

Communication Studies Transfer Pathway

Associate of Arts Degree (TPCO)

Required Courses

Required Discipline Courses (12 credits)

COMM 1420 Interpersonal Communication **OR**
 COMM 1422* Honors Interpersonal Comm (Goal 1)..... 3 cr
 COMM 1430 Public Speaking (Goals 1,2)..... 3 cr
 COMM 2420 Intercultural Communication **OR**
 COMM 2422* Honors Intercultural Comm (Goals 1,7)..... 3 cr
 COMM 2424 Small Group Communication (Goal 1)..... 3 cr

Required MnTC Courses (35 credits)

Goal 1 - Communications

ENGL 1410 Composition I (Goal 1) **OR**
 ENGL 1420* Honors Composition I (Goal 1) 4 cr
 ENGL 1411* Composition II (Goal 1) **OR**
 ENGL 1421* Honors Composition II (Goals 1,9)..... 4 cr

Goal 2 – Critical Thinking**

“Double Dip” with another MnTC Goal 1 course

Goal 3 - Natural Sciences

2 disciplines recommended, 1 lab course required 6 cr

Goal 4 – Math/Logical Reasoning

One course required 3 cr

Goal 5 – History/Social Behavioral Sciences

2 disciplines required, 3 recommended 9 cr

Goal 6 – Humanities and Fine Arts

2 disciplines required, 3 recommended 9 cr

Goal 7 – Human Diversity**

“Double Dip” with another MnTC Goal 1 course

Goal 8 – Goal Perspective**

“Double Dip” with another MnTC Goal 1 course

Goal 9 – Ethic and Civic Responsibility**

“Double Dip” with another MnTC Goal 1 course

Goal 10 – People and The Environment**

“Double Dip” with another MnTC Goal 1 course

Fitness for Life (2 credits)

HLTH or PHED Fitness for Life course 2 cr

Student Success (1 credit)

CCST course 1 cr

Electives as needed to total 60 credits** 10 cr

**Denotes Prerequisites*

***Many courses from Goals 1 – 6 also meet Goal 7 – 10. Credits count only once. Students are advised to select MnTC courses with multiple goal assignments whenever possible.*

GRADUATION REQUIREMENT - 60 CREDITS

Description

Communication Studies explores how we can best send and receive messages within individual relationships, in small and large groups and within and across cultures, whether in person or through various media. Students will gain skills based in research in the areas of speaking, listening, presenting, cultural differences, and conflict management that will help them thrive as competent communicators in their personal and professional relationships.

Outcomes

By completing this program, students will achieve the following learning outcomes:

- Demonstrate understanding of the various models of communication and how they are applicable to everyday life;
- Demonstrate an understanding of how context can impact communication in relationships, public speaking, or cross-cultural interactions;
- Demonstrate knowledge of the critical role of culture and diversity in communication, and demonstrate intercultural competency within and across cultures;
- Develop skills to effectively structure, organize, support, and deliver a message in various contexts; and
- Practice the skills necessary to develop and maintain healthy relationships in all walks of life.

Pre-Program Requirements

Some courses may require students to meet College Placement Levels in reading, writing, and/or math. See an advisor for more information.

Graduation Requirements

- These requirements apply to new students, and students who have been absent from this college one academic year or longer.
- At least one semester before you plan to graduate, complete an Application to Graduate.
- Student must obtain a grade of “C” or higher in each of the four required (12 credits) Communications courses.
- A total of 60 college level credits with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher are required for an Associate of Arts Degree.
- A cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher in all Minnesota Transfer Curriculum courses is required to complete the MnTC.
- 15 credits must be earned at Central Lakes College to be eligible for an Associate of Arts Degree.
- Classes may meet requirements for more than one goal area, but credit will not be awarded for any course twice.

Career & Transfer

The Communication Studies Transfer Pathway [AA] offers students a powerful option: the opportunity to complete an Associate of Arts degree with course credits that directly transfer to designated Communication Studies bachelor's degree programs at Minnesota State universities. The curriculum has been specifically designed so that students completing this pathway degree and transferring to one of the seven Minnesota State universities enter the university with junior-year status. All courses in the Transfer Pathway associate degree will directly transfer and apply to the designated bachelor's degree programs in a related field. Universities within the Minnesota State system participating in the Communication Studies Transfer Pathway include:

- Metropolitan State University - BS
- Minnesota State University, Mankato – BS
- Minnesota State University, Moorhead – BA
- Southwest State University, BA
- St. Cloud State University – BA/BS
- Winona State University - BA

Academic Plan

This is a sample full-time student pathway.

Semester One (14-15 credits)

COMM 1420	Interpersonal Communication	OR	
COMM 1422*	Honors Interpersonal Comm (Goal 1)	.....	3 cr
ENGL 1410	Composition I	OR	
ENGL 1420*	Honors Composition I (Goal 1)	.....	4 cr
	Student Success Course (any CCST course)	.....	1 cr
Goal 4**	.....		3-4 cr
Goal 6**	.....		3-4 cr

Semester Two (13-16 credits)

COMM 1430	Public Speaking (Goals 1,2)	.....	3 cr
ENGL 1411*	Composition II (Goal 1)	OR	
ENGL 1421*	Honors Composition II (Goals 1,9)	.....	4 cr
Goal 3** (Goals 3,10)	.....		3-5 cr
Goal 5**	.....		3-4 cr

Semester Three (14-18 credits)

COMM 2424	Small Group Communication (Goal 1)	.....	3 cr
	Fitness for Life (HLTH or PHED course)	.....	2-3 cr
Goal 3** w/lab course (Goals 3,10)	.....		3-5 cr
Goal 5**	.....		3-4 cr
Goal 6**	.....		3-4 cr

Semester Four (15 credits)

COMM 2420	Intercultural Communication	OR	
COMM 2422*	Honors Intercultural Comm (Goals 1,7)	3 cr
Goal 5**		3-4 cr
Goal 6**		3-4 cr
	Electives or Goal 7**, 8** or 9** courses	6 cr

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