



COMMUNICATION STUDIES

Associate in Arts Degree for Transfer

The Communication Studies major analyzes processes of communication, commonly defined as the sharing of symbols over distances in space and time. Hence, communication studies encompasses a wide range of topics and contexts ranging from face-to-face conversation to public speeches to mass media outlets such as television broadcasting and film studies. Communication Studies, as a discipline, is also interested in how audiences interpret information from the political, cultural, economic, and social dimensions of speech and language. There are many areas of specialization offered within the Communication Studies majors including Advertising, Public Relations, Journalism, Digital Media, Organizational Communication, Intercultural Communication, Interpersonal Communication, Rhetoric, and Media Studies. Studying communication will also enhance any career, but a few specific careers include business, public relations, human resources, law [after law school], advertising arts, teaching, social services, human services, and entertainment industries are all suited for graduates with a Communication Studies degree. Finally, students who are interested in the field of Communication Studies but do not wish to complete a Baccalaureate degree in the discipline may pursue a terminal two-year course of study. Such study will prepare them to understand diverse communication messages and practice excellent communication skills in a variety of settings. *For more information contact: Dr. Amy Edwards (805) 678-5102 aedwards@vccd.edu*

Required Core Courses		Units
COMM R101	Introduction to Oral Communication <i>*Advisories: ENGL R101</i>	3.0

LIST A:		
Select two of the following courses (6 units):		
COMM R107	Argumentation and Debate	3.0
COMM R111	Interpersonal Communication	3.0
COMM R110	Small Group Communication	3.0

LIST B:		
Select two of the following courses (6 units): Any course from list A not selected above		
COMM R113	Intercultural Communication	3.0
COMM R102	Introduction to Communication Studies	3.0
COMM R105	Oral Interpretation of Literature	3.0
FTVE R100	Introduction to Electronic Media	3.0

LIST C:		
Select one of the following courses (3-4 units): Any course from List B not selected above		
ANTH R102/H	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology/ Honors	3.0
ENGL R102/H	Critical Thinking through Composition and Literature/ Honors	4.0
ENGL R128	Advanced Composition and Critical Thinking Through Non-Fiction	3.0
COMM R114	Introduction to Communication Research	3.0
<i>**Advisories: COMM R101</i>		

Total Required Major Units	18-19
CSU General Education <i>or</i> IGETC Pattern	39
Double-Counted Units	-(9-18)
Electives (CSU Transferable units needed to reach 60)	+ 12-21
Total units required for the AAT Degree	60.0