

Communication Studies AA-T (IGETC GE Track)

+If you have completed coursework at another college and/or are starting in a semester other than a Fall term, please follow up with the Counseling Department to determine if this sequence is appropriate for your academic and career goals.

Program Description: An Associate of Arts degree in Communication Studies seeks to provide students with a comprehensive knowledge of the complex and diverse nature of the communication process and a sharpened understanding of contexts within which humans use signs and symbols to create meaning. The degree focuses on the way(s) language and other symbolic systems are used interpersonally within small group settings in mass mediated formats. Courses will allow students to achieve three separate aims depending upon their academic goals. First, students will be well prepared to transfer to a four-year institution with a broad range of communication coursework completed. Second, students will be prepared for entry into a variety of careers – all of which require effective communication skills for working with diverse sets of people in an increasingly complex technological workplace. Careers including business, public relations, human resources, law (after law school), advertising arts, teaching, social & human services and entertainment industries are all suited for graduates of a Communication Studies degree. Finally, students who are interested in the field of Communication Studies but do not wish to complete a Baccalaureate degree in the discipline may pursue a two-year course of study. Such study will prepare them to understand diverse communication messages and practice excellent communication skills in a variety of settings. [The Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act \(SB 1440\)](#).

Program SLO: Develop and deliver informative and persuasive presentations using written and oral communication skills; analyze theoretical concepts of communication and assess how each concept is utilized within various communication contexts.

Important Transfer Information: *The sequence listed below, may not meet all your transfer admissions requirements. Connect with a counselor to develop an individual student education plan through the Counseling Department @ <https://www.canyons.edu/counseling> or (661) 362-3288/(661) 362-3811.*

Major courses are sequenced and **BOLDED** based on recommendations by the [Communication Studies Department](#).

First Semester (3-16 units) FA = Fall; WI = Winter; SP = Spring; SU = Summer

Course	Title	Units	Major and GE Courses
COMS 105 OR COMS 105H	Fundamentals of Public Speaking (FA, WI, SP, SU) OR Public Speaking Honors (FA, SP)	3	Major and Area 1C
Group 2 Major Course Department Recommends: COMS 100	Choose any course from Group 2 listed below Department Recommends Process of Communication (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	Major and Area 4
*College-level Math Department Recommends MATH 140	Choose any college-level math course from IGETC GE Area 2 (FA, WI, SP, SU) - Department Recommends Statistics	3-5	Area 2
ENGL 101/101H	English Composition (FA, WI, SP, SU)	4	Area 1A
Arts Course	Choose one course from IGETC GE Area 3A (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	Area 3A
Term Total:		16-18	

*Check transfer school information to determine which math course is appropriate.

Check the [Honors website](#) for most recent course offerings. Must be enrolled in the Honors program to take courses, see below

Second Semester (17-31 units)

Course	Title	Units	Major and GE Courses
Group 1 Major Course	Choose any course from Group 1 listed below (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	Major
**Critical Thinking- Department Recommends COMS 227	Choose one course from IGETC GE Area 1B <i>Department Recommends Introduction to Rhetorical Criticism (FA, SP)</i>	3	Area 1B
Biological Sciences Course	Choose one course from IGETC GE Area 5B (<i>if not taking the corresponding lab, will need to add a lab to the Physical Sciences course</i>) (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3-4	Area 5B (and 5C)
American Institutions Course – Choose Option I or II	Complete first course in chosen option – (note: must take both classes within one option) (FA, WI, SP, SU) – <i>see table below</i>	3	American Institutions and Area 4 (Social Science)
Social Sciences Course	Choose one course from IGETC GE Area 4 (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	Area 4
Term Total:		15-16	

****Some CSU's will require a second semester of English Composition.**

Third Semester (32-46 units)

Course	Title	Units	Major and GE Courses
Group 2 Major Course	Choose any course from Group 2 listed below (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	Major
Group 1 Major Course	Choose any course from Group 1 listed below (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	Major
Physical Sciences Course	Choose one course from IGETC GE Area 5A (<i>if not taking the corresponding lab, will need to add a lab to the Physical Science course</i>) (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3-4	Area 5A (and 5C)
American Institutions Course	Complete second course in chosen option – (note: must take both classes within one option) (FA, WI, SP, SU) - <i>see table below</i>	3	American Institutions and Area 3B (Humanities Course)
++UC Elective (Consider a Foreign Language)	Choose any course that is UC transferable (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	Elective (<i>Have you met the UC Foreign Language Requirement?</i>)
Term Total:		15-16	

++ Foreign Language is required as part of the IGETC transfer general education breadth. This is a UC requirement. Please see the Counseling Office for additional information.

Fourth Semester (47-60 units)

Course	Title	Units	Major and GE Courses
Group 3 Major Course <i>Department Recommends a COMS Course</i>	Choose any course from Group 3 listed below (FA, WI, SP, SU) –Department Recommends a Communication Studies course not yet taken from Group 3	3	Major
Arts or Humanities Course	Choose one course from CSU GE Area C1 or C2 (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	Area 3A or 3B
UC Elective	Choose any course that is UC transferable (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	Elective
UC Elective	Choose any course that is UC transferable (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	Elective
UC Elective	Choose any course that is UC transferable (FA, WI, SP, SU)	2+	Elective
Term Total:		14	

Students are encouraged to take additional Communication courses to fulfill elective credits.

Total Units: 60+

Group 1 – Need six units from the following:

COMS 120	Small Group Communication (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3
COMS 225	Strategies of Argumentation (FA, SP)	3
COMS 246	Interpersonal Communication (FA, SP)	3

Group 2 – Need six to seven units from the following:

COMS 100	Process of Communication (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3
COMS 150	Oral Interpretation (FA, SP)	3
COMS 190	Forensics (FA, SP)	1-4
COMS 256	Intercultural Communication (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3
MEA 100	Mass Media Communication (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3

Group 3 – Need 3 units from the following:

COMS 227	Introduction to Rhetorical Criticism (FA, SP)	3
COMS 235	Intergenerational Communication (offered every other spring term)	3
COMS 260	Communication and Gender (FA, SP, SU)	3
COMS 270	Communication and Leadership (FA)	3
ANTHRO 103/103H	Cultural Anthropology (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3
PSYCH 101/101H	Introduction to Psychology (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3
SOCI 101/101H	Introduction to Sociology (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3

American Institutions Requirement – Select one of the options below and complete a total of 6 units

Option 1	One course from the following: Economics 170/170H, History 111/111H, History 112/112H, History 120/120H, or History 130 AND Political Science 150/150H (FA, WI, SP, SU)
Option 2	History 111/111H AND History 112/112H (FA, WI, SP, SU)

Counseling Resources

Communications Department: <https://www.canyons.edu/academics/communications/>

Counseling Department: <https://www.canyons.edu/student-services/counseling/>

UC General Education Guide: <https://www.canyons.edu/student-services/counseling/transfer/index.php>

CSU/UC Articulation Agreements: www.assist.org

University of California: www.universityofcalifornia.edu

UC Transfer Pathways: <http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/transfer/preparation-paths>

A Degree With a Guarantee: <https://adegreewithaguarantee.com/en-us/>

Communication Studies Club: <https://www.canyons.edu/academics/communications/comsclub/index.php>

COC Speech Team: <https://www.canyons.edu/academics/communications/speechteam/index.php>

Sigma Chi Eta Honor Society: sigmachieta@canyons.edu

Honors Program: <https://www.canyons.edu/academics/honors/index.php>

Career Resources

California Career Zone: <https://www.cacareerzone.org/>

O*Net Online: <https://www.onetonline.org/>

Bureau of Labor and Statistics: www.bls.gov

Professional Associations:

Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication: <http://www.aejmc.org>

Broadcast Education Association: <https://www.beaweb.org>

Far West Popular Culture Association: <https://fwpca.org>

International Association for Relationship Research (IARR): <http://www.iarr.org>

International Communication Association: <https://www.icahdq.org>

National Communication Association: <https://www.natcom.org>

Public Relations Society of America: <https://www.prsa.org>

Rhetoric Society of America: <https://rhetoricsociety.org>

Western States Communication Association: <https://www.westcomm.org>