

Program Information

The Associate of Arts with emphasis in Communication Studies focuses on the following areas of communication study: basics of communication, interpersonal, public speaking, intercultural, and small group interaction. For assistance in program planning, or to explore additional transfer options, students should meet with an academic advisor.

Program Goals

By completing this program, students will achieve the following learning goals:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of the transactional nature of communication and its core principles;
2. Demonstrate knowledge of the critical role of context in communication and ability to adapt content to changes within interpersonal and public speaking situations;
3. Demonstrate knowledge of the critical role of culture and diversity in communication and ability to communicate effectively within and across cultures;
4. Effectively structure and deliver an oral presentation by choosing appropriate organizational and delivery methods to suit the message; and
5. Identify and select appropriate supporting materials and demonstrate ability to effectively cite sources.

Developmental Courses

Some students may need preparatory courses in the areas of English, mathematics, or reading. Courses numbered below 1000 will not apply toward this degree.

Completion Requirements

- A minimum of 60 semester credits in courses numbered 1000 or above.
- A minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 in courses numbered 1000 or above at ARCC.
- A minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 in all MnTC courses.
- Satisfy residency requirements. See page 27.
- Completion of specific degree requirements. Students may earn only one AA degree regardless of emphasis.
- To receive your diploma, you must apply to graduate.
- The requirements of this program are subject to change without notice.

Program Requirements: 12 credits

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| <input type="checkbox"/> CMST 2210 | Intercultural Communication | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CMST 2215 | Public Speaking | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CMST 2220 | Interpersonal Communication | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CMST 2251 | Small Group Communication | 3 |
| Electives..... | | 5 |
- Students are required to choose five (5) credits from any academic discipline which will serve as General Elective credits.

General Education/MnTC Requirements: 40 credits

Distribution requirements are satisfied through completion of the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) listed below. These criteria must be met to complete the MnTC:

1. All ten emphasis areas listed below must be completed.
2. A total of at least 40 semester credits from courses listed in the MnTC must be satisfactorily completed. One course may satisfy more than one emphasis area, but the course credits may be counted only once.
3. A 2.0 MnTC GPA is required for recognition of a student's completion of the entire Minnesota Transfer Curriculum, with or without completing an associate degree.
4. Students completing the AA with Communication Studies Emphasis are required to complete the selected MnTC courses, listed below.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1. | Communication (<i>two courses required; one from A and one from B</i>) | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> A. ENGL 1120♦ OR 1121♦..... | 4 |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> B. CMST 1110..... | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2. | Critical Thinking (<i>three courses required</i>) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3. | Natural Science (<i>one must include a lab</i>) | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> A. One Physical Science course <i>required</i> | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> B. One Biological Science course <i>required</i> | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4. | Mathematical/Logical Reasoning (<i>one course required</i>) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5. | History/Social/Behavioral Sciences | |
| | (<i>two courses required; one from each of two categories</i>) | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> A. Economics/Geography | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> B. Anthropology/Psychology/Sociology | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> C. History/Political Science | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6. | Humanities/Fine Arts | |
| | (<i>two courses required; one from each of two categories</i>) | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> A. Literature | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> B. Humanities/Philosophy | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> C. Art/Music/Theatre | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 7. | Human Diversity (<i>one course required</i>) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 8. | Global Perspective (<i>one course required</i>) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 9. | Ethical/Civic Responsibility (<i>one course required</i>) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10. | People and the Environment (<i>one course required</i>) | |

Wellness Requirement: 3 credits

- ☐ Select any HPER course(s) totaling at least 3 credits.

♦ *Course has prerequisite - see course schedule or catalog description.*

^ *Course requires Instructor permission.*

NOTE: You are encouraged to contact an academic advisor at 763-433-1230 for course planning assistance and information about transfer credit evaluation and transfer options.