

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 (<https://www.calstate.edu/apply/transfer/Pages/associate-degree-for-transfer-major-and-campus-search.aspx>) 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 60 semester units or 90 quarter units that are eligible for transfer to the California State University, including both of the following:

1. The Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC for CSU) or the California State University General Education-Breadth (CSU GE-Breadth) requirements.
2. The required coursework in the Communication Studies 2.0 major as listed in the Ventura College catalog.

2. Obtain a minimum grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.0. 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.

3. 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 section 55062), it

is highly recommended that students complete their major courses with a letter grade ("A," "B," or "C") due to unit limitations on "P/NP" courses.

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

Students transferring to a CSU campus that accepts the Associate in Arts in Communication Studies 2.0 for Transfer Degree will be required to complete no more than 60 units after transfer to earn a bachelor's degree (unless the major is a designated a "high-unit" major at a particular campus). This degree may not be the best option for students intending to transfer to a particular CSU campus or to a university or college that is not part of the CSU system. Students should consult with a counselor when planning to complete the degree for more information on university admission and transfer requirements.

Course ID	Title	Units/ Hours
Required Core		
COMM V01	Introduction to Speech Communication	3
COMM V15	Interpersonal Communication	3
Required Core Units		6
List A - Select three (3) courses		
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
Total List A Units		9
List B: Select one (1) course		
Any List A course not already used		
ANTH V02	Cultural Anthropology	3
ENGL V01B	Critical Thinking and Composition Through Literature	4
PSY V01	Introduction to Psychology	3
SOC V01	Introduction to Sociology	3
Total List B Units		3-4
Total Major Units		18-19
CSU GE-Breadth Pattern		
Required Major Units		18-19
CSU GE-Breadth Units		39
Double-Counted Units		9-18
Elective (CSU Transferable) Units to reach 60		11-21
Total Units for the Associate Degree for Transfer		60
IGETC Pattern		
Required Major Units		18-19
IGETC Pattern Units		37
Double-Counted Units		9

Elective (CSU Transferable) Units to reach 60	13-14
Total Units for the Associate Degree for Transfer	60

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.