

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 |
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| 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

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| ENGL 102 | Writing and Rhetoric II (GEM 1) | 3 |
| MATH 143 | Precalculus I: 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 |
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| 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 |
| Communication Elective | Select a course from the list below | 3 |
| Total Semester Credit Hours | | 15 |

Spring

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| 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 |

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| 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 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 |
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| Select 12 credits from the following course options: | | |
| COMM 114 | Intercollegiate Speech and Debate 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 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.