

Associate of Art in Professional Communication

Program Overview

The Department of Communication Studies has crafted this program to teach skills that are valuable in any career—such as writing, public speaking, problem-solving, and working with others. Students build a strong foundation by studying different types of communication as they gain hands-on experience and learn in ways that connect directly to real-world situations, supporting both personal and professional growth. Whether students plan to enter the workforce after graduation or transition into a four-year program (like BS in Communication Studies or BA in Digital Media Arts), this degree provides the tools and confidence needed to enhance communication confidence.

Degree Requirements

To earn this degree, students must have a GPA of 2.0 or higher in the Major as well as an overall GPA of 2.0, complete a minimum of 60 credit hours, and fulfill the course requirements of the program listed below.

*This is a sample plan; specific courses may vary from year to year. Academic advisors will work with each student to develop their individual schedule.

Major-Specific Required Courses			CREDITS
✓			
	COMM 130	Fundamentals of Human Physiology w/Lab	3
	COMM 210	Fundamentals of Human Anatomy w/Lab	3
	COMM 240	Introduction to Molecular Biology/Lab	3
	COMM 256	Microbiology w/Lab	3
	COMM 260	General Chemistry I/Recitation/Lab	3
	COMM 324	General Chemistry II/Recitation/Lab	3
	12 Credits in Electives Selected in Consultation with Advisor		CREDITS
	ELEC XXX		3
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✓	CORE		CREDITS
		Foundation	
	LA-FWS	First-Year Writing Seminar	3
	LA-FCS	First-Year Communication Seminar	3
	LA-FQR	Quantitative Reasoning	3-4
	LA-FSS	First Year Success Seminar	1
	LA-FCG	Cultural and Global Understanding	3-5
		Exploration	
	LA-EAH	Arts and Humanities	3
	LA-ENS	Natural Sciences	3-6
	LA-ESS	Social Sciences	3-4
		Transformation	
	LA-TFR	Faith, Reason, and Ethics	3

MAJOR	*Options
CORE	^CORE equivalent

Total Program Credits: 60+

Example Course Sequence:

The following is a sample of a semester-by-semester approach to completing this program in 2 years.

YEAR 1							
FIRST SEMESTER							
COURSE		CREDITS	PREREQUISITES				
COMM 130	Media Literacy	3					
LA-FWS	First-Year Writing Seminar	3					
LA-FCS	First-Year Communication Seminar	3					
LA-FQR	Quantitative Reasoning	3					
LA-FSS	First Year Success Seminar	1					
JAN TERM							
COURSE		CREDITS					
ELEC XXX		3					
SECOND SEMESTER							
COURSE		CREDITS					
COMM 210	Interpersonal Communication	3					
LA-FCG	Cultural and Global Understanding	3					
ELEC XXX		3					
ELEC XXX		3					
ELEC XXX		3					
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YEAR 2							
THIRD SEMESTER							
COURSE		CREDITS	PREREQUISITES				
COMM 240	Professional Communication	3					
COMM 256	Intercultural Communication	3					
COMM 260	Introduction to Public Relations	3					
LA-TFR	Faith, Reason, and Ethics	3					
ELEC XXX		3					
JAN TERM							
COURSE		CREDITS					
ELEC XXX		3					
FOURTH SEMESTER							
COURSE		CREDITS					
COMM 324	Persuasion	3					
LA-EAH	Arts and Humanities	3					
LA-ENS	Natural Sciences	3					
ELEC XXX		3					
		30					
	TOTAL CREDITS	61					