-20 units in the major with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better. Title 5 requires that students earn a grade of "C" or better in all major coursework. There are no additional graduation requirements. Communication Studies prepares students to identify and solve communication problems, to facilitate effective communication in professional and interpersonal interactions to develop collaborative forms of problem solving and decision making. While a baccalaureate degree is recommended preparation for those considering communication focused careers in fields such as education, training and development, sales, community relations, public relations, the ministry, law, business, entertainment, nonprofit organizations and government, completion of this curriculum will demonstrate commitment to the field and provide comprehensive preparation for upper-division work. The Communication Studies AA-T Degree requires a total of 19-20 units of required courses and restricted electives from the categories below as indicated.

<b>Required Course (4 units)</b>	<b>Units</b>
SPCH 100 F Public Speaking	4
<b>Restricted Electives - Category A. Select 6-7 units:</b>	<b>Units</b>
SPCH 105 F Interpersonal Communication	3
SPCH 124 F Small Group Communication	3
SPCH 135 F Essentials of Argumentation	4
<b>Restricted Electives - Category B. Select minimum of 6 units. Students may choose from any course not used in List A and/or any of the following courses:</b>	<b>Units</b>
SPCH 120 F Intercultural Communication	3
SPCH 138 F* Forensics	1-1.5
JOUR 110 F Mass Media Survey	3
*SPCH 138 F is a variable unit course that may be taken up to four times for 1 to 1.5 units each time. Students may count up to three units of SPCH 138 F to Category B of the Communication Studies AA-T. If students do not complete three units of SPCH 138 F within the allowable number of times that it may be taken, they must complete another course in Category B to complete this requirement.	
<b>Restricted Electives - Category C. Select 3 units. Students may choose from any course not used in Lists A or B or from any of the following courses:</b>	<b>Units</b>
ANTH 102 F Cultural Anthropology	3
or	
ANTH 102HF Honors Cultural Anthropology	3
JOUR 101 F Reporting and Writing	3
PSY 101 F General Psychology	3
SOC 101 F Introduction to Sociology	3
or	
SOC 101HF Honors Introduction to Sociology	3

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**Total Units**

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