



Communication Studies 2.0 AA-T Degree

This 2.0 AA-T program prepares students for graduation from CRC as well as transfer to a four-year university, including lower division preparation for the major. Courses required for the degree provide students with a practical and theoretical foundation in the discipline and offer a critical perspective on human communication in a variety of contexts.

Total Units: 61-62

First Year

Semester 1

15-16 Units

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS^	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
COMM C1000 Introduction to Public Speaking	3	Advisory: ANTH 300 or 310 and eligible for ENGL C1000	F, S, Su	Cal-GETC Area 1C
CalGETC Area 1A-English Composition	3	Recommend meeting with a counselor	F, S, Su	Cal-GETC Area 1A
CalGETC Area 2-Math Competency	3-4	Recommend meeting with a counselor	F, S, Su	Cal-GETC Area 2
CalGETC Area 6 - Ethnic Studies	3		F, S, Su	Cal-GETC Area 6
3 units from List A	3	See List A	See List A	

Semester 2

16 Units

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS^	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
COMM 311 Argumentation and Debate	3	ENGL C1000	F, S	Cal-GETC Area 1B
COMM C1004 Interpersonal Communication	3	Advisory: Eligibility for ENGL C1000	F, S, Su	

Career Options/Outlook:

The role of communication in the workplace today has grown in importance, and workplace communication competencies are increasingly in demand. The number one skill identified by employers is the ability to communicate clearly in both oral and written forms. The number two skill employers identify is the ability to work effectively as a team member. A competitive workplace requires employees to exercise competence in interview skills, professional presentations, written communication, group problem-solving, intercultural interactions, conflict management, and analytical reasoning. **Career opportunities require more than an associate degree.**

A sample of reported job titles:

Public Information, Motivational Speaking, Radio & Television, Public Relations, Organizational Administration, Customer Service, Corporate Imaging, Marketing, Grant Writing, Human Resource Development, Political Speech Writing, Advertising, Community Relations, Campaign Management

Projected job openings in California for Public

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS [^]	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
COMM 325¹ Intercultural Communication	3			Cal-GETC Area 4
CalGETC Area 5A-Physical Science	3		F, S, Su	Cal-GETC Area 5A
CalGETC Area 5C-Biol/Phys Sci Lab	1		F, S, Su	Cal-GETC Area 5C
Any transferable elective²	3		F, S, Su	

¹ Suggested course from List A/B

² Suggestion-select a course not taken from List A or B. Units needed to total 60 units for graduation. Refer to Course Number for the appropriate course level necessary for the degree.

Year 2

Semester 3

15 Units

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS [^]	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
COMM 315¹ Persuasion	3	Advisory: ENGL C1000 or C1000H	F	Cal-GETC Area 1B
COMM 331¹ Group Discussion	3	Advisory: Eligibility for ENGL C1000	F, S, Su	Cal-GETC Area 1C
3 units from List A or elective	3	See List A	See List A	
CalGETC Area 3B-Humanities²	3		F, S, Su	Cal-GETC Area 3B
CalGETC Area 5B-Biological Science	3		F, S, Su	Cal-GETC Area 5B

¹ Suggested course from List A/B

² Suggestion-ENGWR 301 College Composition & Literature (3 units); Pre-Req: ENGWR 300, ENGWR 480, ESLW 340, or HONOR 375; F(O,P), S, Su.

Relations Specialist (2020-2030):

3,030

Projected growth in California (2020-2030):

17% growth

Median Salary in California with advanced degree (2021):

\$75,010/yr

Source:

<https://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/27-3031.00>

Transfer notes:

Please meet with a counselor for specific transfer course evaluation or transferring to a specific 4-year institution.

General Education (GE):

Non-specified GE courses identified by CRC or Cal-GETC Area without pre- or co-requisites can be taken at any semester.

Honors option:

The CRC Honors Program is designed specifically for academically accomplished students and for students with the potential for high achievement. Students who complete 15 units or more in honors-designated courses will earn special recognition as an Honors Scholar, a distinction that may entitle

Semester 4

15 Units

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS [^]	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
CalGETC Area 3A-Arts ¹	3		F, S, Su	Cal-GETC Area 3A
CalGETC Area 4-Social & Behavioral Sciences ²	3		F, S, Su	Cal-GETC Area 4
3 units from List B	3	See List B	See List B	
3 units from List A or Transferable Elective	3		F, S, Su	
Any Transferable Elective ³	3		F, S, Su	

[^]You must have passed the prerequisite course(s) with a "C" or better; Corequisite must be taken during the same semester; Advisory means it is recommended but not required to enroll in the course.

*(O) = online available (P) = partially online

¹ Suggestion-FMS 300 or RTVF 305

² Suggestion-select from List B-PSYC 300 General Principles (3 units); Six units from two different areas are required for Area 4.

³ Suggestion-select a course not taken from List A or B. Units needed to total 60 units for graduation. Refer to [Course Number](#) for the appropriate course level necessary for the degree.

List A-a minimum of 9 units from the following:

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS [^]	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
COMM 311 Argumentation and Debate	3			
COMM 315 Persuasion	3	ENGL C1000	Check Class Schedule for offering	
COMM 325 Intercultural Communication	3		F, S, Su	
COMM 331 Group Discussion	3	Advisory: ENGL C1000	F, S, Su	

the student to guaranteed transfer and scholarship opportunities at select transfer colleges and universities.

This map also meets the requirement for

The Certificate of Achievement in Applied Communication Skills with the selection/addition of COMM 341 and 361 from List A/B.

About this map:

This program map represents one possible pathway to complete the program. Please see a counselor to create an education plan that is customized to meet your needs. This map is not a guarantee of course availability or financial aid applicability.

Zero Textbook Costs (ZTC):

The Zero Textbook Costs designation and logo are added to any course that provides free access to all required instructional materials. These are typically shared with students through Canvas. Courses that are designated as ZTC may still require students to purchase supplemental materials such as lab coats, a calculator, art supplies, etc. See full definitions and searching tips on the [Zero Textbook Costs page](#) of the college website.

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS^	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
COMM 363 Introduction to Communication Theory	3	Advisory: ENGL C1000	F, Su	
JOUR 310 Mass Media and Society or	3		F(O), S(O), Su(O)	
RTVF 300 Mass Media and Society	3		F(O), S(O), Su(O)	

List B-a minimum of 3 units from the following (not already taken in List A):

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS^	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
ANTH 310 Cultural Anthropology	3		F(O), S(O), Su(O)	
COMM 311 Argumentation and Debate	3			
COMM 315 Persuasion	3	ENGL C1000	Check Class Schedule	
COMM 325 Intercultural Communication	3		F, S, Su	
COMM 331 Group Discussion	3	Advisory: ENGL C 1000	F, S, Su	
COMM 341 Organizational Communication	3	Eligibility for ENGL C1000	S(O)	
COMM 361 The Communication Experience	3	Advisory: Eligible for ENGL C1000	F, S	
COMM 363 Introduction to Communication Theory	3	Advisory: ENGL C 1000	F, Su	
ENGL C1001 Critical Thinking and Writing	3	ENGL C1000	F(O,P), S(O,P), Su(O)	

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS^	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	GE AREA
JOUR 300 Newswriting and Reporting	3	Advisory: Eligibility for ENGL C1000	F, S	
PSYC C1000 Introduction to Psychology	3	Advisory: ENGRD 310, ENGRD 312, ENGL C 1000, or equivalent	F(O), S(O), Su(O)	
SOC 300 Introduction to Sociology	3		F(O), S(O), Su(O)	
JOUR 310 Mass Media and Society or RTVF 300 Mass Media and Society	3 3		F(O), S(O), Su(O) F(O), S(O), Su(O)	

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