

Communication Studies A.A. Transfer Pathway

Inver Hills Community College

Requirements based on 2024-25 academic catalogue | Updated 7/29/25

This document is designed for Inver Hills students completing the Communications Studies Transfer Pathway A.A. with the intent to transfer to Gustavus Adolphus College and complete the Communications Studies B.A. degree. Students who do not intend to complete the 60-credit degree should contact Julia Macor at jmacor@gustavus.edu to plan course selections.

Below is the list of approved course work from the pathway that meets general education requirements or Communication Studies major requirements. All courses must be completed with a C- or better to transfer.

Inver Hills course – required for major	Credits	Gustavus course
COMM 1110 Public Speaking	3	
COMM 1100 Interpersonal Communication	3	COM 117 Interpersonal Comm
COMM 2230 Small Group Communication	3	COM 237 Small Group Communication
COMM 2240 Intercultural Communication	3	COM 257 Intercultural Comm
*Recommended for university	12	

Goal areas for MnTC		General education
Complete general education requirements: Goal area 1: ENG 1108 and 1111, and CMST 1100 Goal area 2: met with completion of MnTC Goal area 3: 1117 w/lab* or BIOL 1120 w/lab and additional science course Goal area 4: MATH 1103* Goal area 5: ANTH, HIST or POL or SOC course Goal area 6: ART, MUSC or THTR introduction course and PHI 246* Goal area 7-10: Choose two courses *recommended for the university	28	English elective COM 117 BIOL 110 and 111 Science w/lab requirement (if 4+cr, otherwise elective cr) Meets Quantitative Reasoning requirement Meets Humanities or Human Behavior Social institutions Meets Fine Arts requirement (if 3 cr, or stack to 4 cr) Meets Humanities requirement/elective Meets general education requirements if MnTC is complete
Health and Physical Education courses	2	General electives apply towards a minimum of 128 credits for bachelor's degree
Electives	18	Contact Gustavus for course suggestions
Total credits transferred for A.A degree	60	

Remaining major courses for Communication Studies B.A. degree	Credits
COM 120 Public Discourse	4
Choose one: COM 242 Rsrch Design for COM COM 258 Rhetorical Criticism	4
Complete three courses at 3XX or 4XX level	12
Complete two courses at 2XX or 3XX level	8
Total for major	28

Remaining graduation requirements for B.A. degree	Credits
CHAL (Challenge Seminar)	4
SIGX (Signature Experience) for students starting at Gustavus Fall 2026 and later	4
Elective credits to reach a minimum of 128 credits	Varies
Total credits completed at college	68

Total credits for B.A. degree	128
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Advising notes and application link:

**Additional courses may be required if MnTC was not completed prior to enrollment

- In 2024, Gustavus reimagined its curriculum to reflect fewer required courses, easier pathways to double majors, protected time for work and activities, and an optional May term for special courses experiences.
- The Gustavus student-faculty ratio is 11:1, which means professors are accessible and willing to help with classwork and advising.
- Every Gustavus student completes a Signature Experience (SigX): an internship, research experience, community project, or study away program that connects the classroom with real-world experience.
- Communication Studies explores social, political, and cultural influences on communication and media. Award-winning faculty use an interdisciplinary approach to equip students with critical thinking, ethical reasoning, and communication skills. This formula for success is why Gustavus Communication Studies majors succeed in earning job or graduate school placements immediately after they leave the Hill.
- Communication is everywhere, which is why there are no shortage of opportunities to get involved with Communication Studies outside the classroom. Here are some of the best opportunities available to you:
 - Internships — Gain professional experience and connect with industry leaders in areas such as public relations, marketing, and journalism
 - Study Away — Develop global competencies as you experience new cultures by studying abroad
 - Community-Engaged Learning — Collaborate with local organizations and community members while building leadership and communication skills
 - Research — Conduct research alongside faculty members, gaining hands-on experience that will prepare you for your future
 - Learning Facilities — Beck Academic Hall provides a beautiful space for learning with flexible classroom space adaptable to group discussions and small group work, a digital arts lab, and smaller study and student interaction rooms
 - Lambda Pi Eta — Join the National Communication Association's official honor society to network and collaborate with members in more than 500 chapters nationwide