

***Communication Studies: Associate in Arts for Transfer  
Performance Focus - CSU***

Imagine understanding media communications, branding, persuasion, and public relations as they work in today's digital world and how they can bring you success? MSJC offers courses in communication that are highly sought after both in relationships and in the business world. Employers are looking for people with the ability to express themselves clearly, to speak persuasively, to think on their feet, and to work well with others.

**Please see a Pathways Counselor:** Create an education plan customized to meet your needs. [Contact a Counselor](#)

**Transfer Majors/Award Focus**

- Communication Studies, A.A.-T, CSU, Focus: Human, Performance, Professional
- Communication Studies, A.A.-T, CSUSM, UC

**GE Pattern/Units**

- GE Pattern: Option B
- Total Units: 63



**Program maps** indicate the major coursework and recommended general education courses to fulfill your degree in 2 years (approximately 15 units/ semester or 30 units/year). Some of the courses listed may be substituted by another course. Please view these options in the official course [catalog](#).

**Semester 1**

**16 Units**

✓	COURSE	TITLE	UNIT
<input type="checkbox"/>	ENGL-101	College Composition	4
<input type="checkbox"/>	HIST-111 or HIST-112	U.S. History to 1877 or U.S. History Since 1865	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM-100	Public Speaking	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	MATH-140	Introduction to Statistics	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	CSCR-116	Integrative Career/Life Planning	3

**Semester 2**

**16 Units**

✓	COURSE	TITLE	UNIT
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM-104	Argumentation and Debate	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM-113	Oral Interpretation of Literature	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM-201	Advanced Public Speaking	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	ASL-100	American Sign Language I	4
<input type="checkbox"/>	PS-101	Introduction to American Government and Politics	3

**Career Options**

- Administrative service managers (B)
  - Marketing, Public Relations, & Advertising (B)
  - Journalist (B)
- Find more careers: [msjc.emsicc.com](http://msjc.emsicc.com)

Required Education: SM: some college; C: Certificate; A: Associate, B: Bachelor's, M: Master's; D: Doctorate



**Financial aid** is determined by the number of credit hours you take in a semester. Maximize your financial aid by taking 12-15 units per semester

**Semester 3****15 Units**

✓	COURSE	TITLE	UNIT
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM-129	Reader's Theater	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM-106	Small Group Communication	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	ASL-101	American Sign Language II	4
<input type="checkbox"/>	ANTH-101	Physical Anthropology	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	ANTH-111	Physical Anthropology Lab	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM-160	Debate and Forensics Activities	1

**Semester 4****16 Units**

✓	COURSE	TITLE	UNIT
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM-116 or COMM-108	Gender and Communication or Intercultural Communication	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	PS-103 or HIST-160 or LIT-275 or LIT-280	Ethnic Politics in America or Black History in the American Context or Latinx/Chicanx Literature or Multiethnic Literature	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	ENVS-101	Environmental Science	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM-120	Survey of Communication Studies	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM-110	Communications Media Survey	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM-160	Debate and Forensics Activities	1

**Notes:**

**Language Requirement:** Some CSU's require the equivalency of an intermediate language proficiency for graduation. Please see a counselor for more detail regarding specific CSU major and graduation requirements.

**Work Experience**

Sign up for a special project or internship opportunity. Gain [work experience](#) and earn credits.

1. Special Projects
2. Internship/Apprenticeship

**Forensics: Speech & Debate**

The MSJC Forensic Team is comprised of students, on all campuses, competing in a broad range of oratory events, both individually and as a team. Students compete against other colleges and universities. Major forensic events include debate, extemporaneous speaking (informative and persuasive), and oral interpretation (prose and poetry). It is very challenging, tons of fun and a tremendous academic advantage to students in transferring. Contact the Director of Forensics, Ron Newman ([Email Ron](#)) for details.

