

# Communication Studies

## AWARD

Communication Studies Transfer Pathway A.A. Degree . . . . . 60 cr

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## COMMUNICATION STUDIES TRANSFER PATHWAY

A.A., 60 CREDITS

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

## PURPOSE

This transfer pathway 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:

- Metropolitan State University  
Professional Communication – BA
- Minnesota State University, Mankato  
Communication Studies – BS
- Minnesota State University, Moorhead  
Communication Studies – BA
- Southwest Minnesota State University  
Communication Studies – BA  
Communication Studies, Public Relations Emphasis – BA
- St. Cloud State University  
Communication Studies – BA  
Communication Studies Interdepartmental – BS  
Communication Studies Supplementary – BA
- Winona State University  
Communication Studies  
(General, Leadership & Advocacy or Organizational) – 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 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. You may choose the other courses from each goal area from the list located at: [inverhills.edu/MnTC](http://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, 1114 OR 1130
  - COMM 1100 Interpersonal Communication
- Goal 2 Critical Thinking
  - Satisfied by First Year Experience course or MnTC completion
- Goal 3 Natural Science (1 course must include lab) . . . . . 2 courses
  - Goal 3a (Life Science) course
  - Goal 3b (Physical Sciences) course
- Goal 4 Mathematical/Logical Reasoning . . . . . 1 course
  - Goal 4 course
- Goal 5 History/Social Sciences/Behavioral Sciences . . . . . 3 courses
  - COMM 2240 - Satisfied by Transfer Pathway
  - Goal 5 courses
  - Goal 5 courses
- 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
  - Satisfied by Transfer Pathway
- Goal 8 Global Perspective
  - 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**

For a list of the requirements and courses, go to: [inverhills.edu/MnTC](http://inverhills.edu/MnTC)

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

**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.

**TOTAL CREDITS 60**

**FULL-TIME RECOMMENDED COURSE OF STUDY**

Note: Not all courses will be available every semester. For a complete list of Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) Goal Area course choices, please visit: [inverhills.edu/MnTC](http://inverhills.edu/MnTC)

**Semester 1 15-16 credits**

- COMM 1100 Interpersonal Communication\* (Goal 1b, 7). . . . . 3
- ENG 1108 Writing & Research Skills (Goal 1a). . . . . 4
- MnTC Goal 5 course . . . . . 3
- MnTC Goal 6a course . . . . . 3
- Health & PE Course. . . . . 1
- First Year Experience course (Goal 2). . . . . 1-2

**Semester 2 15 credits**

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

**Semester 3 15 credits**

- COMM 2230 Small Group Communication\* (Goal 1c) . . . . . 3
- MnTC Goal 3a course . . . . . 3
- MnTC Goal 5 course . . . . . 3
- MnTC Goal 6a OR 6b course. . . . . 3
- MnTC Goal 10<sup>1</sup> course . . . . . 3

**Semester 4 14-15 credits**

- COMM 2240 Intercultural Communication\* (Goal 5, 8) . . . . . 3
- MnTC Goal 3b course . . . . . 3-4
- General electives. . . . . 7-8
- Health & PE Course. . . . . 1

**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.



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