



Communication Studies

Major Preparation Sheet 2016-2017

What is Communication Studies?

Communication Studies is an academic field that encompasses a wide range of areas, including interpersonal, small group, public speaking, and multicultural communication. U.S. programs in communication studies often include organizational, interpersonal, intercultural and critical cultural, and mass communication; rhetoric; advertising; human relations; journalism; film criticism; theater and performance studies; media studies; and radio, television, and film production.

Contemporary issues in Communication Studies: Interpersonal relations; conflict management; marriage and family; social networking; mediated communication; social justice (class, gender, sexual orientation, disabilities, age, race, ethnicity); intercultural relations; small group dynamics; public health; storytelling; public relations; and ethics.

Where does my path start?

You will complete an Associate of Arts – Direct Transfer Agreement (AA-DTA) at Shoreline.

Use the AA -DTA **Degree Planning Guide** to understand the requirements for graduation.

Once you complete your Shoreline degree, you can transfer to a four-year school to earn a baccalaureate degree in a communications field. Note that some related four-year programs may not be called “Communication Studies” or even include the word “communication.”

Communication is also an excellent major for graduate studies in humanities, social sciences, business, law, medicine and education.

Where can I go for help?

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Where can I transfer?

Students can transfer to a number of public and private colleges and universities in the U.S., but the Direct Transfer Agreement applies only within Washington. The following colleges in Washington offer a bachelor’s degree in Communication Studies, which may require specific courses for admission. Contact the Communication Studies department at your chose four-year school(s) for more information.

[Central Washington University](#)
[Eastern Washington University](#)
[Gonzaga University](#)
[Pacific Lutheran University](#)
[Seattle Pacific University](#)

[Seattle University](#)
[The Evergreen State College](#)
[University of Puget Sound](#)
[University of Washington - Bothell](#)
[University of Washington- Seattle](#)

[University of Washington - Tacoma](#)
[Walla Walla University](#)
[Washington State University](#)
[Western Washington University](#)
[Whitworth University](#)

What can I do with a Bachelor’s Degree in Communication Studies?

Graduates of Communication Studies can be found in a variety of fields such as academia, media production, human and public relations, journalism, health occupations, non-government organizations, politics, marketing, sports and music industries, and publicity.

Potential employers include: Federal, state, and local government agencies, public advocacy organizations, private foundations, non-profit organizations, labor unions, industries and corporations. For more, please visit <http://www.shoreline.edu/counseling-services/career-counseling.aspx>.

What courses should I take?*

Below are recommendations for fulfilling the AA-DTA requirements if you are planning to pursue a four-year degree in Communication Studies.

Strongly Recommended
 These courses may be required for admission or meet graduation requirements after you transfer. Please check with your intended transfer university for specific requirements.

Other Recommendations
 These courses are well-matched with this major, but are not commonly required for admission.

I. GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Multicultural Understanding	CMST 203	CMST 285
Quant. And Symbolic Reasoning		MATH &146

II. DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS

Humanities	CMST &101, &220	CMST 140, &210, &215, 230, 235, 244, 245, 247, 285
Natural Sciences	--	
Social Sciences	CMST &102	Anthropology, economics, history, political science, psychology, and sociology courses

III. GENERAL ELECTIVES

CMST &210; CMST 285

What does your chosen four-year school require?

Before choosing classes, become familiar with the four-year program where you want to apply: visit the website, email the department, and/or speak with a Shoreline advisor. Below are examples from Washington schools with different admissions and graduation requirements. Check with the school for world language requirements. (Non-native speakers of English are often exempt from this requirement.)

School	Degrees	Requirements
Central Washington University	B.A in Communication Studies	Specializations available in Public Relations and Digital Journalism. Admission requirements: Cumulative CWU GPA of 2.7 or better. Must complete CMST &102 and CMST &101 or CMST &220 with no grade lower than a C- (2.0) and an overall average of at least 3.0 (B).
Seattle Pacific University	B.A. in Communication	Tracks available in Communication Studies and Journalism. Courses required: CMST &102, &210, and &220 meet requirements for the major. CMST &230 counts toward the major as an elective.
Seattle University	B.A. in Communication Studies	Take CMST &102 or 203 to meet a foundation requirement for the major; CMST &220 meets a graduation requirement. CMST &230 transfers as communication studies electives.
University of Washington	B.A. in Communication	Admission requirements – CMST &101 and &102, plus at least 5 additional credits of communication classes. Students must be admitted to the UW and complete 10 UW credits before applying to the major. A minimum 2.5 GPA is required.
Washington State University	B.A. in Communications and Society, Journalism, Media Production, and Strategic Communication	Admission requirements: CMST &102 and 285; students must also complete core communication courses at WSU before being admitted to the major.
Western Washington University	BA in Communication	Admission requirements—CMST &220 or &230 with a 2.7 or higher. Students must take 12-15 credits at WWU and complete WWU’s COMM 220 before applying to enter the major.

**** This unofficial guide is intended to support you as you prepare for your major. Please consult with an advisor and your chosen four-year school(s), as program and admissions requirements vary and may change without notice.**