Communication Studies

Communication is a vital part of today’s world, whether a skill used professionally, socially or in your personal life. We welcome you to explore one of the many areas of Communication Studies by taking a class at Gavilan College.

The Communication Studies faculty at Gavilan College is dedicated to providing students with the knowledge and skill about human communication that can be applied to various contexts in your life. Whether it be improving on your public speaking skills, working with a culturally diverse group or developing skills to better communicate your wants and needs to family and friends, our curriculum is academically structured to meet your needs based on the specific course that you choose.

Degrees and Certificates Offered:
- Communication Studies: Associate in Arts for Transfer (A.A.-T.), Associate in Arts (A.A.), Certificate of Achievement
- Interpersonal Communications: Certificate of Achievement

Program Learning Outcomes: After completing an A.A. and/or Certificate(s), a student will be able to:
- Apply theory and research findings in communication studies to their professional and personal relationships.
- Engage in professional public discourse with application of research, organization, reasoning and oral presentation.

This A.A. and/or certificate(s) will inform future employers, college admission offices and professional institutions that you have received specialized training in communication skills.

CORE COURSES:
CMUN 1A Introduction to Public Speaking (3 units)
CMUN 4 Intercultural Communication (3 units)
CMUN 8 Interpersonal Communication (3 units)
CMUN 10 Small Group Communication (3 units)
PSYC 10 Introduction to Psychology (3 units)
Core unit total: 15 units

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:
Choose one from the following:
- CMUN 5 Fundamentals of Communication Studies (3 units)
- CMUN 11 Business Communication (3 units)
- JOUR/SOC 10 Mass Media and Society (3 units)
- GUID/POLS/PSYC 27 Contemporary Leadership (3 units)
- PHIL 4 Critical Thinking and Writing (3 units)

Choose one from the following:
- CMUN/POLS/PSYC 6 Introduction to Conflict Resolution (3 units)
- ANTH 3 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (3 units)
- SOC 1A Introduction to Sociology (3 units)
- SOC 21 Marriage and the Family (3 units)
- SOC 4 Sociology of Women and Men (3 units)

Total units required: 21 units

Plus completion of general education requirements: units vary

Total units required: minimum of 60 units

General Education requirements: A student may complete the Gavilan College A.A./A.S. general education, the CSU-GE Breadth or the IGETC pattern, plus sufficient electives to meet a 60 unit total. See pages 49-57 or see a counselor for details.

NOTE: A course may be used to satisfy both general education and major courses. See “Double Counting Rule” on page 47.
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A.A.-T. Degree

Upon completion of this degree, students will be prepared for pursuing a BA/BS in Communication or Communication Studies.

Program Learning Outcomes: After completing an A.A.-T. in Communication Studies, a student will be able to:

- Apply theory and research findings in communication studies to their professional and personal relationships.
- Engage in professional public discourse with application of research, organization, reasoning and oral presentation.

This A.A.-T. will inform future employers, college admission offices and professional institutions that students have received specialized training in communication skills.

REQUIREMENTS This degree does not require the core courses:

CMUN 1A  Introduction to Public Speaking (3 units)

LIST A: Choose two (6 units)
CMUN 5  Fundamentals of Communication Studies (3 units)
CMUN 8  Interpersonal Communication (3 units)
CMUN 10  Small Group Communication (3 units)

LIST B: Choose two (including any List A course not used above):
CMUN 2/THEA 4  Oral Interpretation (3 units)
CMUN 4  Intercultural Communication (3 units)
SOC 10  Mass Media and Society (3 units)

LIST C: Choose one (including any List A or B course not used above):
ANTH 3  Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (3 units)
ENGL 1B  Composition and Literature (3 units) or
ENGL 1C  Critical Reasoning and Writing (3 units)
PSYC 10  Introduction to Psychology (3 units)
SOC 1A  Introduction to Sociology (3 units)

Total units required: 18 units

Plus completion of general education requirements: 39-42 units

Total units required for A.A.-T. Degree: 60 units

ALL ADT DEGREES REQUIRE:

1. Completion of 60 semester units or 90 quarter units that are eligible for transfer to the California State University, including both of the following:
   A. The Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) or the California State University General Education – Breadth Requirements.
   B. A minimum of 18 semester units or 27 quarter units in a major or area of emphasis, as determined by the community college district.

2. Attainment of a minimum grade point average of 2.0.
ADTs also require that students must earn a C or better in all courses required for the major or area of emphasis. A “P” (Pass) grade is an acceptable grade for courses in the major.

DOUBLE COUNTING RULE
A course may be used to satisfy both general education and major courses. See “Double Counting Rule” on page 47.
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**Certificate of Achievement**

The knowledge and skills gained by completing this Certificate of Achievement are designed to promote positive communication and increase problem-solving skills in work and personal environments. Those interested in psychology will also benefit.

**Program Learning Outcomes**

After completing this Certificate, a student will be able to:

- practice and analyze democratic civic engagement.
- demonstrate and evaluate relationships between local and national issues, movements, and ideas as they relate to local communities.
- demonstrate a range of skills including: research, documentation, analysis, evaluation, communication, contextualization, teamwork, observation, and cultural competency by relating social science concepts and theories to issues of importance to local communities.
- identify, develop, use, and assess tools and methods for community change and social justice.

This certificate does not require the core courses.

Choose 4 classes (12 units) from the following list:

- CMUN 1A  Introduction to Public Speaking  (3 units)
- CMUN 2/THEA 4  Oral Interpretation  (3 units)
- CMUN 4  Intercultural Communication  (3 units)
- CMUN 5  Fundamentals of Communication Studies  (3 units)
- CMUN 8  Interpersonal Communication  (3 units)
- CMUN 10  Small Group Communication  (3 units)
- CMUN 11  Business Communication  (3 units)
- CMUN/CSIS 129  Presentation Graphics - MS Powerpoint  (1 unit)

Total units required for Certificate of Achievement: 12 units

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**Interpersonal Communication**

**Certificate of Achievement**

The knowledge and skills gained by completing this Certificate of Achievement are designed to promote positive communication and increase problem-solving skills in work and personal environments.

This certificate does not require the core courses.

Choose eighteen (18) units from the following list:

- CMUN 5  Fundamentals of Communication Studies  (3 units)
- CMUN/POLS/PSYC 6  Intro to Conflict Resolution  (3 units)
- CMUN 8  Interpersonal Communication  (3 units)
- CMUN 11  Business Communication  (3 units)
- PSYC 10  Introduction to Psychology  (3 units)
- GUID/PSYC/POLS 27  Contemporary Leadership  (3 units)
- SOC 1A  Introduction to Sociology  (3 units)

Total units required for Certificate of Achievement: 18 units