

## **Communication Studies AA-T**

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San José City College offers an Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T) degree and a Certificate of Achievement in Communication Studies. Communication Studies is the study of human communication. It includes public speaking, argumentation and persuasion, and interpersonal, intercultural, and small group communication. The importance of communication awareness, training, and skills are essential for successful and fulfilling personal, professional, and academic relationships and activities. Communication skills, theory, and practice are useful in any career including: education, business management, communication management, journalism, law enforcement, mass media and media arts, political science, public policy and administration, social work, public relations, advertising, broadcasting, technology, and finance.

Upon completion of program students will be able to:

- Express and convey message clearly for effective oral communication
- Demonstrate effective listening skills to comprehend spoken messages, analyze information critically, and consider multiple perspectives
- Participate in the civic life of their communities through public address and civic engagement, and advocate for positive change
- Articulate the importance of diversity, differing belief and value systems, as well as individual opinions
- Apply interpersonal skills to create and maintain successful and beneficial social and civic relationships
- Describe communication technology and its impact on human communication practices

**To be awarded the Associate in Arts in Communication Studies for Transfer degree, students must:**

- (1) Complete 60 semester units or 90 quarter units which are eligible for transfer to the California State University (CSU) system, including both of the following:
  - (A) The Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) or the California State University General Education (CSU GE) – Breadth Requirements.
  - (B) A minimum of 18 semester units or 27 quarter units in a major or area of emphasis, as determined by the community college district.
- (2) Obtain a minimum grade point average of 2.0.

*While a minimum of 2.0 is required for admission, some majors may require a higher GPA. Please consult with a counselor for more information.*

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, SEE A COUNSELOR, VISIT THE CAREER/TRANSFER CENTER, OR CONTACT THE FOLLOWING:**

Communication Studies Department  
San José City College Web Page

408-288-3719  
[www.sjcc.edu](http://www.sjcc.edu)

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Associate Degrees for Transfer (ADTs) also require that students must earn a “C” or better in all courses required for the major or area of emphasis. A ‘P’ (Pass) grade is acceptable grade for courses in the major if the course is taken on a “pass/no pass” basis.

### **MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (CORE, List A, List B and List C):**

<b><u>REQUIRED CORE:</u></b>			<b><u>UNITS</u></b>
COMS	020	Oral Communication	3
<b><u>LIST A – Complete 2 courses*:</u></b>			
COMS	010	Interpersonal Communication	3
COMS	040	Introduction to Argumentation	3
COMS	045	Small Group Communication	3
<b><u>LIST B – Complete 2 courses* (one course may be from LIST A, if not already used)</u></b>			
COMS	018	Introduction to Communication Studies	3
COMS	035	Intercultural Communication	3
JOURN	021	Mass Media and Society	3
<b><u>LIST C – Complete 1 course* (one course may be from LIST A or B, if not already used)</u></b>			
ANTH	063	Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology	3
ENGL	001B	English Composition	3
ENGL	001C	Critical Thinking/Composition	3
JOURN	022	News Writing and Reporting for the Media	3
PSYCH	010	General Psychology	3
SOC	010	Introduction to Sociology	<u>3</u>
<b>Total Units for CORE, List A, List B and List C</b>			<b>18</b>

\* Consult with a counselor to determine which courses are applicable within the major at the CSU you are planning to transfer to.

### **AA-T DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:**

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS	18
CSU GE or IGETC PATTERN	39 or 37
TRANSFERABLE ELECTIVES	9 - 15
<b>TOTAL REQUIRED UNITS</b>	<b>60</b>