About The College

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Chaffey College, one of the first colleges to be established in California, is a two-year public community college situated in an area of natural and tranquil beauty in Southern California. The campus occupies 200 acres of rolling lawns and native foliage in the foothills of the majestic San Gabriel Mountains. Founded in 1883 as a private college, Chaffey has been a publicly funded college since 1916.

Curricula
Chaffey College offers two year associate in art or science degrees in academic or vocational fields, one-year certificates of achievement, and transfer programs that meet the lower-division requirements for a baccalaureate degree to be obtained at a four-year college or university. The college operates on the semester system, which consists of fall, spring, and summer terms.

Chaffey courses are offered at the main campus in Rancho Cucamonga and off-campus centers in Chino, Fontana, and the new Chino Information Technology Center.

District
The college district serves a population of 750,000 in the west end of the vibrant Inland Empire of San Bernardino County, including the communities of Chino, Chino Hills, Fontana, Montclair, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, and Upland.

Communication Studies

About the Communication Studies Dept

We are committed to providing every student with an excellent educational experience. Toward that end, we offer a broader assortment of communication classes than the typical community college.

Courses include:
- COMSTD 2 Effective Speaking
- COMSTD 4 Interpersonal Communication
- COMSTD 6 Small Group Communication
- COMSTD 8 Speech Communication
- COMSTD 12 Mass Communication
- COSMTD 14 Oral Interpretation
- COMSTD 16 Forensics
- COMSTD 72 Logic and Argumentation
- COMSTD 74 Intercultural Communication
- COMSTD 76 Gender & Communication

For information on the Communication Studies Program call (909) 941-8633.

For information on joining the Forensics Team call (909) 477-8859.

Chaffey College Website
www.chaffey.edu
Communication Studies at Chaffey College is designed as an interdisciplinary field with a foundation in traditional rhetoric and contemporary social-scientific theories of human communication. The program is suited to the needs of both two-year students and students who want to transfer with a major or minor in Communication Studies or related fields. An Associate in Arts degree is available. The curriculum is intended to help students develop a fundamental understanding and knowledge of the functions of communication in their daily life and in the fabric of society.

A series of core courses is designed to provide students with the background needed to explore many communication fields, including public and mass communication, leadership and group communication, intercultural communication, and interpersonal/gender communication. Courses are offered both day and evening and can be taken at our main campus in Rancho Cucamonga or at satellite locations in Chino or Fontana.

"All real living is meeting." Martin Buber

Communication Skills are Key to Career Success According to market research of potential employers, communication skills are what employers desire most in their employees. In a recent survey of 4,000 human resource professionals, 71% listed communication skills as critical to successful job performance. Another survey of top Fortune 500 companies also indicated that strong communication skills were the most important indicator of job effectiveness. Finally, in their most recent report on tomorrow’s jobs, the U.S. Department of Labor stated that service occupations are projected to have the largest number of total job openings and strong communication skills are at the heart of every service based career. Career opportunities with a degree in Communication Studies are plentiful.

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"The art of communication is the language of leadership." Daniel Quinn

Career areas and jobs related to the field of Communication include:

ADVERTISING... account executive, creative director or marketing specialist.
BUSINESS... personnel manager, public information officer, human resources manager, director of corporate communication or sales representative.
COMMUNICATION EDUCATION... high school speech teacher, college or university professor or forensics/debate coach.
ELECTRONIC MEDIA/RADIO... announcer, broadcasting station manager, media buyer or market researcher.
GOVERNMENT... speech writer, campaign director, press secretary, special interest lobbyist or elected official.
HEALTH CAREERS... health communication analyst, medical center publications editor, activities director or medical grants writer.
HIGH TECHNOLOGY INDUSTRIES... trainer for communication technologies, technical copywriter or speech synthesizer.
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & NEGOTIATIONS... corporate representative, foreign relations officer, foreign correspondent or diplomat.
JOURNALISM... reporter, editor, news caster or copy writer.
LAW... legal reporter, mediation/mediation, public defender, corporate lawyer or district attorney.
PUBLIC RELATIONS... publicity manager, press agent, media planner or media analyst.
SOCIETY AND HUMAN SERVICES... public administrator, social worker, community affairs liaison, philanthropic representative or human rights officer.
TELEVISION/BROADCASTING... director of broadcasting, news anchor, business manager, traffic/continuity specialist or floor manager.
THEATRE/PERFORMING/DRAMATIC ARTS... actor, script writer, producer, director, theatre critic or casting director.

Personal Benefits of Studying Communication

Learning positive and healthy ways to communicate with others is an important life skill. Developing this skill requires practice. Practice requires a commitment. Commitment requires motivation, and motivation requires a reason for why you want to learn to communicate well in the first place!

Important reasons to learn how to communicate well include...

• Making sure that everyone understands you so that you get what you need, and most of all, so you don’t have to repeat yourself.
• Knowing how to say the right things when you are angry or upset about something. When you get nervous in certain situations you may “fumble” on words, or not really say what you want to.
• Feeling listened to and being able to listen to others so that your understanding of yourself and others will grow.

“Our willingness to connect with others determines the quality of our lives.” May Sarton

Communication is the study of connections. How we make them, how we break them and how to improve the ones we have to find personal and professional fulfillment.

Program Benefits

• Considered a prestigious, academic extracurricular activity
• Opportunity to earn college credit
• Greatly improves critical thinking, public speaking, research and persuasive skills
• One-on-one coaching sessions
• Opens opportunities for transfer recruitment and scholarships
• Creates a more enjoyable college experience
• Excellent resume builder
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Forensics

The Chaffey College Forensics Program is the college’s intercollegiate speech team that travels throughout the Western United States, and occasionally in the Midwest and on the East Coast. We are comprised of an ambitious, fun loving, and enthusiastic group of students interested in competitive speaking. Currently, the team offers 11 different speaking events.

Individual Speaking Events include: Impromptu Speaking; Extemporaneous Speaking; Speech to Entertain; Informative Speech; Persuasive Speech; Communication Analysis; Dramatic Interpretation; Duo Interpretation; Prose Interpretation; Poetry Interpretation; and, Program Oral Interpretation.

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