

# COMMUNICATIONS STUDIES, ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE FOR TRANSFER (AA-T)

Financial Aid Eligible  
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Students graduating with an Associate in Arts in Communications for Transfer Degree are well positioned to complete a Bachelor’s Degree in a similar major within the California State University system with 60 units of upper-division coursework. Students who complete the Communications Studies AA-T degree are guaranteed admission to the CSU system, but not to a particular campus or major. Students must maintain a minimum grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.0 in all CSU-transferable coursework. While a minimum 2.0 is required for CSU admission, some majors may require a higher GPA. Please consult a counselor for more information.

The Orange Coast College Associate in Arts in Communication Studies for transfer program provides students with communication skills that they can apply in personal, professional and global contexts. In these courses students will learn to improve their oral and written communication skills in the areas of critical thinking, organization, analysis, argumentation and presentation of information. Students will learn to improve their verbal and non-verbal interpersonal communication skills in the areas of listening, perception, self-concept, conflict resolution, intercultural and gender communication. These skills are developed in:

Course	Title	Units
CMST A100	Interpersonal Communication	3
CMST A105	Intrapersonal Communication	3
CMST A110	Public Speaking	3
CMST A150	Forensics Workshop	1-4
CMST A155	Intercultural Communications	3
CMST A165	Men, Women, and Communication	3
CMST A170	Nonverbal Communication	3
CMST A180	Introduction to Mass Communications	3
CMST A220	Essentials of Argumentation	3
CMST A240	Media Literacy	3

## Program Outcomes

1. Provide students with communication skills that they can apply in personal, professional, and global contexts.
2. Students will be eligible and prepared for admission (SB 1440 and Education Code 66746) to California State University system schools.

## Associate Degree for Transfer Requirements

The following is required for all AA-T or AS-T degrees:

1. Minimum of 60 CSU-transferable semester units.
2. Minimum GPA of at least 2.0 in all CSU transferable coursework. While a minimum of 2.0 is required for admission, some majors require a higher GPA. Consult with a counselor for more information.

3. Completion of a minimum of 18-semester units in the major as detailed in the Degree and Certificate section of this catalog. All courses in the major must be completed with a grade of C or better.
4. Certified completion of the California State University General Education-Breadth pattern (CSU General Education Breadth – Option 2 (<https://catalog.cccd.edu/orange-coast/general-education-patterns/associate-degree-general-education-option-2/>)) OR the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC – Option 3 (<https://catalog.cccd.edu/orange-coast/general-education-patterns/associate-degree-general-education-option-3/>)).

Course	Title	Units
<b>Required Courses</b>		
<i>Core Courses</i>		
CMST A110	Public Speaking	3
CMST A100	Interpersonal Communication	3
CMST A220	Essentials of Argumentation	3
<i>List A</i>		
Select two of the following:		6
CMST A120	Reader's Theater and Oral Interpretation	
CMST A150	Forensics Workshop	
CMST A155	Intercultural Communications	
CMST A180	Introduction to Mass Communications	
<i>List B</i>		
Select one of the following: <sup>1</sup>		3
CMST A105	Intrapersonal Communication	
CMST/GNDR A165	Men, Women, and Communication	
CMST A170	Nonverbal Communication	
CMST A240	Media Literacy	
JOUR A110	News Writing and Reporting	
Total Major Units		18
CSU or IGETC for CSU		37-39
Transferable electives as needed to satisfy unit requirement		Varies
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>60</b>

<sup>1</sup> Complete three (3) units by choosing from a course not yet chosen from the above category or by choosing from the courses below.