

# COMMUNICATION STUDIES 2.0, ASSOCIATE IN ARTS FOR TRANSFER

Communication Studies is specifically focused on the study of human communication within such contexts as interpersonal relationships, small groups, organizations, and cultures. Oral communication competence is the most highly prized and sought-after skill in the professional world, and an indispensable requirement for succeeding in all academic disciplines. Topics of study vary accordingly and include such areas as language and meaning, nonverbal communication, conflict management, leadership, problem solving, and interviewing. Students examine the role that communication plays in managing their interactions in both personal and professional contexts. While there is some specific communication skill development in the introductory courses, most courses focus on understanding and analyzing the nature of human communication within the given context. Because communication skills are always listed as the most desirable quality that employers are looking for in applicants, the number of possible career paths is almost limitless. Some general areas where Communication Studies graduates are often employed include human relations, personnel, training and development, corporate communication, sales, public relations, management, and event planning.

The Associate in Arts in Communication Studies 2.0 for Transfer Degree is intended for students who plan to complete a bachelor's degree at a California State University (CSU) in Communication Studies, or a major deemed similar by a CSU campus. Each CSU campus determines which of the degrees it offers are "similar" and can be completed with the preparation included in the Associate in Arts in Communication Studies 2.0 for Transfer within 60 units once a student transfers, so which majors are "similar" varies from CSU to CSU. For a current list of what majors (and what options or areas of emphasis within that major) have been designated as "similar" to this degree at each CSU campus, please refer to CSU's Associate Degree for Transfer Major and Campus Search and seek guidance from a Ventura College counselor. Students completing this degree are guaranteed admission to the CSU system, although not necessarily to a particular CSU campus or major.

To earn an Associate in Arts in Communication Studies 2.0 for Transfer Degree, students must meet the following requirements:

1. Complete a minimum of 60 CSU-transferable semester units including both of the following:
  - a. The California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC) requirements.
  - b. The coursework required for the AA-T in Communication Studies 2.0 as listed in the Ventura College catalog.
2. Obtain a grade of "C" or better or "P" in all courses required in the major. Even though a "pass-no-pass" is allowed (Title 5 §55062), it is highly recommended that students complete their major courses with a letter grade (A, B, or C).
3. Obtain a 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 transfer institutions and majors may require a higher GPA. Please consult with a counselor for more information.

4. Complete requirements in residency. For students in the Ventura County Community College District, a minimum of 12 semester units must be completed in residence within the college district.

Course ID	Title	Units/Hours
<b>Required Core Courses</b>		
COMM C1000	Introduction to Public Speaking	3
COMM C1004	Interpersonal Communication	3
<b>Required Core Units</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Required Additional Courses</b>		
List A: Select three courses from the following:		
COMM V02	Introduction to Communication Studies	3
COMM V03	Group Communication	3
COMM V05	Oral Interpretation and Communication of Literature	3
COMM V10	Critical Thinking in Oral Communication: Argumentation and Debate	3
COMM V12	Intercultural Communication	3
COMM V16	Introduction to Mass Communications	3
List B: Select one course from the following:		
Any course unused in List A		
ANTH V02	Cultural Anthropology	3
ENGL C1003	Critical Thinking and Writing through Literature	4
or ENGL C1001	Critical Thinking and Writing	
PSYC C1000	Introduction to Psychology	3
SOCI C1000	Introduction to Sociology	3
<b>Required Additional Units</b>		<b>12-13</b>
<b>Total Major Units</b>		<b>18-19</b>
<b>CalGETC General Education Pattern</b>		
Required Major Units		18-19
CalGETC General Education Units		34
Double-Counted Units		(9)
Elective Units		16-17
<b>Total Units for the A.A. for Transfer Degree</b>		<b>60</b>

**See a counselor or consult [assist.org](http://assist.org), if you plan to transfer to a UC campus or a college or university other than a CSU.**

[This Plan of Study applies to the Cal-GETC General Education Pattern and illustrates one sequence of courses to meet the degree requirements in two years. Students are encouraged to meet with a counselor to design a plan of study which will best meet their specific educational needs.](#)

Year 1		
Fall Semester		Units/Hours
COMM C1000	Introduction to Public Speaking	3
ENGL C1000	Academic Reading and Writing	4
Select Course...Cal-GETC Area 2		3
Select Course...Cal-GETC Area 3A		3
Select Course...Cal-GETC Area 6		3
<b>Units/Hours</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
COMM C1004	Interpersonal Communication	3

Select Course from Required Major List A	3
Select Course...Cal-GETC Area 1B	3
Select Course...Cal-GETC Area 5A	3
Select Course...Cal-GETC Area 5C	1
Select Transferable Elective Course	3
<b>Units/Hours</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	
<b>Fall Semester</b>	
Select Course from Required Major List A	3
Select Course from Required Major List B	3
Select Course...Cal-GETC Area 3B	3
Select Transferable Elective Course	3
Select Course...Cal-GETC Area 5B	3
<b>Units/Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Spring Semester</b>	
Select Course from Required Major List A	3
Select Course...Cal-GETC Area 4	3
Select Transferable Elective Course	3
Select Transferable Elective Course	3
Select Transferable Elective Course	1
<b>Units/Hours</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Total Units/Hours</b>	<b>60</b>

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Effectively communicate their ideas verbally and/or nonverbally.
- Effectively communicate in interpersonal, group, and intercultural settings.
- Effectively identify communication theory utilized within various communication contexts.