COMMUNICATION STUDIES

Associate in Arts in Communication Studies

The Associate in Arts in Communication Studies is designed to provide students with the fundamental understanding of the principles of speech communication as well as experience in the application of these principles. Courses prepare students for transfer to baccalaureate institutions and entry into careers in which effective communication skills are important, such as teaching, public relations, and law. This program fulfills typical lower division requirements at baccalaureate institutions. Some variation in requirements may exist at a particular baccalaureate college or university; therefore, it is essential that students also refer to the catalog of the prospective transfer institution and consult a counselor.

Requirements for Associate in Arts Degree:

a) Complete Major Field and Supporting Courses with a grade of C or better.

b) Complete Ohlone College General Education (Plan A), CSU GE (Plan B), or IGETC (Plan C) requirements. These requirements are specified in the Ohlone College catalog.

c) Complete at least 60 degree-applicable units with a 2.0 grade point average.

d) 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

COMM-190A-C, and/or COMM-191A1-A3, and/or COMM-192A1-A3, and/or COMM-193 should be taken for a minimum of two units and a maximum of 12 units.

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COMM-190A  Communication Lab Consultant OR (1)
COMM-190B  Communication Lab Consultant OR (2)
COMM-190C  Communication Lab Consultant OR (3)
COMM-191A1 Introductory Forensics Workshop OR (1)
COMM-191A2 Forensics Workshop OR (2)
COMM-191A3 Forensics Competition OR (3)
COMM-192A1 Argumentation and Debate Workshop OR (1)
COMM-192A2 Argumentation and Debate Workshop OR (2)
COMM-192A3 Competitive Argumentation and Debate OR (3)
COMM-193  Oral Interpretation Competition  3

SUPPORTING COURSES
COMM-112, COMM-114, COMM-116, COMM-130, and COMM-132 cannot be double-counted to apply towards Major Field and Supporting Courses.

Complete a minimum of three units from the following courses:

BRDC-141  Live TV News  3
COMM-112  Small Group Communication/Critical Thinking  3
COMM-114  Critical Thinking/Persuasion  3
COMM-116  Critical Thinking/Argumentation and Debate  3
COMM-117  Leadership Communication  3
COMM-118  Gender, Sexual Identity, and Communication  3
COMM-122  Family Communication  3
COMM-125  Career Communication  3
COMM-130  Oral Interpretation of Literature  3
COMM-132  Voice and Diction  3
JOUR-155  Mass Media and Society  3
PSY-101  General Psychology  3
SOC-101  Introduction to Sociology  3
TD-110  Introduction to Acting  4

Total Required Units:  22-25