

*Communication Studies: Associate in Arts for Transfer  
CSUSM*

Imagine understanding media communications, branding, persuasion, and public relations as they work in today's digital world and how they can bring you success? MSJC offers courses in communication that are highly sought after both in relationships and in the business world. Employers are looking for people with the ability to express themselves clearly, to speak persuasively, to think on their feet, and to work well with others.

**Please see a Pathways Counselor:** Create an education plan customized to meet your needs. [Contact a Counselor](#)

**Transfer Majors/Award Focus**

- Communication Studies, A.A.-T, CSU, Focus: Human, Performance, Professional
- Communication Studies, A.A.-T, CSUSM, UC

**GE Pattern/Units**

- GE Pattern: Option B
- Total Units: 60



**Program maps** indicate the major coursework and recommended general education courses to fulfill your degree in 2 years (approximately 15 units/ semester or 30 units/year). Some of the courses listed may be substituted by another course. Please view these options in the official course [catalog](#)

**Semester 1**

**16 Units**

✓	COURSE	TITLE	UNIT
<input type="checkbox"/>	ENGL-101	College Composition	4
<input type="checkbox"/>	HIST-111 or HIST-112	U.S. History to 1877 or U.S. History Since 1865	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM-103	Interpersonal Communication	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	MATH-140	Introduction to Statistics	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	CSCR-116	Integrative Career/Life Planning	3

**Semester 2**

**16 Units**

✓	COURSE	TITLE	UNIT
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM-104	Argumentation and Debate	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM-100	Public Speaking	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM-120	Survey of Communication Studies	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	SPAN-101 or FREN-101 or ASL-100	Elementary Spanish I or Elementary French I or American Sign Language I	4
<input type="checkbox"/>	PS-101	Introduction to American Government and Politics	3

**Career Options**

Administrative service managers (B)  
Marketing, Public Relations, & Advertising (B)  
Journalist (B)  
Find more careers: [msjc.emsicc.com](http://msjc.emsicc.com)

Required Education: SM: some college; C: Certificate; A: Associate, B: Bachelor's, M: Master's; D: Doctorate



**Financial aid** is determined by the number of credit hours you take in a semester. Maximize your financial aid by taking 12-15 units per semester

**Semester 3****15 Units**

✓	COURSE	TITLE	UNIT
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM-113	Oral Interpretation of Literature	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM-106	Small Group Communication	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	SPAN-102 or FREN-102 or ASL-101	Elementary Spanish II or Elementary French II or American Sign Language II	4
<input type="checkbox"/>	ANTH-101	Physical Anthropology	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	ANTH-111	Physical Anthropology Lab	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM-549 or COMM-160 or COMM-299	Cooperative Work Experience: Communication Studies or Debate & Forensics Activities or Special Projects: Communication	1

**Semester 4****13 Units**

✓	COURSE	TITLE	UNIT
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM-116 or COMM-108	Gender and Communication or Intercultural Communication	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	PS-103 or HIST-160 or LIT-275 or LIT-280	Ethnic Politics in America or Black History in the American Context or Latinx/Chicanx Literature or Multiethnic Literature	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	ENVS-101	Environmental Science	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	SPAN-201 or FREN-201 or ASL-101	Intermediate Spanish I or Intermediate French I or American Sign Language III	4

**Notes:**

**Language Requirement:** Some CSU's require the equivalency of an intermediate language proficiency for graduation. Please see a counselor for more detail regarding specific CSU major and graduation requirements. [CSUSM Grad Requirements: Language](#)

**Work Experience**

Sign up for a special project or internship opportunity. Gain [work experience](#) and earn credits.

1. Special Projects
2. Internship/Apprenticeship

**Communication Club**

The Communication Club provides a place outside of the classroom where students are able to meet other students, interact with other clubs, work on their academic goals, and enhance their communication skills. The Communication Club offers a variety of student-driven activities, such as the speech tournament, world speech day, Talon Newspaper, bowling nights, movie nights, and much more. Some of the objectives include promoting and encouraging the study of communication studies. Uniting students that attend MSJC to work together to improve their communication skills. To promote and encourage personal and academic growth by providing a positive and healthy environment for members to self-disclose. The Communication Club honors students by providing a place to meet new people and have fun. Contact the faculty advisor, Basemeh Rihan ([Email Basemeh](#)) for details.

