COMMUNICATION - ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE (AA)

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Z-Degree Pathway for Communication Majors

The courses included in a Z-degree Pathway below offer at least one class section that uses one of the following types of course materials/textbooks:

Classification of Instructional Materials	Cost to Student
Open Education Resources (OER)	$0
Low-Cost Textbook	$30 or less

- **Open Education Resources:** According to the Idaho State Board of Education, Open Education Resources (OER) are "teaching, learning, and research materials that reside in the public domain or have been released under an intellectual property license, such as a Creative Commons license, that permits free use and repurposing by others." OER have no cost to students and are available on the first day of class.
- **Low-Cost Textbooks:** Required textbooks and/or other course materials that cost the student a total of $30 or less (excluding special course fees) per class and may be purchased at the CWI Bookstore.

*Please note that not all sections of a particular course will utilize OER, as noted in the table below. Students can verify that a specific section uses **OER** or **low-cost textbooks** by looking for the following symbol next to the section listing in Student Planning at the time of registration:*

IMPORTANT: There may be changes to the courses utilizing OER or low-cost textbooks throughout the academic year. Students should always refer to Student Planning in myCWI *for the most up-to-date Z-degree class information.*

Course	Course Title	Min Credits
General Education Requirements		
CWI 101	Connecting With Ideas	3
Global Perspectives course		3
• Global Perspectives OER Options: AGRI 120[1], COMM 160, FREN 102, GEOS 105, or PHIL 111		
• Global Perspectives Low-Cost Textbook Option: BUSA 256 (some sections - see Student Planning) or EDUC 200		
ENGL 101	Writing and Rhetoric I	3
• Multiple OER sections are offered each semester - see Student Planning		
ENGL 102	Writing and Rhetoric II	3
• Multiple OER sections are offered each semester - see Student Planning		
COMM 101	Fundamentals of Oral Communication	3
GEM 3 - Mathematical Ways of Knowing course		3
• GEM 3 OER Options: MATH 118 & MATH 118L (some sections - see Student Planning), MATH 123 (some sections - see Student Planning), MATH 143 (some sections - see Student Planning), MATH 147 (some sections - see Student Planning), or MATH 170 (some sections - see Student Planning)		
GEM 4 - Scientific Ways of Knowing course		4
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• GEM 4 OER Options: FERM 120, GEOS 104 & GEOS 104L, GEOS 105, GEOS 170, PHYS 100 & PHYS 100L, PHYS 101 & PHYS 101L, or SCIE 101		
GEM 5 - Humanistic & Artistic Ways of Knowing course		3
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• GEM 5 OER Options: ARTS 101, ENGL 175 (some sections - see Student Planning), ENGL 215, ENGL 277, ENGL 278, FREN 101, FREN 102, FREN 201, PHIL 101[1], PHIL 103[1], SPAN 111, or THEA 101		
GEM 6 - Social & Behavioral Ways of Knowing course		3
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• GEM 6 OER Options: HIST 111, HIST 112 (some sections - see Student Planning), POLS 102 (some sections - see Student Planning), PSYC 101 (some sections - see Student Planning), PSYC 140, PSYC 250[1], SCIE 102[1] (some sections - see Student Planning), SOC 101, or SOC 102		
• GEM 6 Low-Cost Textbook Option: SCIE 102[1]		
Major Requirements		
COMM 112	Argumentation and Debate	3
COMM 221	Interpersonal Communication	3
COMM 231	Public Speaking	3
COMM 290	Communication Capstone	2
Select 12 elective credits from the following courses:[2]		12
COMM 114	Intercollegiate Speech and Debate	
COMM 160	Communication and Culture	
COMM 268	Introduction to Video Production	
COMM 269	Introduction to Audio Production	
COMM 271	Introduction to Mass Media	
COMM 293	Communication Internship	
Minimum Credit Hours Required		**60**

[1] This course fulfills the Ethical Reasoning requirement for an associate degree from CWI.

[2] All elective courses use OER; however, special course fees for supplies and tournament registration fees may be required for COMM 114.

IMPORTANT: Unless otherwise noted, all of the
courses required for this degree are taught using OER.