COMMUNICATION STUDIES FOR TRANSFER (AA-T)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:
The Associate in Arts in Communication Studies for Transfer degree is an interdisciplinary area of inquiry with a foundation in tradition rhetoric and contemporary social-scientific theories of human communication. A series of core courses is designed to provide students with the background needed to explore any of several fields in depth. Currently, these areas are public communication, leadership and group communication, and interpersonal/organizational communication. The curriculum is intended for students who wish to develop a fundamental understanding and knowledge of the functions of communication in their daily life and in the fabric of society.

The program is suited to the needs of students who will complete their education at Chaffey College with an A.A. degree, as well as those students who will complete their Chaffey A.A. degree and transfer to a four year institution to complete their bachelor’s degree. Successful completion of the transfer degree in Communication Studies guarantees the student acceptance to a California State University (but does not guarantee acceptance to a particular campus or major) to pursue a baccalaureate degree, in preparation to pursue a career in the field of business, industry, government, social service, and/or education in such areas as teaching, public speaking, consulting, law, announcing and public relations.

HOW DO I KNOW THIS MAJOR IS FOR ME?
- You enjoy communicating through social media platforms
- You are interested in advocating for organizations
- You like writing and speaking publicly
- You enjoy building relationships with others
- You enjoy conducting research
- You are comfortable conveying information to others
- You enjoy answering difficult questions
- You like to coach others
- You are careful about details in your work
- You are persistent in the face of obstacles
- You are pleasant with others

WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS ASSOCIATE DEGREE?
- Receptionist
- Public Address System Announcer
- Social Service Assistant
- Fundraising Assistant
- Media Worker
- Community Service Representative
- Recreation Leader
- Human Resource Assistant
- Eligibility Clerk

WHERE CAN I WORK?
This pathway provides you with a choice of various work environments including:
- Motion Picture Industries
- Radio Stations
- Television Broadcasting
- Colleges and Universities
- Advertising Agencies
- Management Companies
- Local Government
- Spectator Sports
- Non-Profit Organizations
- Hospitality Industry

WHAT IS THE POTENTIAL WAGE OUTLOOK?
This associate degree may lead to a position as a Social Service Assistant, which according to the EDD/LMID Occupational Employment Statistics Survey, 2018 the median wage in California was $41,076 annually or $19.75 hourly. For more information, visit www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/OccGuides.

The job and wage outlook will vary based on the position selected within this major. To review current salary information and job outlook, visit www.onetonline.org.

WHAT CAN I DO IN THE FUTURE WITH MORE EDUCATION?
The positions below require at least a bachelor’s degree in Communication or a similar degree. According to O*NetOnline, the median salary in 2018 for Public Relation Specialists in California was $65,880.
- Public Relations Specialist
- Editor
- Reporter
- Journalist
- Fundraising Manager
- Television Announcer
- Radio Announcer
- Event Planner
- Broadcast News Analyst
- Public Information Officer
- Consumer Affairs Specialist
- Recreation Manager

For additional information about career pathways and to find out if this major is a good fit for you visit the Career Center located in MACC 203. Career information was collected from www.onetonline.org and www.bls.gov.
MAJOR AND COURSE REQUIREMENTS:
To obtain the Communication Studies AA-T degree, students must:
- Complete all the major requirements listed below with grades of C or better
- Complete a minimum of 60 CSU-transferable units with a grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or better
- Complete either the California State University General Education Breadth pattern (CSUGE) or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC)

**LEGEND:**
- G=Grade     IP=In Progress     N=Need     **Bold: Prerequisites**     Plain Text: No Prerequisites

### Major Requirements for the Associate in Arts for Transfer Degree: (A096A/B)

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- Any of List A not used above and/or:

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$46 per unit for CA Residents