

Associate in Arts DEGREE Emphasis in Communication Studies

Program Overview

The Associate in Arts Degree - Emphasis in Communication Studies provides students with the opportunity to learn how to write strong messages and speak persuasively. Students will also build skills in networking, team building, and conflict management.

Career Opportunities

Students who successfully complete the Associate in Arts Degree - Emphasis in Communication Studies will be prepared to transfer to a baccalaureate program in Professional Communications. With a degree in Communications you can work in a number of fields within the Arts, Audio-Video Technology and Communications sectors such as Communications Director, Customer Relations, Media Relations, Journalism and Sales.

Program Outcomes

1. Apply knowledge of the important concepts and principles of the natural science, mathematics history, social and behavioral sciences, arts, and humanities.
2. Develop skills necessary for life roles, including skills in thinking, communication, and methods of inquiry and applications of knowledge.
3. Critically examine and develop an appreciation for diverse people, cultures, and life roles.
4. Develop oral and written communication skills to communicate with a wide range of diverse populations.
5. Demonstrate an understanding of communication skills in both spoken and written form.

Transfer Opportunities

Saint Paul College has a transfer articulation agreement between the following program and post-secondary institution for the baccalaureate degree program listed below.

For more information please go to www.saintpaul.edu/Transfer.

Associate in Arts Degree - Emphasis in Communication Studies

BA Professional Communication
Metropolitan State University

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Program Requirements

Check off when completed

Emphasis Requirements	Cr
<input type="checkbox"/> SPCH 1700 Introduction to Speech Communication	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SPCH 1710 Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SPCH 1720 Interpersonal Communication	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SPCH 1730 Intercultural Communication	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SPCH 1750 Small Group Communication	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SPCH 1780 Gender Communication	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Communication Studies Electives	2
Any MnTC SPCH course may be counted; however, the following are recommended: SPCH 1740 Mass Media & Communication- 3 cr SPCH 1770 Family Communication- 3 cr	
Emphasis Total	20

MnTC Requirements

MnTC Requirements	Cr
Refer to the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Course List for each Goal Area	
<input type="checkbox"/> Goal 1: Communication	9
ENGL 1711 Composition 1 – 4 cr ENGL 1712 Composition 2 – 2 cr SPCH XXXX- 3 cr <i>Requirement met with emphasis SPCH courses.</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Goal 2: Critical Thinking <i>Fulfilled when 10 goal areas (40 credits) are completed.</i>	7
<input type="checkbox"/> Goal 3 Natural Science	7
<i>Two courses from two different disciplines, one of which must be a lab course.</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Goal 4: Mathematical/Logical Reasoning	3
<i>One course numbered between 1700-1799 or 2700-2799.</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Goal 5: History, Social Sciences and Behavioral Sciences	9
<i>Three courses from two different disciplines.</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Goal 6: Humanities & Fine Arts	9
<i>Three courses from two different disciplines.</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Goal Areas 7-10 <i>Select courses to meet all 10 Goal Areas</i>	40
MnTC Requirements Total	40

Total Program Credits 60

If courses are counted in both the Emphasis Requirements and the MnTC Requirements students may need to complete additional classes to reach the 60 credit total.

Program Advisors

Pathway Advisors are the Academic Advisors for the Associate in Arts degree and are located in the Advising Center, Room 1340, Main Floor. For assistance or additional information, please call our Advising Center at 651.846.1739 or email: advising@saintpaul.edu

Additional Requirements

- At least 60 earned college-level credits (40 MnTC credits and 20 additional MnTC, pre-major or elective credits)
- A grade of "C" or better in ENGL1711
- Associate in Arts (AA) cumulative GPA of 2.0
- Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) cumulative GPA of 2.0
- Meet Saint Paul College residency requirement: 20 credits. This requirement may be reduced to 12 credits with transfer of at least 12 college-level credits from another Minnesota State College and University or the University of Minnesota.

Program Start Dates

Fall, Spring, Summer

Course Sequence

Students are allowed to take the courses in any sequence. However, all course prerequisites need to be followed. For specific suggestions, please speak with a Pathway Advisor or the program faculty. Students should consult with the Program Advisor each semester.

Not all courses are offered each semester, a selection of courses is offered summer term.

Minimum Program Entry Requirements

Students entering this program must meet the following minimum program entry requirements:

Reading: Score of 78+ or grade of "C" or better in READ 0722

Writing: Score of 78+ on Reading Comprehension or grade of "C" or better in ENGL 0922

Arithmetic: Score of 20+

Assessment Results and Prerequisites:

Students admitted into Saint Paul College programs may need to complete additional courses based on assessment results and course prerequisite requirements. Certain MATH, READ, and ENGL courses have additional prerequisites.

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