

# Communication Studies

## AWARD

COMMUNICATION STUDIES  
TRANSFER PATHWAY A.A.DEGREE .....60 cr

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(60 CREDITS)

Communication Curriculum ..... 12 cr  
Additional General Education..... 28 cr  
Health and Physical Education ..... 2 cr  
General Electives ..... 18 cr

## CAMPUS CONTACT FOR THIS PROGRAM

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## PURPOSE

The Communication Studies Transfer Pathway A.A. offers students a powerful option: the opportunity to complete an Associate of Arts degree with course credits that directly transfer to designated Communication bachelor's degree programs at Minnesota State universities. The curriculum has been specifically designed so that students completing the pathway degree and transferring to one of the seven Minnesota State Universities\* enter the university with junior-year status. All courses in the Transfer Pathway associate degree will directly transfer and apply to the designated bachelor's degree programs in a related field.

The Communication Studies Pathway consists of the Required Pathway Curriculum, the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC), and the Health and Physical Fitness Requirement, to bring your credit total to 60 credits.

*\*Universities within the Minnesota State system include Bemidji State University; Metropolitan State University; Minnesota State University, Mankato; Minnesota State University, Moorhead; Southwest Minnesota State University; St. Cloud State University; and Winona State University.*

## TRANSFER PATHWAYS

With this transfer pathway, you will be able to transfer to the following programs:

At Bemidji State University  
NA

At Metropolitan State University  
Professional Communication – BA

At Minnesota State University, Mankato  
Communication Studies – BS

At Minnesota State University, Moorhead  
TBD

At Southwest Minnesota State University  
Communication Studies – BA

At St. Cloud State University  
Communication Studies – BA  
Communication Studies Interdepartmental – BA  
Communication Studies Supplementary – BA

At Winona State University  
Communication Studies – BA

**REQUIRED COMMUNICATION PATHWAY CURRICULUM 12 CREDITS**

Communication courses beyond the four recommended courses are not guaranteed to transfer into a Communication major at a Minnesota State university. The courses below must be completed successfully according to the university's grade standards AND address the required outcomes in the transfer pathway for Communication.

- COMM 1100 Interpersonal Communication . . . . .3
- COMM 1110 Public Speaking . . . . .3
- COMM 2230 Small Group Communication . . . . .3
- COMM 2240 Intercultural Communication . . . . .3

**GENERAL ELECTIVES 18 CREDITS**

Any courses numbered 1000 level or higher from any discipline. This may include additional courses from the MnTC and/or Health & Physical Education.

**ADDITIONAL GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS 28 CREDITS**

The Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) requires a minimum of 40 credits, some of which will be satisfied by the required pathway curriculum. You must complete the MnTC courses that are specifically designated below, such as ENG 1108 Writing & Research Skills for MnTC Goal Area 1. You may choose the other courses from each goal area from the list located at:

[www.inverhills.edu/MnTC](http://www.inverhills.edu/MnTC)

To streamline your degree, you are encouraged to choose MnTC Goal 1-6 courses that also meet MnTC Goal areas 7-10.

- Goal 1 Communication . . . . .3 courses
  - ENG 1108 Writing & Research Skills
  - ENG 1111 or 1114 or 1130
  - COMM 1110 - Satisfied by Transfer Pathway
- Goal 2 Critical Thinking . . . . .0-1 course
  - COMM 2230 - Satisfied by Transfer Pathway
- Goal 3 Natural Science . . . . .2 courses
 

*1 course must include lab*

  - Goal 3a Life Science course
  - Goal 3b Physical Sciences course
- Goal 4 Mathematical/Logical Reasoning . . . . .1 course
  - Any Goal 4 course
- Goal 5 History/Social Sciences/Behavioral Sciences . . . . .3 courses
  - COMM 2230 - Satisfied by Transfer Pathway
  - Goal 5 course
  - Goal 5 course
- Goal 6 Humanities/Fine Arts/Literature . . . . .3 courses
  - Goal 6a (Fine Arts) course
  - Goal 6b (Humanities/Literature) course
  - Any additional Goal 6 course
- Goal 7 Human Diversity . . . . .1 course
  - COMM 1100 - Satisfied by Transfer Pathway
- Goal 8 Global Perspective . . . . .1 course
  - COMM 2240 - Satisfied by Transfer Pathway
- Goal 9 Ethical and Civic Responsibility . . . . .1 course
  - Goal 9 course
- Goal 10 People and the Environment . . . . .1 course
  - Goal 10 course

**HEALTH/PHYSICAL EDUCATION 2 CREDITS**

- Health . . . . .1
- Physical Education . . . . .1

For a list of the requirements and courses that you can choose from, go to:

[www.inverhills.edu/MnTC](http://www.inverhills.edu/MnTC)

**RECOMMENDED COURSE OF STUDY FOR  
COMMUNICATION STUDIES  
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Here is the recommended course of full-time study for the Communication Studies Transfer Pathway A.A. degree. Note that not all courses will be available every semester. In many instances, you will be able to choose a specific course from a MnTC Goal Area. For a complete list of MnTC Goal Area course choices, please visit: [www.inverhills.edu/MnTC](http://www.inverhills.edu/MnTC)

**COMMUNICATION TRANSFER PATHWAY SEMESTER 1 15 CREDITS**

COMM 1100	Interpersonal Communication (MnTC Goal 1,7)*	3
ENG 1108	Writing & Research Skills (MnTC Goal 1, 2)	4
MnTC Goal 5		3
MnTC Goal 6a		3
HLTH 1155	Lifetime Fitness & Wellness (Health & PE)	2

**COMMUNICATION TRANSFER PATHWAY SEMESTER 2 15 CREDITS**

COMM 1110	Public Speaking (MnTC Goal 1, 2)*	3
ENG 1111	Research Writing in the Disciplines (MnTC Goal 1) OR	
ENG 1114	The Research Paper OR	
ENG 1130	Writing & Research for the Professions	2-3
MnTC Goal 4		3-4
MnTC Goal 6b		3
MnTC Goal 9 <sup>1</sup>		3

**COMMUNICATION TRANSFER PATHWAY SEMESTER 3 15 CREDITS**

COMM 2230	Small Group Communication (MnTC Goal 1, 2)*	3
MnTC Goal 3a		3
MnTC Goal 5		3
MnTC Goal 6a OR 6b		3
MnTC Goal 10 <sup>1</sup>		3

**COMMUNICATION TRANSFER PATHWAY SEMESTER 4 15 CREDITS**

COMM 2240	Intercultural Communication (MnTC Goal 5, 8)*	3
MnTC Goal 3b		3-4
General Electives		8-9

**TOTAL CREDITS .....60**

\* Course required for major

<sup>1</sup> These credits may be taken as electives if Goal Areas 9 and 10 are completed as part of another course.

**RECOMMENDED PART-TIME COURSE OF STUDY FOR  
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Here is the recommended course of part-time study for the Communication Studies Transfer Pathway A.A. degree. Note that not all courses will be available every semester. In many instances, you will be able to choose a specific course from a MnTC Goal Area. For a complete list of MnTC Goal Area course choices, please visit: [www.inverhills.edu/MnTC](http://www.inverhills.edu/MnTC)

**COMMUNICATION TRANSFER PATHWAY SEMESTER 1 9 CREDITS**

COMM 1100	Interpersonal Communication (MnTC Goal 1,7)*	3
ENG 1108	Writing & Research Skills (MnTC Goal 1, 2)	4
HLTH 1155	Lifetime Fitness & Wellness (Health & PE)	2

**COMMUNICATION TRANSFER PATHWAY SEMESTER 2 9 CREDITS**

COMM 1110	Public Speaking (MnTC Goal 1, 2)*	3
ENG 1111	Research Writing in the Disciplines (MnTC Goal 1) OR	
ENG 1114	The Research Paper OR	
ENG 1130	Writing & Research for the Professions	2-3
MnTC Goal 3a		3-4

**COMMUNICATION TRANSFER PATHWAY SEMESTER 3 10 CREDITS**

COMM 2230	Small Group Communication (MnTC Goal 1, 2)*	3
MnTC Goal 3b		4
MnTC Goal 6a		3

**COMMUNICATION TRANSFER PATHWAY SEMESTER 4 9 CREDITS**

COMM 2240	Intercultural Communication (MnTC Goal 5, 8)*	3
MnTC Goal 5		3
MnTC Goal 6b		3

**COMMUNICATION TRANSFER PATHWAY SEMESTER 5 9-10 CREDITS**

MnTC Goal 4		3-4
MnTC Goal 6a or 6b		3
MnTC Goal 9 <sup>1</sup>		3

**COMMUNICATION TRANSFER PATHWAY SEMESTER 6 9 CREDITS**

MnTC Goal 5		3
MnTC Goal 10 <sup>1</sup>		3
General Electives		3

**COMMUNICATION TRANSFER PATHWAY SEMESTER 7 4-5 CREDITS**

General Electives		4-5
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