

COMMUNICATION STUDIES (AA-T DEGREE A0325)

Humanities and Social Sciences Division Degree A0325

Communication Studies is a broad-based discipline with foundational coursework in oral communication theory and skills development, augmented with course options that add dimension and depth to the student’s understanding of the discipline – such as interpersonal, group, organizational and intercultural communication, argumentation, journalism, forensics, and communication research methods.

The degree program requires students to critically analyze information and arguments, select and research an appropriate topic and thesis, and logically organize the supporting material into a well-crafted presentation. Students will employ appropriate verbal and nonverbal delivery skills and visual aids to present a message to an audience in a conversational and confident manner; and formulate communication solutions to problems in a range of contexts. Students will create messages appropriate for diverse audiences and listeners and develop an improved understanding of themselves as communicators.

To earn an Associate in Arts in Communication Studies for Transfer a student must complete 60 semester Units that are eligible for transfer to the CSU that consist of: IGETC pattern or CSU GE breadth and a major of at least 18 Units. Students must have a minimum GPA of 2.0 in all CSU-transferable coursework to receive an associate degree for transfer and all courses in the major must be completed with a C or better. Students earning an associate degree for transfer will not be required to complete any other local graduation requirements.

Required Courses

Course Prefix	Course Name	Units
Core Courses		
SPCH 1A or SPCH 1AH	Public Speaking Public Speaking - Honors	4
List A		
Choose two courses from the following:		6
SPCH 6 or SPCH 20H	Group Communication Argumentation and Debate - Honors	
SPCH 20 or SPCH 20H	Argumentation and Debate	
SPCH 26 or SPCH 26H	Interpersonal Communication Interpersonal Communication - Honors	
List B		
Choose any two courses from the following or any one course not already used from List A:		6-7
JOUR 100	Introduction to Mass Communications	
SPCH 2	Survey of Communication Studies	
SPCH 4	Performance of Literature	
SPCH 7 or SPCH 7H	Intercultural Communication Intercultural Communication - Honors	
SPCH 8 or SPCH 8H	Professional and Organizational Speaking Professional and Organizational Speaking - Honors	
SPCH 9	Introduction to Persuasion	
SPCH 15	Forensics: Fundamentals of Contest Speech and Debate	
SPCH 16	Forensics: Individual Event Team	
SPCH 30	Introduction to Communication Theory	

or SPCH 30H Introduction to Communication Theory - Honors		
List C		
Choose at least one course from the following or any one course not selected from List A or List B:		3-4
ANTH 5 or ANTH 5H	Cultural Anthropology Cultural Anthropology - Honors	
ENGL 1B or ENGL 1BH	English - Introduction to Literary Types English - Introduction to Literary Types - Honors	
ENGL 1C or ENGL 1CH	Critical Thinking and Writing Critical Thinking and Writing - Honors	
JOUR 101	Beginning Writing and Reporting for the Mass Media	
PSYC 1A or PSYC 1AH	Introduction to Psychology Introduction to Psychology - Honors	
SOC 1 or SOC 1H	Introduction to Sociology Introduction to Sociology - Honors	
SPCH 3	Voice and Diction	
SPCH 17	Forensics: Debate Team	
SPCH 18	Forensics: Reader’s Theater Team	
Total Units for Major		19-21
CSU General Education or IGETC Pattern ¹		39-42
Total Units		60

¹ Courses may be double-counted with either CSU-GE or IGETC.

Communication Website (<http://www.mtsac.edu/communication/>)

Program Learning Objectives

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

- Critically analyze information and arguments.
- Select and research an appropriate topic and thesis.
- Logically organize supporting materials into a well-crafted presentation.
- Demonstrate effective verbal and non-verbal delivery skills to present a message to a live audience in a confident manner.
- Formulate communication solutions to problems in a range of contexts.
- Create messages appropriate for diverse audiences and listener.
- Develop an improved understanding of themselves as communicators.

Review Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) (<http://www.mtsac.edu/instruction/outcomes/sloinfo.html>) for this program.