

SACRAMENTO CITY COLLEGE



2011-2012 CATALOG ADDENDUM

Communication Studies – New Degree Associate in Arts for Transfer Degree

Program Information

Beginning in Fall 2011, community colleges are required to develop and offer “associate degrees for transfer” that require students to meet both of the following requirements:

(1) Completion of 60 semester units 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 Requirements.
- (B) A minimum of 18 semester units or 27 quarter units in a major or area of emphasis, as determined by the community college district.

(2) Obtainment of a minimum grade point average of 2.0. Students must earn a C or better in all courses required for the major or area of emphasis.

The Communication Department offers a variety of courses designed to meet students’ needs for graduation, transfer, and personal and professional development.

This degree is designed for students who plan to transfer to a California State University (CSU). Completion of the CSU General-Breadth Requirements or IGETC general education pattern is required. It is highly recommended that students meet with a counselor because major requirements vary for each CSU campus.

Students earning the Associate in Arts in Communication Studies for Transfer degree will be able to understand and apply human communication concepts relating to presentational speaking, critical thinking, group and interpersonal relationship development, and professional growth.

Transfer

Courses offered by the Communication Department meet a wide range of lower division transfer requirements for CSU and UC colleges. The department offers many courses designed to prepare students for transfer to a variety of disciplines including Business, Communication Studies, Criminal Justice, Education, Liberal Arts, Pre-Law, Mass Media, Management, Psychology, Sociology, and Social Work.

Forensics

The Los Rios Forensics team helps students improve their critical thinking and oral presentation skills. The Forensics team provides a high level of intercollegiate competition through the Forensics Laboratory course. Students who participate in this award-winning team compete in debate, public speaking, oral interpretation of literature/drama, impromptu speaking, and reader’s theater. This program enhances the college experience and polishes the skills that employers actively request.

Career Opportunities

The number one skill employers seek is effective communication. Courses in communication enhance understanding and skills for transfer preparation, professional development, and personal growth. The degree and program enhances opportunities for employment and promotion in fields including education, law enforcement, law, health, management, organizational development, psychology, public service, sales, training, entertainment, and social services.

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

- demonstrate an understanding of the history, evolution, and multidisciplinary nature of communication theories.
- identify and differentiate amongst various perspectives across the communication discipline.
- critically analyze evidence and reasoning to identify and provide appropriate and credible support for written and oral communication.
- identify and demonstrate effective and appropriate written and/or oral communication skills, both verbal and nonverbal, across diverse contexts.
- demonstrate individual responsibility, integrity, respect, and influence to effectively and appropriately communicate with diverse audiences.
- identify and access a variety of professional and academic opportunities related to the communication discipline.

Required Program	Units
COMM 301 Introduction to Public Speaking	3
A minimum of 6 units from the following:	6
COMM 311 Argumentation and Debate (3)	
COMM 321 Interpersonal Communication (3)	
COMM 331 Group Discussion (3)	
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COMM 311 Argumentation and Debate (3)	
COMM 321 Interpersonal Communication (3)	
COMM 325 Intercultural Communication (3)	
COMM 331 Group Discussion (3)	
COMM 351 Mass Media and Society (3)	
or ENGWR 384 Mass Media and Society (3)	
or JOUR 310 Mass Media and Society (3)	
COMM 374 Forensics Laboratory (1 - 3)	
 A minimum of 3 units from the following:	 3
COMM 302 Persuasive Speech (3)	
COMM 305 Oral Interpretation (3)	
COMM 311 Argumentation and Debate (3)	
COMM 315 Persuasion (3)	
COMM 316 Advanced Argumentation and Critical Thinking (3)	
COMM 321 Interpersonal Communication (3)	
COMM 323 Listening (3)	
COMM 325 Intercultural Communication (3)	
COMM 328 Gender Communication (3)	
COMM 331 Group Discussion (3)	
COMM 335 Conflict Management (3)	
COMM 341 Organizational Communication (3)	
COMM 345 Interviewing (3)	
COMM 351 Mass Media and Society (3)	
or ENGWR 384 Mass Media and Society (3)	
or JOUR 310 Mass Media and Society (3)	
COMM 361 The Communication Experience (3)	
COMM 363 Introduction to Communication Theory (3)	
COMM 371 Voice and Diction (3)	
COMM 374 Forensics Laboratory (1 - 3)	
 Total Major Units Required	 18
 CSU General Education or IGETC Pattern	 37-39
 Transferable Electives	 3-5
(as needed to reach 60 transferable units)	
 Total Units Required for the Degree	 60