

Palo Verde College

Program Outline Report

Program Basics

Program Title:	Communication Studies 2.0
Program Status:	Active from 2026-2027 Fall (2026FA)
Department:	English
Award Type:	A.A. Degree for Transfer (Credit)
Program/Catalog Description	The AAT in Communication Studies is intended to align with preparation for transfer into the CSU system in similar fields of study. Communicating well and understanding the communication process are essential to professional success in many fields. People communicate to influence, to persuade, and to express. This degree encourages students to examine and evaluate human communication across and within various contexts for the purpose of increasing communication competence. Studying the communication process helps one understand how the human mind works. Areas of study include face to face interaction, group process, organizational communication, argument and debate, advocacy, intercultural communication, and interpersonal communication. The following is required for all AA-T or AS-T degrees: 1. Minimum of 60 CSU-transferable semester units. 2. Minimum grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.0 in all CSU-transferable coursework. While a minimum of 2.0 is required for admission, some majors may require a higher GPA. Please consult with a counselor for more information. 3. Completion of a minimum of 18 semester units in an "AA-T" or "AS-T" major. All courses in the major must be completed with a grade of C or better or a "P" if the course is taken on a "pass-no pass" basis (title 5 § 55063). 4. Certified completion of the CalGETC General Education Pattern.
Control Number:	43010
Credential ID:	No value
Transferability:	No value
(SP01) Program TOP Code:	1506.00
(SP01) Program TOP Code:	Speech Communication
(SP02) Student Program Award:	Associate of Arts (A.A.) degree
Maximum Credits:	60
Minimum Credits:	60
Curriculum Committee Approval Date:	12/11/2025
Board of Trustees Approval Date:	01/13/2026
External Review Approval Date:	01/13/2026

Proposal Details

Proposal Start:	2026-2027 Fall (2026FA)
What changes have been made to the program:	Updating to pull in Phase 2 A and B CCN.
Program Justification:	There is an expressed need-among students, college instructors and employers -for an AAT in Communication Studies that will prepare students for a four-year college major in Communication and for careers demanding strong skills in communication and verbal expressions.

Submission Rationale

No value

Program Requirements

Communication Studies (Total 60)

Complete the following number of credits: 60

Required Course (Total 6)

Complete the following number of credits: 6

COMMC1000 - Introduction to Public Speaking	3
COMMC1004 - Interpersonal Communication	3

List A (Total 9)

Complete the following number of credits: 9

SPE103 - Argument and Debate	3
SPE101 - Fundamentals of Speech Communication	3
SPE105 - Introduction to Intercultural Communication	3

List B (Total 3)

Complete the following number of credits: 3

ANT101 - Cultural Anthropology	3
ENGLC1002 - Introduction to Literature	3
ENGLC1001 - Critical Thinking and Writing	3
PSYCC1000 - Introduction to Psychology	3
SOCIC1000 - Introduction to Sociology	3
CalGETC: Transfer General Education Requirements	34-38

Recommended Sequences

No value

Program Outcomes

Associate in Arts in Communication Studies

PSLOPerformance

1. Acquire fundamental grounding in communication, critical thinking, scientific inquiry, and quantitative reasoning, the arts, literature and humanities, social, political and economic institutions, and self-development.70

2. Acquire a broad understanding and appreciation of communicating, verbal expression and constructive criticism.70

Program Narrative

Narrative Item 1. Program Goals and Objectives

The Palo Verde College AAT in Communication Studies provides students with the course options in communication, argument and debate, interpersonal communications, intercultural communications and constructive criticism as part of their lower-division preparation for the major in Communication Studies at a four-year institution.

Narrative Item 2. Catalog Description

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Transfer Model Curriculum TMC Template

attached

Transfer Documentation (AAM/BCT/GECC,C-ID)

AAM from Channel Islands Communication programs provided, along with C-ID progress of submitted and in progress courses.