

LIBERAL ARTS: COMMUNICATION STUDIES MAJOR, A.A.

Location(s): AL, AN, LO, MA, NOL, WO
NOVA Code: 648-02

Purpose

This program is designed for students who wish to study speech communication at the college level or who wish to transfer to a four-year institution for a baccalaureate degree.

Transfer Information

Students are advised to work closely with the faculty and counseling staff for program and course scheduling. Electives should be chosen carefully to meet requirements of the transfer institution. The responsibility for proper course selection rests with the student.

Two Years

Course	Title	Credits
1st Semester		
Select one of the following:		3-4
101 - World Language or ASL (https://catalog.nvcc.edu/world-languages/#wl101) ¹		
General Education Elective (https://catalog.nvcc.edu/general-education-electives/)		
CST 100 or CST 110	Principles of Public Speaking or Introduction to Human Communication	3
ENG 111	College Composition I	3
Select one of the following: ²		3
MTH 154	Quantitative Reasoning	
MTH 155	Statistical Reasoning (or Higher)	
SDV 100 or SDV 101	College Success Skills or Orientation to:	1
Credits		13-14
2nd Semester		
Select one of the following:		3-4
102 - World Language or ASL (https://catalog.nvcc.edu/world-languages/#wl102) ¹		
General Education Elective (https://catalog.nvcc.edu/general-education-electives/)		
Humanities/Fine Arts Elective (https://catalog.nvcc.edu/general-education-electives/#ge_hum_fa_elect) ³		3
Humanities/Fine Arts Elective (https://catalog.nvcc.edu/general-education-electives/#ge_hum_fa_elect) ⁴		3
CST 114	Introduction to Mass Media	3
ENG 112	College Composition II	3
Credits		15-16
3rd Semester		
Select one of the following:		3-4
201 - World Language or AS (https://catalog.nvcc.edu/world-languages/#wl201) ¹		
General Education Elective (https://catalog.nvcc.edu/general-education-electives/)		
ENG 2XX - Literature Elective (https://catalog.nvcc.edu/general-education-electives/#ge_literature) ⁵		3
Select one of the following:		3
CST 115	Small Group Communication	
Transfer Elective ⁶		

CST 126	Interpersonal Communication ⁷	3
CST 229	Intercultural Communication ⁷	3
Credits		15-16
4th Semester		
Select one of the following:		3-4
202 - World Language or ASL (https://catalog.nvcc.edu/world-languages/#wl202) ¹		
General Education Elective (https://catalog.nvcc.edu/general-education-electives/)		
Select one of the following HIS Electives:		3
HIS 101	Western Civilizations Pre-1600 CE	
HIS 102	Western Civilizations Post-1600 CE	
HIS 111	World Civilizations Pre-1500 CE	
HIS 112	World Civilizations Post-1500 CE	
HIS 121	United States History to 1877	
HIS 122	United States History Since 1865	
CST 201	Introduction to Communication Theory	3
HUM 298	Seminar And Project	1
Physical or Life Science Electives w/Lab (p. 1)		4
Social/Behavioral Sciences Elective (p. 2)		3
Credits		17-18
Total Credits		60-64

Electives should be chosen with the advice of an academic advisor to meet the requirements of the intended transfer institution.

- ¹ Placement testing determines initial foreign language level. Students who place directly into intermediate level foreign language or ASL may take any General Education course(s) to meet the required number of credits. Waivers or credit by exam for prior experience is available for some languages. See the 'World Language Credit and Waiver' section of the [Credit for Prior Learning Manual]. Students must earn 60 unique and applicable credits to be awarded the Liberal Arts degree.
- ² Credit will not be awarded for both MTH 155 Statistical Reasoning and MTH 245 Statistics I.
- ³ Select a class which is not an English literature course.
- ⁴ This elective is not needed if selections for all other requirements total 60 credits or more.
- ⁵ Select any ENG 200-level UCGS literature course listed under General Education Electives (<https://catalog.nvcc.edu/general-education-electives/>). UCGS courses are designated with an asterisk (*).
- ⁶ Select any course listed under General Education Electives (<https://catalog.nvcc.edu/general-education-electives/>) or any course listed in footnote #7. Consult with an academic advisor and align elective choices with the intended transfer institution's requirements or consult the Transfer Virginia Guide (<https://www.transfervirginia.org/resources/>) for acceptable electives.
- ⁷ ENG 121 Introduction to Journalism, CST 115 Small Group Communication, are acceptable alternatives. Refer to the Transfer Virginia Guide (<https://www.transfervirginia.org/resources/>) for guidance on your transfer institution.

Physical or Life Sciences Electives w/ Lab

Select one of the following:

Code	Title	Credits
BIO 101	General Biology I	4
BIO 102	General Biology II	4
CHM 101	Introductory Chemistry I	4
CHM 111	General Chemistry I	4
CHM 112	General Chemistry II	4

ENV 121	Foundations of Environmental Science	4
ENV 122	Applications in Environmental Science	4
GOL 105	Physical Geology	4
GOL 106	Historical Geology	4
PHY 100	Elements of Physics	4
PHY 202	General College Physics II	4
PHY 241	University Physics I	4
PHY 242	University Physics II	4

Social/Behavioral Sciences Electives

Select one of the following:

Code	Title	Credits
ECO 150	Economic Essentials: Theory and Application	3
ECO 201	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
ECO 202	Principles of Microeconomics	3
GEO 210	People & the Land: Intro. to Cultural Geography	3
GEO 220	World Regional Geography	3
PLS 135	U.S. Government and Politics	3
PLS 140	Introduction to Comparative Politics	3
PLS 241	Introduction to International Relations	3
PSY 200	Principles of Psychology	3
SOC 200	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOC 211	Cultural Anthropology	3
SOC 268	Social Problems	3