

COMMUNICATION STUDIES, A.A.-T

An Associate in Arts in Communication Studies for Transfer will fulfill the requirements for students to transfer to a CSU institution as a Communication Studies major. The Communication Studies courses in A.A.-T in Communication Studies will provide students with the practical skill of effective communication, both publicly, inter-personally, and professionally. Additionally, the student will gain specific knowledge in a variety of other communication subtexts: intercultural, media, argument, organizational, persuasion, gender, public relations, and/or performance.

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Program Map

Design Your Future!

Begin by exploring MSJC program maps to find a career or transfer (<https://msjc.emsicc.com/?radius=®ion=All%20Regions>) opportunities. Program maps show the recommended sequence of courses that lead to graduation or transfer. The maps were developed by program experts to give you the skills and knowledge you need to succeed.

- **Starting in Spring?** Choose Fall Semester 1 courses.
- **Are you a part-time student?** Start Fall Semester 1 courses and follow the course sequence.

CSU: General Education Option B

This program provides students with focused program options. A focused program map contains courses that help students specialize in a distinct area and connects to careers. Talk to a counselor about preparing for transfer to specific schools.

Human Communication Focus

Fall Semester 1		Units
ENGL-101	College Composition (formerly Freshman Composition)	4
HIST-111	U.S. History to 1877	3
COMM-103	Interpersonal Communication	3
MATH-140	Introduction to Statistics	3
CSCR-116	Integrative Career/Life Planning (formerly GUID-116)	3
Units		16
Spring Semester 1		Units
COMM-104	Argumentation and Debate (formerly Advocacy and Argument)	3
COMM-100	Public Speaking	3
COMM-120	Survey of Communication Studies	3
Select one of the following:		4
SPAN-101	Elementary Spanish I	
FREN-101	Elementary French I	
ASL-100	American Sign Language I	
PS-101	Introduction to American Government and Politics	3
Units		16

Fall Semester 2		
COMM-113	Oral Interpretation of Literature	3
COMM-106	Small Group Communication	3
Select one of the following:		4
SPAN-102	Elementary Spanish II	
FREN-102	Elementary French II	
ASL-101	American Sign Language II	
ANTH-101	Physical Anthropology	3
ANTH-111	Physical Anthropology Lab	1
COMM-299	Special Projects: Communication	1
Units		15

Spring Semester 2		
COMM-116 or COMM-108	Gender and Communication or Intercultural Communication	3
Select one of the following:		3
HIST-160	Black History in the American Context	
LIT-275	Latinx/Chicanx Literature	
LIT-280	Multiethnic Literature (formerly ENGL-280)	
PS-103	Ethnic Politics in America	
ENVS-101	Environmental Science	3
COMM-110	Communications Media Survey	3
COMM-160	Debate and Forensics Activities	1
Units		13
Total Units		60

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Performance Communication Focus

Fall Semester 1		Units
ENGL-101	College Composition (formerly Freshman Composition)	4
HIST-111 or HIST-112	U.S. History to 1877 or U.S. History Since 1865	3
COMM-100	Public Speaking	3
MATH-140	Introduction to Statistics	3
CSCR-116	Integrative Career/Life Planning (formerly GUID-116)	3
Units		16
Spring Semester 1		Units
COMM-104	Argumentation and Debate (formerly Advocacy and Argument)	3
COMM-113	Oral Interpretation of Literature	3
COMM-201	Advanced Public Speaking	3
ASL-100	American Sign Language I	4
PS-101	Introduction to American Government and Politics	3
Units		16
Fall Semester 2		Units
COMM-129	Reader's Theater	3
COMM-106	Small Group Communication	3
ASL-101	American Sign Language II	4

ANTH-101	Physical Anthropology	3
ANTH-111	Physical Anthropology Lab	1
COMM-160	Debate and Forensics Activities	1
Units		15
Spring Semester 2		
COMM-116 or COMM-108	Gender and Communication or Intercultural Communication	3
Select one of the following:		3
HIST-160	Black History in the American Context	
LIT-275	Latinx/Chicanx Literature	
LIT-280	Multiethnic Literature (formerly ENGL-280)	
PS-103	Ethnic Politics in America	
ENVS-101	Environmental Science	3
COMM-120	Survey of Communication Studies	3
COMM-110	Communications Media Survey	3
COMM-160	Debate and Forensics Activities	1
Units		16
Total Units		63

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Professional Communication Focus

Fall Semester 1		Units
ENGL-101	College Composition (formerly Freshman Composition)	4
HIST-111 or HIST-112	U.S. History to 1877 or U.S. History Since 1865	3
COMM-100	Public Speaking	3
MATH-140	Introduction to Statistics	3
PSYC-101	Introduction to Psychology	3
Units		16
Spring Semester 1		
COMM-104	Argumentation and Debate (formerly Advocacy and Argument)	3
COMM-113	Oral Interpretation of Literature	3
Select one of the following:		4
SPAN-101	Elementary Spanish I	
FREN-101	Elementary French I	
ASL-100	American Sign Language I	
PS-101	Introduction to American Government and Politics	3
Units		13
Fall Semester 2		
COMM-117	Organizational Communication (formerly Professional Communication)	3
COMM-106	Small Group Communication	3
Select one of the following:		4
SPAN-102	Elementary Spanish II	
FREN-102	Elementary French II	
ASL-101	American Sign Language II	
ANTH-101	Physical Anthropology	3

ANTH-111	Physical Anthropology Lab	1
COMM-129/THA-127	Reader's Theater	3
Units		17
Spring Semester 2		
COMM-116 or COMM-108	Gender and Communication or Intercultural Communication	3
Select one of the following:		3
HIST-160	Black History in the American Context	
LIT-275	Latinx/Chicanx Literature	
LIT-280	Multiethnic Literature (formerly ENGL-280)	
PS-103	Ethnic Politics in America	
ENVS-101	Environmental Science	3
COMM-119	Public Relations	3
COMM-120	Survey of Communication Studies	3
Units		15
Total Units		61

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CSUSM: General Education Option B

Fall Semester 1		Units
ENGL-101	College Composition (formerly Freshman Composition)	4
HIST-111 or HIST-112	U.S. History to 1877 or U.S. History Since 1865	3
COMM-103	Interpersonal Communication	3
MATH-140	Introduction to Statistics	3
CSCR-116	Integrative Career/Life Planning (formerly GUID-116)	3
Units		16
Spring Semester 1		
COMM-104	Argumentation and Debate (formerly Advocacy and Argument)	3
COMM-100	Public Speaking	3
COMM-120	Survey of Communication Studies	3
Select one of the following:		4
SPAN-101	Elementary Spanish I	
FREN-101	Elementary French I	
ASL-100	American Sign Language I	
PS-101	Introduction to American Government and Politics	3
Units		16
Fall Semester 2		
COMM-113	Oral Interpretation of Literature	3
COMM-106	Small Group Communication	3
Select one of the following:		4
SPAN-102	Elementary Spanish II	
FREN-102	Elementary French II	
ASL-101	American Sign Language II	
ANTH-101	Physical Anthropology	3
ANTH-111	Physical Anthropology Lab	1

Select one of the following:		1
COMM-549	Cooperative Work Experience: Communication Studies (formerly COMM-149)	
COMM-160	Debate and Forensics Activities	
COMM-299	Special Projects: Communication	
Units		15
Spring Semester 2		
COMM-116	Gender and Communication	3
or COMM-108	or Intercultural Communication	
Select one of the following:		3
HIST-160	Black History in the American Context	
LIT-275	Latinx/Chicanx Literature	
LIT-280	Multiethnic Literature (formerly ENGL-280)	
PS-103	Ethnic Politics in America	
ENVS-101	Environmental Science	3
Select one of the following:		4
SPAN-201	Intermediate Spanish I	
FREN-201	Intermediate French I	
ASL-201	American Sign Language III (formerly ASL-103)	
Units		13
Total Units		60

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UC: General Education Option C

Fall Semester 1		Units
ENGL-101	College Composition (formerly Freshman Composition)	4
HIST-112	U.S. History Since 1865	3
COMM-100	Public Speaking	3
MATH-140	Introduction to Statistics	3
ANTH-145	Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology (formerly Introduction to Language and Linguistics)	3
Units		16
Spring Semester 1		
ENGL-103	Critical Thinking and Writing	3
COMM-115	Persuasion	3
COMM-120	Survey of Communication Studies	3
THA-137	Introduction to World Cinema	3
PS-101	Introduction to American Government and Politics	3
Units		15
Fall Semester 2		
ART-100	Art Appreciation	3
COMM-104	Argumentation and Debate (formerly Advocacy and Argument)	3
ANTH-101	Physical Anthropology	3

ANTH-111	Physical Anthropology Lab	1
COMM-110	Communications Media Survey	3
COMM-103	Interpersonal Communication	3
Units		16
Spring Semester 2		
COMM-116	Gender and Communication	3
COMM-108	Intercultural Communication	3
ENVS-100	Humans and Scientific Inquiry	3
PSYC-101	Introduction to Psychology	3
Select one of the following:		4
SPAN-101	Elementary Spanish I	
FREN-101	Elementary French I	
ASL-100	American Sign Language I	
Units		16
Total Units		63

NOTE: For students who did not meet the LOTE requirement in high school, they may fulfill Area 6 by demonstrating proficiency by completing ASL-100 American Sign Language I, FREN-101 Elementary French I or SPAN-101 Elementary Spanish I with a grade C or better. Languages other than English for Native Speakers are also acceptable for meeting this requirement.

Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
Required Core Courses		
COMM-100	Public Speaking	3
or COMM-100H	Honors Public Speaking	
List A: Select two		
Select two of the following:		6
COMM-103	Interpersonal Communication	
or COMM-103H	Honors Interpersonal Communication	
COMM-104	Argumentation and Debate (formerly Advocacy and Argument)	
or COMM-104H	Honors Argumentation and Debate (formerly Advocacy and Argument)	
COMM-106	Small Group Communication	
List B: Select two		
Any List A course not used above or one of the following:		6
COMM-108	Intercultural Communication	
or COMM-108H	Honors Intercultural Communication	
COMM-110	Communications Media Survey	
COMM/THA-113	Oral Interpretation of Literature	
COMM-115	Persuasion	
COMM-120	Survey of Communication Studies	
COMM-160	Debate and Forensics Activities	
COMM-201	Advanced Public Speaking	
List C: Select one		
Any List A or B course not used above or one of the following:		3
COMM-116	Gender and Communication	
COMM-117	Organizational Communication (formerly Professional Communication)	
COMM-119	Public Relations	

COMM-129/ THA-127	Reader's Theater	
Total Units		18
Course	Title	Credits
Units for Major		18
CSU General Education or IGETC Pattern		37-39
Possible double counting: 15 units		
Transferable Electives (as needed to reach 60 CSU transferable units)		

Total Units for A.A.-T Degree: 60 units

The overall requirements for this Associates Degree for Transfer (ADT) can be met by:

- Completion of 60 semester units or 90 quarter units that are eligible for transfer to the California State University (CSU) or University of California (UC).
- Completion of California State University General Education-Breadth Requirements (CSUGE) or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC).
- Completion of a minimum of 18 semester units or 27 quarter units in a major or area of emphasis, as determined by the community college district.
- Completion of a minimum grade point average of 2.0.

ADTs also require that students earn a C or better in all courses required for the major or area of emphasis. A "P" (Pass) grade is acceptable if pass is defined as a grade of C or better. ADTs are intended for students who plan to complete a bachelor's degree in a similar major at a CSU campus. A student completing an ADT is guaranteed admission to the CSU system, but not a particular campus or major. Students should meet with a counselor to develop a comprehensive educational plan to further understand university and transfer requirements.

Career Exploration

Discover information about careers that interest you!

1. Take a Career Quiz (<https://msjc.emsicc.com/assessment/>) to learn about yourself and receive career suggestions based on your interests.
2. Search available in-demand jobs (<https://msjc.emsicc.com/browse-careers/>) in your career areas of interest and find up-to-date salaries and education requirements.
3. Find the MSJC Program (<https://msjc.emsicc.com/browse-programs/>) that connects your interests to a career.

Note: There are no guaranteed positions for students completing these programs. Education and work experience required will vary by employer. The salary and benefits for specific occupations will be dependent on work experience, education, background, and employer.