

# COMMUNICATION STUDIES

## Associate in Arts for Transfer Degree (AA-T)

The Associate in Arts in Communication for Transfer Degree is designed to prepare students to complete the baccalaureate degree in communication upon transferring into the CSU system. Communication skills are essential to forming and maintaining personal relationships, acquiring and excelling in a job, and relating to the world around us. Through the study and practice of interpersonal, professional, and intercultural communication skills, students will learn how their perceptions and self-esteem affect their interactions with others. Beyond this, students will improve their abilities to speak, write, and present information effectively, whether in face-to-face interactions or in public or mass-media settings.

Students who successfully complete the AA-T in Communication Studies earn specific guarantees for transfer to the CSU system: admission to a CSU with junior status and priority admission a local CSU campus and to a program or major in communication studies or a similar major. Students transferring to a CSU campus will be required to complete no more than 60 units after transfer to earn a bachelor's degree.

Students are required to complete 60 semester units that are eligible for transfer to a California State University, including both of the following: (1) The Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) or the California State University General Education – Breadth Requirements and (2) 18-19 semester units with a grade of C or P or better in the major and an overall minimum grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.0 in all CSU transferable coursework. See pages 98–99 for a more detailed description of Associate Degrees for Transfer.

Students are advised to consult with a Berkeley City College Counselor for additional information and to verify transfer requirements.

***NOTE: Although it is possible to fulfill the requirements for the Associate Degree for Transfer by completing the IGETC for UC pattern, admission to CSU requires completion of an Oral Communication course (IGETC Area 1C; CSU GE Area A-1); therefore, students who plan to transfer to CSU should complete this course as part of their GE or elective units.***

<i>Required Courses:</i>		<i>Units</i>
COMM 5	Persuasion and Critical Thinking	3
COMM 20	Interpersonal Communication Skills	3
COMM 45	Public Speaking	3
<b>Select 6 units from the following:</b>		
COMM 3	Introduction to Human Communication	3
COMM 6	Intercultural Communication	3
COMM 19	Survey of Mass Media	3
<b>Select 3-4 units from the following:</b>		
ANTHR 3	Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology	3
ENGL 1B	Composition and Reading	4
ENGL 5	Critical Thinking in Reading and Writing	3
PSYCH 1A	Introduction to General Psychology	3
SOC 1	Introduction to Sociology	3
	Major Requirements	18–19
	General Education (IGETC or CSU GE) and Electives	41–42
	<b>Total Units</b>	<b>60</b>

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#### Recommended Two-Year Course Sequence Beginning in the Fall Semester

You can use the following pattern to complete the Associate in Arts in Communication for Transfer Degree (AA-T). This is only one possible pattern. If you wish to earn an associate degree, you must participate in the Student Success Program Matriculation), which includes assessing academic skills and developing a Student Education Plan (SEP) with a Counselor. This plan will map your sequence of courses to help you complete your degree regardless of the semester you begin classes.

<i>Course</i>		<i>Units</i>
	<b>1st Semester/Fall</b>	
COMM 20	Interpersonal Communication Skills	3
	General Education and Electives	12
	Total Units	15
	<b>2nd Semester/Spring</b>	
COMM 6	Intercultural Communication	3
COMM 45	Public Speaking	3
	General Education and Electives	9
	Total Units	15
	<b>3rd Semester/Fall</b>	
COMM 3	Introduction to Human Communication	3
PSYCH 1A	Introduction to General Psychology	3
	General Education and Electives	9
	Total Units	15
	<b>4th Semester/Spring</b>	
COMM 5	Persuasion and Critical Thinking	3
	General Education and Electives	12
	Total Units	15

#### Program Learning Outcomes

Students who complete the program will be able to:

- Speak, listen, and critically think to resolve conflict and get their messages across as intended in interpersonal, small group, and organizational dynamics.
- Deliver presentations that are clear in content, structure, and delivery.
- Research and think critically about the influence and impact of mass media and culture on society.