***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](https://www.msjc.edu/hub/)

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](https://catalog.msjc.edu/instructional-programs/).

***Semester 1 16 Units***

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| ✔ | COURSE | TITLE | UNIT |
| ⬜ | ENGL-101 | College Composition | 4 |
| ⬜ | HIST-111 or  HIST-112 | U.S. History to 1877 or  U.S. History Since 1865 | 3 |
| ⬜ | COMM-100 | Public Speaking | 3 |
| ⬜ | MATH-140 | Introduction to Statistics | 3 |
| ⬜ | CSCR-116 | Integrative Career/Life Planning | 3 |

***Semester 2 16 Units***

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| ✔ | COURSE | TITLE | UNIT |
| ⬜ | COMM-104 | Argumentation and Debate | 3 |
| ⬜ | COMM-113 | Oral Interpretation of Literature | 3 |
| ⬜ | COMM-201 | Advanced Public Speaking | 3 |
| ⬜ | ASL-100 | American Sign Language I | 4 |
| ⬜ | 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***

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| ✔ | COURSE | TITLE | UNIT |
| ⬜ | COMM-129 | Reader's Theater | 3 |
| ⬜ | COMM-106 | Small Group Communication | 3 |
| ⬜ | ASL-101 | American Sign Language II | 4 |
| ⬜ | ANTH-101 | Physical Anthropology | 3 |
| ⬜ | ANTH-111 | Physical Anthropology Lab | 1 |
| ⬜ | COMM-160 | Debate and Forensics Activities | 1 |

***Semester 4 16 Units***

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| ✔ | COURSE | TITLE | UNIT |
| ⬜ | COMM-116 or  COMM-108 | Gender and Communication or  Intercultural Communication | 3 |
| ⬜ | 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 |
| ⬜ | ENVS-101 | Environmental Science | 3 |
| ⬜ | COMM-120 | Survey of Communication Studies | 3 |
| ⬜ | COMM-110 | Communications Media Survey | 3 |
| ⬜ | 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](https://msjc.edu/careereducation/cwee/index.html) 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](mailto:rnewman@msjc.edu)) for details.