

COMMUNICATION - ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE (AA)

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Degree Plan

The course sequence listed below is strongly recommended in order to complete your program requirements. Please register for each semester as shown using the Student Planning tool in myCWI. Plans may be modified to fit the needs of part-time students by adding additional semesters. Consult your advisor for any questions regarding this course sequence plan.

First Year

Fall		Credit Hours
COMM 101	Fundamentals of Oral Communication (GEM 2)	3
CWI 101	Connecting With Ideas	3
ENGL 101	Writing and Rhetoric I (GEM 1)	3
PHIL 101	Introduction to Philosophy (Recommended GEM 5) ^{1,2}	3
Communication Elective	Select a course from the list below	3
Total Semester Credit Hours		15

Spring		Credit Hours
ENGL 102	Writing and Rhetoric II (GEM 1)	3
MATH 143	College Algebra (Recommended GEM 3) ^{1,3}	3
PSYC 101	Introduction to Psychology (Recommended GEM 6) ¹	3
GEM 4 - Scientific Ways of Knowing course ⁴		4
Communication Elective	Select a course from the list below	3
Total Semester Credit Hours		16

Second Year

Fall		Credit Hours
COMM 112	Argumentation and Debate	3
COMM 221	Interpersonal Communication	3
PHIL 111	World Religions (Recommended Global Perspectives) ¹	3
GEM 4 - Scientific Ways of Knowing course ⁵		3-4
Communication Elective	Select a course from the list below	3
Total Semester Credit Hours		15

Spring		Credit Hours
COMM 231	Public Speaking	3
COMM 290	Communication Capstone	2
GEM 5 - Humanistic & Artistic Ways of Knowing course ⁵		3
GEM 6 - Social & Behavioral Ways of Knowing course ⁵		3

Communication Elective	Select a course from the list below	3
Total Semester Credit Hours		14
Minimum Credit Hours Required		60

Students must select an "E" designated (Ethical Reasoning) course to fulfill one of their General Education requirements.

- ¹ This general education (GE) course is recommended by the department as the most beneficial GE option for students in this program. **Please note that students may fulfill their GE requirement by completing another course from within the designated general education category.**
- ² This course fulfills the Ethical Reasoning requirement for an associate degree from CWI.
- ³ Communication majors are encouraged to take the Math Diagnostic upon acceptance to CWI if they did not submit ACT or SAT scores for math placement. The Math Diagnostic will inform the student if a review course such as MATH 097, MATH 098, or MATH 099 is needed prior to enrolling in their chosen GEM 3 course. If a student changes majors at the AA or BA level, or is considering graduate school, the Department of Communication, Marketing, and Media Arts recommends enrolling in MATH 143.
- ⁴ Must include a lab component.
- ⁵ Course must come from a different discipline.

Communication Electives

Course	Course Title	Min Credits
Select 12 credits from the following course options:		
COMM 114	Intercollegiate Speech and Debate I ¹	3
COMM 160	Communication and Culture	3
COMM 268	Introduction to Video Production	3
COMM 269	Introduction to Audio Production	3
COMM 271	Introduction to Mass Media	3
COMM 293	Communication Internship	1-3

- ¹ COMM 114 Intercollegiate Speech and Debate I may be taken up to four semesters. Students who are interested in this course are encouraged to enroll during their first semester at CWI to utilize the full four semesters during which the course can be taken.