

Program Description

The Communication Studies Transfer Pathway Associate of Arts (AA) degree program offers students a powerful option: the opportunity to complete an Associate of Arts degree with course credits that directly transfer to designated Communication Studies bachelor's degree programs at Minnesota State universities. The curriculum has been specifically designed so that students completing this pathway degree and transferring to one of the seven Minnesota State universities enter the university with junior-year status. All courses in the Transfer Pathway associate degree will directly transfer and apply to the designated bachelor's degree programs in a related field.

Minnesota State Universities - Designated Degrees

- Bemidji State University: Communication Studies BA
- Metropolitan State University: Professional Communication BS
- Minnesota State University, Mankato: Communication Studies BS
- Minnesota State University, Moorhead: Communication Studies BA
- Southwest Minnesota State University: Communication Studies BA, Communication Studies BA (Public Relations Emphasis)
- St. Cloud State University: Communication Studies BA, Communication Studies Supplementary BA, Communication Studies Interdepartmental BS
- Winona State University: Communication Studies BA (General, Leadership and Advocacy, Organizational)

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 a message 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.

Required Courses: 60 Total Credits

- CMST 2210 Intercultural Communication 3
- CMST 2215 Public Speaking 3
- CMST 2220 Interpersonal Communication 3
- CMST 2251 Small Group Communication 3

Complete at least 40 credits in courses from the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC). You must complete all ten goal areas and maintain a cumulative 2.0 GPA for the entire MnTC. One course may satisfy more than one goal area, but the course credits may be counted only once.

- 1. Communication
 - 2. Critical Thinking
 - 3. Natural Science
 - 4. Mathematical/Logical Reasoning
 - 5. History/Social/Behavioral Sciences
 - 6. Humanities/Fine Arts
 - 7. Human Diversity
 - 8. Global Perspective
 - 9. Ethical/Civic Responsibility
 - 10. People and the Environment
- Choose any HPER course(s) totaling at least three credits 3

Pathway Plan

Classes are scheduled for full-time students to complete in two years; part-time students will need more time. For assistance with pathway planning, students should schedule an appointment with an academic advisor. See also the college catalog Appendix for course offering information.

Degree Specifics

- 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.
- Some students may need preparatory courses in the areas of English, mathematics or reading. Courses numbered below 1000 will not apply toward this degree.
- Satisfy residency requirements.
- A minimum grade of C must be earned in all program requirements.
- Completion of specific degree requirements.
- Each state university has specific program requirements for completion. Please speak with your advisor about requirements at receiving institutions.
- To complete your program, please submit the appropriate application found [here](#).
- The requirements of this program are subject to change without notice.

◆ *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.