

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS WITH A CONCENTRATION IN COMMUNICATION STUDIES



The Associate of Arts with a concentration in Communication Studies is based on the Ohio Guaranteed Transfer Pathway in Communication Studies. It is recommended for students planning to start at Tri-C and transfer to a four-year institution to major in Communication Studies.

The Communication Studies program at Tri-C connects students with top-notch faculty and working professionals who can help them achieve their academic goals.

There are a variety of communication-related careers in public relations, social and community service agencies, marketing, corporate training/human resources, labor/industrial relations, sales, social media management, government relations, and more. Some of the many potential careers in the field of Communication Studies include the following: public relations specialist, event planner, social media manager, copywriter, communications director, speechwriter, digital marketing specialist, and crisis communications manager.

Program Admissions Requirements

- ENG-0995 Applied College Literacies with a grade of "C" or higher or appropriate English Placement Score to enroll in ENG-1010 College Composition I
- Eligibility to enroll in MATH-1190 Algebraic and Quantitative Reasoning or PHIL-1020 Introduction to Logic or higher Ohio Transfer 36 Approved Mathematics course.

Program Learning Outcomes

1. Develop and effectively present speeches that are consistent and appropriate for the purpose, context, and audience.
2. Engage in active listening and enact mindful responding to messages.
3. Choose to communicate with ethical intention.
4. Recognize individual and cultural similarities and differences and appropriately adapt one's communication in diverse cultural contexts.
5. Apply Communication theories, perspectives, principles, and concepts.
6. Locate, use, and evaluate information to create messages appropriate to the audience, purpose, and context
7. Articulate the characteristics and influence of mediated and non-mediated messages

First Semester		Credit Hours
Select one of the following:		3
COMM-1010	Fundamentals of Speech Communication	
COMM-101H	Honors Speech Communication	
Select one of the following:		3
ENG-1010	College Composition I	
ENG-101H	Honors College Composition I	
Select one of the following:		3
MATH-1190	Algebraic and Quantitative Reasoning	
PHIL-1020	Introduction to Logic (or Any Ohio Transfer 36 Approved Mathematics class)	
Select one of the following:		3
PSY-1010	General Psychology	
PSY-101H	Honors General Psychology	
Foreign Language (if needed) or Elective		3-4
Credit Hours		15-16
Second Semester		
COMM-1000	Fundamentals of Interpersonal Communication	3
Ohio Transfer 36 Natural Sciences requirement with lab		3-4
Select one of the following:		3
ENG-1020	College Composition II ¹	
ENG-102H	Honors College Composition II ¹	
ENG-2151	Technical Writing	
Select one of the following:		3
HUM-1020	The Individual in Society	
HUM-102H	Honors Individual in Society	
Foreign Language (if needed) or Elective		3-4
Credit Hours		15-17
Third Semester		
COMM-1210	Small Group Communication	3
Ohio Transfer 36 Natural Science requirement		3
Select one of the following:		3
SOC-1010	Introductory Sociology	
SOC-101H	Honors Introductory Sociology	
Arts and Humanities Requirement (see recommended list below)		3
Foreign Language (if needed)		3
Credit Hours		15
Fourth Semester		
COMM-2000	Introduction to Communication Theory	3
COMM-2160	Intercultural Communication	3
POL-2020	Introduction to Conflict and Peace Studies	3
Foreign Language (if needed) or Elective		3
Ohio Transfer 36 Electives (see recommended list below)		3
Credit Hours		15
Total Credit Hours		60-63

¹ It is highly recommended for students to take ENG-1020 College Composition II or ENG-102H Honors College Composition II for this program.

Foreign Language Requirement

The majority of schools require at least 6-8 credits of foreign language at the College level to complete a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies; however, the Foreign Language requirement varies from institution to institution and may depend on how many foreign language courses you took at the high school level. For this reason, you should check with your intended transfer institution to determine how many foreign language credits are required for your intended transfer program and plan accordingly. To fulfill foreign language requirements, you should select from the below Transfer Assurance Guide approved foreign language courses. If your intended program of study doesn't require foreign language or you have fulfilled the requirement based on coursework taken in high school, you may select other appropriate Ohio Transfer 36 or Transfer Assurance Guide approved courses as electives, in place of the foreign language requirement. See recommendations below for elective course selection.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Foreign Language Requirement		
ASL-1010	Beginning American Sign Language I	4
ASL-1020	Beginning American Sign Language II	4
ASL-2010	Intermediate American Sign Language I	4
ASL-2020	Intermediate American Sign Language II	4
FREN-1010	Beginning French I	4
FREN-1020	Beginning French II	4
FREN-2010	Intermediate French I	3
FREN-2020	Intermediate French II	3
GER-1010	Beginning German I	4
ITAL-1010	Beginning Italian Language and Culture I	4
ITAL-1020	Beginning Italian II	4
SPAN-1011	Beginning Spanish Language and Cultures I	4
SPAN-1021	Beginning Spanish Language and Culture II	4
SPAN-2010	Intermediate Spanish Language and Culture I	3
SPAN-2020	Intermediate Spanish Language and Cultures II	3

Recommended Ohio Transfer 36 Electives

The below courses are recommended to fulfill the open Arts and Humanities requirements or the open Ohio Transfer 36 elective requirement.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Arts and Humanities		
PHIL-1000	Critical Thinking	3
ENG-2020	Women Writers on the Experiences of Women	3
ENG-2310	American Literature I	3
ENG-2320	American Literature II	3
ENG-2350	British Literature I	3
ENG-2360	British Literature II	3
ENG-2410	Introduction to Literature: Poetry	3
ENG-2420	Introduction to Literature: Fiction	3
ENG-2430	Introduction to Literature: Drama	3

ENG-2450	Introduction to Literature: Science Fiction	3
ENG-2510	African-American Literature I	3
ENG-2520	African-American Literature II	3
ENG-2601	Literature for Children and Adolescents	3
ENG-2700	World Literature	3
ENG-2710	Shakespeare	3
ENG-2730	Exploration of World Mythology	3
ENG-2770	Rhetorics of Gaming: Introduction to Video Game Analysis	3

Social and Behavioral Sciences

PSY-2040	Social Psychology	3
SOC-2020	Sociology of the Family	3
SOC-2550	Race and Ethnic Relations	3
UST-2020	Urban Cultures	3

MATH-1140, MATH-1141, MATH-1200, MATH-1270, and MATH-1280 can no longer count towards fulfilling the college-level mathematics requirement. These courses were re-classified as developmental mathematics by the state of Ohio in 2016. Tri-C established a 5-year transitioning window for students who had completed these courses prior to 2016 to apply them towards meeting graduation requirements, which expired in Summer 2021. It is highly recommended to see a counselor to determine the appropriate math required for your current major.