

# COMMUNICATION STUDIES, ASSOCIATE IN ARTS FOR TRANSFER

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The Associate in Arts in Communication Studies for Transfer (AA-T) is intended for students who plan to complete a Bachelor's Degree in Communication Studies, or a major deemed by a CSU campus. Each CSU campus determines which of the degrees it offers are "similar" and can be completed with the preparation included in the AA-T in Communication Studies within 60 units once a student transfers, so which majors are "similar" varies from CSU to CSU. For a current list of what majors (and what options or areas of emphasis within that major) have been designated as "similar" to this degree at each CSU campus, please refer to CSU's Associate Degree for Transfer Major and Campus Search (<https://www2.calstate.edu/apply/transfer/Pages/associate-degree-for-transfer-major-and-campus-search.aspx>) webpage and seek guidance from a Moorpark College counselor. Students completing this degree are guaranteed admission to the CSU system, but not to a particular campus or major.

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The Associate in Arts in Communication Studies 2.0 for Transfer Degree (AA-T in Communication Studies 2.0) is intended for students who plan to complete a bachelor's degree at a California State University (CSU) in Communication Studies, or a major deemed similar by a CSU campus. Each CSU campus determines which of the degrees it offers are "similar" and can be completed with the preparation included in the AA-

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## To earn an AA-T in Communication Studies 2.0, students must:

1. Complete 60 semester or 90 quarter units that are eligible for transfer to the California State University, including both of the following:
  - a. The Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) or the California State University General Education-Breadth (CSU GE-Breadth) requirements.
  - b. The required coursework for the AA-T in Communication Studies 2.0 as listed in the Moorpark College catalog.
2. Obtain a minimum grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.0. While a minimum of 2.0 is required for admission, some transfer institutions and majors may require a higher GPA. Please consult with a counselor for more information.
3. Obtain a grade of "C" or better or "P" in all courses required in the major. Even though a "pass-no-pass" is allowed (Title 5 §55062), it is highly recommended that students complete their major courses with a letter grade (A, B, or C).
4. Complete requirements in residency. For students in the Ventura County Community College District, a minimum of 12 units must be completed in residence within the college district.

Students transferring to a CSU campus that accepts the AA-T in Communication Studies 2.0 degree will be required to complete no more than 60 units after transfer to earn a bachelor's degree (unless the major is a designated "high-unit" major at a particular campus). This degree may not be the best option for students intending to transfer to a particular CSU campus or to a university or college that is not part of the CSU system. Students should consult with a counselor when planning to complete the degree for more information on university admission and transfer requirements.

Course ID	Title	Units/ Hours
<b>REQUIRED CORE: (6 units)</b>		<b>6</b>
COMM M01	Public Speaking	3
or COMM M01H	Honors: Public Speaking	
COMM M04	Interpersonal Communication	3
<b>LIST A - Select and complete at least three courses (minimum 9 units)</b>		<b>9-10</b>
COMM M02	Introduction to Persuasion	3
COMM M05	Oral Interpretation of Literature	3
COMM M06	Small Group Communication	3
COMM M07	Argumentation and Debate	3
COMM M10A	Forensics I	2

COMM M12	Intercultural Communications	3
FTMA M100	Introduction to Mass Communications	3
or JOUR M01	Introduction to Mass Communications	
MATH M15	Introductory Statistics	4
or MATH M15H	Honors: Introductory Statistics	
<b>LIST B: Select and complete 1 course (3 units)</b>		<b>3-4</b>
Any course from LIST A not already used.		
ANTH M02	Cultural Anthropology	3
COMM M13	Gender Communication	3
COMM M16	Readers Theatre	3
COMM M17	Computer-Mediated Communication	3
COMM M18	Introduction to Organizational Communication	3
COMM M19	Communication and Leadership	3
COMM M20	Business and Professional Speech	3
COMM M23	Introduction to Health Communication	3
COMM M25	Introduction to Rhetorical Criticism	3
COMM M26	Rhetoric of Popular Culture	3
ENGL M01B	Literature: Critical Thinking and Composition	4
or ENGL M01BH	Honors Literature: Critical Thinking and Composition	
ENGL M01C	Critical Thinking and Composition	3
or ENGL M01CH	Honors: Critical Thinking and Composition	
JOUR M02	Digital Media Reporting & Writing	3
PSY M01	Introduction to Psychology	3
or PSY M01H	Honors: Introduction to Psychology	
SOC M110	Introduction to Sociology	3
or SOC M110H	Honors: Introduction to Sociology	
<b>Total Units for the Major</b>		<b>18 - 20</b>
<b>CSU General Education Breadth</b>		<b>39</b>
Double-Counted Units		6 - 18
Electives Units to meet 60 CSU transferable		7 - 21
NOTE: IGETC 1C is required for all CSU applicants. Students applying to a UC or Private school may earn this ADT without IGETC 1C but will be ineligible to apply to a CSU.		
<b>IGETC Pattern</b>		<b>37</b>
Double-Counted Units		6 - 18
Electives Units to meet 60 CSU transferable		9 - 23
<b>Total Units Required for the AA-T Degree</b>		<b>60</b>

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

- effectively communicate their ideas through oral performance.
- effectively communicate in interpersonal, group, and intercultural settings.
- critically evaluate messages presented in a variety of contexts.