Communication Studies

Transfer
AA Degree in Communication Studies
AA-T Degree in Communication Studies

Communication Studies Program
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About the Program
Students planning to transfer should contact a counselor for more information on program and transfer requirements.

The Communication Studies program at Butte College prepares students for transfer to a baccalaureate major in Communication Studies for the California State University. In addition, this program offers vital communication skills that are in demand by virtually every company and most organizations. Students with a degree in Communication Studies are prepared to succeed in numerous professions; in fact, many studies cite "effective communication" as the number one skill in demand in today's workplace. Students majoring in Communication Studies explore communication theories and skills needed in our complex world. These include: oral and written communication, critical thinking, interpersonal communication, gender and communication, intercultural awareness and sensitivity, and effective group interaction, among others. We offer two degree options.

AA Degree in Communication Studies
The Associate in Arts (AA) in Communication Studies degrees are intended for students who plan to earn an AA degree in Communication Studies in support of career or other academic endeavors or who plan to specifically transfer to CSU, Chico. The Associate in Arts (AA) and Associate in Science (AS) degrees require the completion of all Butte College graduation requirements including specified major degree requirements as detailed in the catalog. Students are encouraged to contact a counselor or see www.assist.org.

AA-T Degree in Communication Studies
The Associate in Arts in Communication Studies Transfer is intended for students who plan to complete a bachelor's degree in Communication Studies or similar major at a CSU campus. Students completing this degree are guaranteed admission to the CSU system, but not to a particular campus or major. Students transferring to a CSU campus that does accept this degree will be required to complete no more than 60 units after transfer to earn a bachelor's degree. This degree may not be the best option for students intending to transfer to a particular CSU campus or to a university or college that is not part of the CSU system. In all cases, students should consult with a counselor for more information on university admission and transfer requirements.

The associate transfer degrees (AA-T or AS-T) require completion and certification of the California State University General Education (CSU GE) or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) as well as the specific AA-T or AS-T major degree requirements. Students earning either an AA-T or an AS-T will not be held to additional Butte College graduation requirements (including Physical Education and the multicultural competency). Students should work with a counselor to identify major coursework that can be used to fulfill CSU GE or IGETC categories.

To obtain an Associate's degree, students must complete both the major requirements and the graduation requirements listed in this catalog.

Note that some courses have a prerequisite (P), corequisite (C), or both (P/C). Prerequisites and corequisites are listed within each course description in this catalog.

Transfer majors designated as AA-T or AS-T are designed for transfer to a similar major at an unspecified CSU. Transfer majors designated as AA or AS are designed for transfer to the corresponding major at a specific CSU and are based on articulation. See a counselor for more information. Read about the difference between these types of degrees at the beginning of the Transfer section of this catalog.

AA Degree in Communication Studies 60 Units Minimum

Student Learning Outcomes
Upon successful completion of this program, the student will be able to:
• Demonstrate skills to connect, work and play well with others.
• Communicate ethically, responsibly, and effectively as local, national and global citizens.
• Research, organize, and create messages using appropriate resources.
• Effectively present formal and informal communication to a variety of audiences in multiple contexts.
• Demonstrate critical thinking skills.

Required courses for the major: 18 Units

| CMST 2 | Public Speaking | 3 |
| CMST 4 | Small Group Communication | 3 |
| CMST 9 | Intercultural Communication | 3 |
| CMST 10 | Interpersonal Communication | 3 |
| CMST 12 | Forensics (Speech and Debate) | 3 |
| CMST 14 | Argumetation and Debate (P) | 3 |

AA-T Degree in Communication Studies 60 Units Minimum

Student Learning Outcomes
Upon successful completion of this program, the student will be able to:
• Demonstrate skills to connect, work, and play well with others.
• Communicate ethically, responsibly, and effectively as local, national and global citizens.
• Research, organize, and create messages using appropriate resources.
• Effectively present formal and informal communication to a variety of audiences in multiple contexts.
• Demonstrate critical thinking skills.

Required courses for the major: 18 Units

| CMST 2 | Public Speaking | 3 |
| or CMST 2H | Honors Public Speaking (3) (P) |
| CMST 4 | Small Group Communication | 3 |
| CMST 10 | Interpersonal Communication | 3 |
| CMST 14 | Argumentation and Debate (P) | 3 |
| CMST 6 | Oral Interpretation | 3 |
| CMST 9 | Intercultural Communication | 3 |
| CMST 12 | Forensics (Speech and Debate) | 3 |
| RTVF 12 | Mass Media and Society | 3 |

List C: Select one
Any List A or List B course not used above

| CMST 13 | Gender and Communication | 3 |
| JOUR 2 | Introduction to Newswriting (P) | 3 |