Communication Studies Transfer Pathway   Associate of Arts (AA) Degree | 60 credits

Campus: Hibbing, Itasca-Grand Rapids, Mesabi Range-Virginia, Rainy River-Intl. Falls, Vermilion-Ely

Required Content Area Courses (12 credits)

COMM 1215	Public Speaking, 3 cr.	
COMM 1220	Interpersonal Communication, 3 cr.	
COMM 1225	Intercultural Communication, 3 cr.	
COMM 1230	Small Group Communication, 3 cr.	

Required MNTC Core Courses (35 credits minimum)

Goal 1   **Communication** (7 credits required)

     ENGL   1231   College Composition 1, 4 cr.

     One of the following:

     ENGL   1232   College Composition 2, 3 cr.

     ENGL   1240   Technical Report Writing, 3 cr.

Goal 2   **Critical Thinking** Complete upon MNTC Completion (embedded in all courses of the MNTC)

Goal 3   **Natural Sciences** Complete with Lab Science and another course (7 credits required, 1 lab science minimum)

Goal 4   **Mathematics/Logical Reasoning** (3 credits required)

Goal 5   **History and the Social and Behavioral Sciences** Two disciplines minimum (9 credits required)

     Recommended: COMM 2215   Mass Communication

Goal 6   **The Humanities and the Fine Arts** Two areas required (9 credits required)

Goals 7-10   Many courses from Goals 1-6 also meet these requirements

Goal 7   **Human Diversity** (Fulfilled by Required Content Area Courses)

Goal 8   **Global Perspectives** One course

Goal 9   **Ethical and Civic Responsibility** One course

Goal 10   **People and the Environment** One course

Additional AA Requirements

One Physical Activity/Competitive Sports course (1 credit required)

One Wellness/Health course (2 credits required)

Electives

Select any courses numbered 1000 or above to total 60 credits for the Associate of Arts Degree.

Graduation Requirements

- Complete all required content area courses.
- Complete all ten Goals of the MNTC (40 credits).
- Complete Additional AA Requirements.
- 2.0 minimum GPA required for both the MNTC and AA degree.
- Transfer courses with grades of A-D will be included in the GPA calculation for MNTC.

Program Description

The Communication Studies Transfer Pathway AA offers students a powerful option: the opportunity to complete an Associate of Arts degree with course credits that directly transfer to designated Communication Studies bachelor's degree programs at Minnesota State universities. The curriculum has been specifically designed so that students completing this pathway degree and transferring to one of the seven Minnesota State universities enter the university with junior-year status. All courses in the Transfer Pathway associate degree will directly transfer and apply to the designated bachelor's degree programs in a related field.

Universities within the Minnesota State system include Bemidji State University; Metropolitan State University; Minnesota State University, Mankato; Minnesota State University Moorhead; Southwest Minnesota State University; St. Cloud State University; and Winona State University.

Program Learning Outcomes

- Demonstrate the ability to set and accomplish communicative goals.
- Create clear messages appropriate to audience, purpose, and context.
- Practice active listening and mindful response to create more effective communication.
- Recognize and articulate the influence culture has on human perspective and communication.
- Apply knowledge, skills, and understanding of human communication that facilitate their ability to work collaboratively with others.