

CERRITOS COLLEGE
COMMUNICATION STUDIES 2.0 (AA-T)
ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE IN COMMUNICATION STUDIES FOR TRANSFER

Communication Studies majors will learn the dynamics of communication between and among individuals, groups, cultures, and organizations. Communication Studies integrates courses in interpersonal, intercultural, organizational, and rhetorical communication to foster creativity, critical thinking, and communication confidence in diverse environments. Communication Studies majors pursue a variety of careers depending on their interests. Public relations and advertising firms, healthcare organizations, government and educational institutions, entertainment companies, social service groups, and media-based firms are just some examples of organizations having a need for people with highly developed interpersonal and technical communication skills. Some of the current career titles include social media relations, diversity trainer, public information officer, public relations specialist, political consultant, press secretary, labor relations specialist, public opinion researcher, news producer, speechwriter, advertising account executive, media manager, human resources manager, mediator, and special events coordinator. Because of the focus on interpersonal, professional, and intercultural communication skills, this major may also lead to many other careers and advanced degree pursuits such as law and counseling. While meeting the Associate in Arts Degree for Transfer in Communication Studies requirements, students can satisfy up to four different general education transfer requirements (Oral Communication, Social Science, Humanities, and Critical Thinking) as well as earn a Certificate of Completion (12 units). This degree is for seamless transfer to CSU system.

REQUIRED COURSES (6 UNITS):

Course Number	Course Name	UNITS
COMM C1004	Interpersonal Communication	3
COMM C1000	Introduction to Public Speaking	3

LIST A: Select at least three courses (9 units total):

Course Number	Course Name	UNITS
COMM 100	Introduction to Communication Studies	3
COMM 103	Argumentation, Persuasion, and Critical Thinking	3
COMM 110	Intercultural Communication	3
COMM 115	Gender Communication and the Digital Revolution	3
COMM 125	Organizational Communication	3
COMM 132	Small Group Communication	3
COMM 140	Oral Interpretation of Literature	3
COMM 231*	Forensics Activity 1 (Competitive Speech and Debate)	1

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LIST A (Continued)

Course Number	Course Name	UNITS
COMM 232*	Forensics Activity 2 (Competitive Speech and Debate)	2
COMM 233*	Forensics Activity 3 (Competitive Speech and Debate)	3

LIST B: Select one course (Any List A course not already used) (3 units total):

Course Number	Course Name	UNITS
ANTH 100	Cultural Anthropology	3
COMM 145	Storytelling	3
COMM 200	Contemporary Communication Topics	3
ENGL C1002	Introduction to Literature	3
JAMS 100	Mass Communications and Society	3
JAMS 101	Beginning Newswriting and Reporting	3
SOC C1000	Introduction to Sociology	3
PSYC C1000	Introduction to Psychology	3

Total Units: 18

** Up to 3 forensics units may be used toward the Associate of Arts Degree in Communication Studies for Transfer (AA-T)*

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REQUIREMENTS:

1. Completion of 60 CSU-transferable semester units.
2. Achievement of a minimum GPA of at least 2.0 in all CSU-transferable coursework. (Some majors may require a higher GPA. Students should consult with a counselor for more information.)
3. Completion of the major with a grade of "C" or better in each course or a "P" if the course was taken on a Pass/No Pass basis and the "P" is equal to a "C" or better.
4. Completion of the California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC).

Note: The CSU GE (California State University General Education-Breadth) or IGETC (Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum) pattern may be used in some cases; please see a counselor for details.