

Communication Studies Transfer Pathway (AA)

60 Credits

The Communication Studies Transfer Pathway AA offers students a powerful option: the opportunity to complete an Associate of Arts degree with course credits that directly transfer to designated Communication Studies bachelor's degree programs at Minnesota State universities. The curriculum has been specifically designed so that students completing this 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.

Research indicates that communication skills are highly valued in today's society. Communication Studies explores how messages are sent and received in various contexts, cultures, and relationships. Students will foster skills in speaking, listening, presenting, and conflict management that will enhance their personal and professional relationships.

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.

Required Courses

Incorporate the following Required Courses into the General Education/Minnesota Transfer Curriculum or Additional Course Requirements sections below.

COMM 1101	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3 cr
COMM 1111	Interpersonal Communication	3 cr
COMM 1121	Small Group Communication	3 cr
COMM 1131	Intercultural Communication	3 cr

General Education/Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) – 40 Credits

*See MnTC Curriculum for specific course options

Goal 1: Communication – 2 Courses

ENG 1101	College Writing	4 cr
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Course - met by taking required COMM courses

Goal 2: Critical Thinking

(met by completion of all 40 credits of the MnTC)

Goal 3: Natural Sciences – 2 Courses

(Select from two different departments; at least one must include a lab)

Course #1 _____

Course #2 _____

Goal 4: Mathematical/Logical Reasoning – 1 Course

Course _____

Goal 5: History and Social/Behavioral Sciences – 2 Courses

(Select from two different departments)

COMM 2111 and PSYC 1110 recommended

Course #1 _____

Course #2 _____

Goal 6: Humanities and Fine Arts 2 Courses

(Select from two different departments)

Course #1 _____

Course #2 _____

Goal 7: Human Diversity, Race, Power, and Justice in the United States – 1 Course

Course – met by taking required COMM courses

Goal 8: Global Perspective – 1 Course

Course – met by taking required COMM courses

Goal 9: Ethical and Civic Responsibility – 1 Course

Course _____

Goal 10: People and The Environment – 1 Course

Course _____

Additional Course Requirements – 20 Credits

- One Health (HLTH) course.
- One Exercise Science (EXSC) course.
- Elective credits – additional course(s) numbered 1000

and above, if needed to complete the 60-credit requirement (*The department highly recommends that students take COMM 1141*)

Other Degree Requirements

- Earn a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 for college-level coursework (courses numbered 1000 and above) completed at Normandale.
- Earn a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 in the MnTC.
- Earn a minimum of 15 college-level credits at Normandale.