

Communication – Associate in Arts (COMM.AA)

The Communication Associate in Arts pre-baccalaureate degree is designed for students to transfer seamlessly to a baccalaureate institution and major in an area such as mass communication or journalism. Communication students apply fundamental communication concepts by creating media content, crafting messages for business, government, and education organizations, and analyzing relationships between individuals and organizations.

Minimum credits: 60 (Add 3 credits if GEO 2 is not embedded)

Minimum grade in all courses: 2.0

Minimum cumulative GPA: 2.0

Minimum Jackson College credits: 15

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (29-31 CREDITS)

GEO 1: Write clearly, concisely and intelligibly (6 credits)

Take the following:

ENG 131 Writing Experience I

Choose one of the following:

ENG 132 Writing Experience II

ENG 201 Advanced Composition

GEO 2: Recognize the importance of effective communication in a dynamic and changing society (3 credits)**

Choose one of the following:

Program courses meet this requirement

GEO 3: Demonstrate computational skills and mathematical reasoning (4-5 credits)

Choose one of the following:

MAT 130 Quantitative Reasoning

MAT 133 Introduction to Probability and Statistics

GEO 4: Demonstrate scientific reasoning (7-9 credits)

Choose two of the following from two different disciplines; at least one must be a laboratory science course:

NON-LABORATORY SCIENCE COURSES:

BIO 140 Public Health and Disease

LAB SCIENCE COURSES:

BIO 110 Introductory Biology

BIO 158 Environmental Science

CEM	131	Fundamentals of Chemistry
GEL	109	Earth Science
NSC	131	Contemporary Science
PHY	131	Conceptual Physics

**GEO 5: Understand human behavior and social systems, and the principles which govern them
(6 credits)**

Choose two of the following from two different disciplines:

ECN	231	Macroeconomics
PSY	130	General Psychology
SOC	231	Principles of Sociology
SOC	246	Marriage and Family

**GEO 6: Identify artistic, linguistic, and theoretical perspectives across the human experience
(6 credits)**

Choose two of the following from two different disciplines:

ART	111	Art History: Prehistoric to 1400
ART	112	Art History: Renaissance to Present
ENG	210	Film in Literature
ENG	246	Short Story & Novel
ENG	247	Poetry & Drama
ENG	249	African-American Literature
ENG	252	Shakespeare
ENG	254	Children's Literature
ENG	255	American Literature – 19th Century
ENG	256	American Literature – 20th Century
ENG	261	Creative Writing
HUM	131	Cultural Connections
MUS	130	Music of Non-Western Cultures
MUS	131	Understanding Music
MUS	132	History of American Popular Music
MUS	151	Music Theory I
MUS	152	Music Theory II
PHL	231	Introduction to Philosophy
PHL	243	World Religions
SPN	131	Elementary Spanish I
SPN	132	Elementary Spanish II
SPN	231	Intermediate Spanish I
SPN	232	Intermediate Spanish II
THR	116	Introduction to Theatre
WRL	102	Portuguese Conversation I
WRL	103	Portuguese Conversation II
WRL	104	Mandarin I
WRL	105	Mandarin II

COMMUNICATION CORE REQUIREMENTS (15 CREDITS)

Take the following:

COM	231	Communication Fundamentals
COM	240	Interpersonal Communication
COM	234	Public Address
COM	250	Intercultural Communication
COM	260	Small Group Communication

TRANSFER ELECTIVES (16-18 CREDITS)

Select additional course based on transfer institution and program so degree totals 60 credit hours.