



CURRICULUM GUIDE 2014-2015

COMMUNICATION STUDIES

Associate in Arts in Communication Studies for Transfer (AA-T)

The Speech and Communication Studies Department at Ohlone College offers a wide range of communication studies courses that meet students' general education requirements, lower division transfer requirements for CSU and UC Communication Studies Departments, requirements for Speech and Communication Studies certificates, and the Associate in Arts in Communication Studies for Transfer. This department strives to help students gain knowledge of theoretical perspectives of communication and learn to speak, think, and write clearly and concisely, critically and creatively. Students study the necessary skills to prepare them for transfer in communication studies or related majors. Finally, the department encourages students to use their communication expertise ethically and in service to the larger community and to enhance their relationships and their own personal growth.

The Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act (Senate Bill 1440, codified in California Education Code sections 66746-66749) guarantees admission to a California State University (CSU) campus for any community college student who completes an "associate degree for transfer," a newly established variation of the associate degrees traditionally offered at a California community college. The Associate in Arts in Communication Studies for Transfer is intended for students who plan to complete a bachelor's degree in a similar major at a CSU campus. Students completing this degree are guaranteed admission to the CSU system, but not to a particular campus or major. In order to earn one of these degrees, students must complete 60 required semester units of CSU-transferable coursework with a minimum GPA of 2.0. Students should consult with a counselor when planning to complete the degree for more information on university admission and transfer requirements.

Requirements for Associate in Arts for Transfer Degree:

- a) Complete all Major Field and Supporting Courses with a grade of C or better.
- b) Complete CSU GE (Plan B) or IGETC (Plan C) requirements. These requirements are specified in the Ohlone College catalog.
- c) Complete 60 CSU-transferable semester units.
- d) Complete a minimum grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.0 in all CSU-transferable coursework. While a minimum GPA of 2.0 is required for admission, some majors may require a higher GPA. Please consult with a counselor for more information.
- e) Complete a minimum of 18 semester units in the Communication Studies major.
- f) Complete at least 12 units at Ohlone College.

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Demonstrate the ability to effectively communicate with diverse audiences in multiple contexts to meet the goals of the intended communication.
2. Demonstrate through performance and analysis the importance of both verbal and nonverbal communication.
3. Describe and analyze the symbolic nature of communication and how it creates individual, group, and cultural reality.
4. Identify, evaluate, and utilize evidence to support claims used in presentations and arguments.

MAJOR FIELD

SPCH-101 Introduction to Public Speaking 3

Complete two courses from the following:

SPCH-102 Small Group Communication/Critical Thinking 3

SPCH-103 Interpersonal Communication 3

SPCH-106 Critical Thinking/Argumentation and Debate 3

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SUPPORTING COURSES

Complete two courses from the following:

COMM-100 Introduction to Communication Theory 3

SPCH-102* Small Group Communication/Critical Thinking OR 3

SPCH-103* Interpersonal Communication OR (3)

SPCH-106* Critical Thinking/Argumentation and Debate (3)

SPCH-104 Critical Thinking/Persuasion 3

SPCH-105 Intercultural Communication 3

SPCH-110A3 Forensics Workshop OR 3

SPCH-112A3 Argumentation and Debate Workshop OR (3)

SPCH-114A3 Oral Interpretation Workshop (3)

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*SPCH-102, SPCH-103, and SPCH-106 cannot be double-counted to apply towards Major Field and Supporting Courses.

Complete one course from the following:

ANTH-102 Cultural Anthropology 3

ENGL-101B Reading and Composition (Introduction to Literature) 4

ENGL-101C Critical Thinking and Composition 3

JOUR-101A Newswriting 3

PSY-101 General Psychology 3

SOC-101 Introduction to Sociology 3

SPCH-107 Leadership Communication 3

SPCH-108 Gender Communication 3

SPCH-115 Career Communication 3

SPCH-122 Family Communication 3

SPCH-130 Oral Communication of Literature 3

SPCH-132 Voice and Diction 3

SPCH-190C Speech Communication Lab Consultant 3

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Total Required Units: 18-19