

ARTS, HUMANITIES, COMMUNICATION & DESIGN

GUIDED PATHWAY: COMMUNICATION STUDIES

For more information, visit www.dcccd.edu/communicationstudies and your academic advisor at your college.

The guided pathway in Communication Studies begins with an Introduction to Human Communication and concludes with Business and Professional Communication. An Associate of Arts (AA) degree in this pathway prepares students to transfer to a university to earn a Bachelor's degree that opens the door to a career in employment fields including Communication Consulting, Strategic Communication, Management, Political Strategist, Public Relations, Teaching, Event Planning, Lobbying, News Anchor, Film Critics, Sales, Copywriters, Web Designers, Digital Consultants, Legal, Tourism, Community and Governmental Affairs.

This is an example course sequence for students interested in pursuing Communication Studies. It does not represent a contract, nor does it guarantee course availability. Following this pathway will help you earn an AA degree², which will increase your chances of transfer to bachelor's-level programs. Courses that complete the Degree (D) are noted below. For official degree requirements, [click here](#).

Visit www.dcccd.edu/TransferServices to view the Top 15 colleges and universities to which students at the colleges of DCCCD transfer. There, you can also view [Transfer Pathways](#) with local universities. Visit with your academic advisor to choose courses that will help you to transfer to a specific university.



COLLEGE READINESS REQUIREMENTS

Enrolling in one or more courses may be necessary if assessment activities and previous academic experiences indicate a need for additional knowledge and skills:

READING & WRITING PLACEMENT

MATH PLACEMENT

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

TSI READING MET: YES NO
TSI WRITING MET: YES NO

TSI MATH MET: YES NO

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY: YES NO

IF TSI OR ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY NOT MET, INSERT COURSE(S) NEEDED

DREA / DWRI / DIRW (CIRCLE ONE)

DMAT _____

ESOL _____

OTHER: _____

OTHER: _____

OTHER: _____

Exemptions/waivers may exist. Speak with an academic advisor regarding placement in college readiness courses and your ability to enroll in core academic coursework.

SEMESTER-BY-SEMESTER MAP FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS³
ALL MAPS CAN BE MODIFIED TO FIT THE NEEDS OF PART-TIME STUDENTS

D	SEMESTER 1	ACTION ITEMS
♦	C ENGL 1301 – Composition I	<input type="checkbox"/> Meet with your advisor to confirm academic and career goals by the end of the semester. <input type="checkbox"/> At the end of the semester, begin research on colleges and universities where you would want to major in Communication Studies <input type="checkbox"/> Meet with a career advisor/coach to research your career options with a degree in in Communication Studies <input type="checkbox"/> Approach your SPCH Instructor and let her/him know that you plan to transfer for a BA/BS in Communication Studies
♦	C HIST 1301 – United States History I	
♦	C MATH 1342 – Elementary Statistical Methods*	
♦	E DU 1300 – Learning Framework [@]	
♦	C SPCH 1311 – Introduction to Speech Communication OR C SPCH 1315 – Public Speaking OR C SPCH 1321 – Business and Professional Communication	
TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 15		
D	SEMESTER 2	ACTION ITEMS
♦	C ENGL 1302 – Composition II	<input type="checkbox"/> Meet with your advisor to confirm or update your academic/career pathway and program of study. <input type="checkbox"/> Ask about transfer advising to discuss options to pursue the bachelor's degree. <input type="checkbox"/> Complete a Service Learning Project
♦	C HIST 1302 – United States History II*	
♦	CHOOSE TWO: C SPCH 1311 – Introduction to Speech Communication+ SPCH 1318 – Interpersonal Communication OR SPCH 2333 – Discussion and Small Group Communication	
♦	C PHED 1164 – Introduction to Physical Fitness and Wellness	
♦	C PSYC 2301 – General Psychology	
TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 16		
D	SEMESTER 3	ACTION ITEMS
♦	C BIOL 1408 Biology for Non-Science Majors I*	<input type="checkbox"/> Begin applying to your top choice universities. <input type="checkbox"/> Begin applying for Financial Aid and Scholarships ○ You can start the FAFSA in October for the next academic year. (i.e., in October 2018, you can complete the FAFSA if you plan to register for classes at a college or university Fall 2019) <input type="checkbox"/> Check with your advisor for important deadlines and dates. <input type="checkbox"/> Complete an internship in a communication-related field
♦	C GOVT 2305 – Federal Government	
♦	C HUMA 1315 Fine Arts Appreciation*	
♦	C PHIL 1301 Introduction to Philosophy*	
♦	CHOOSE ONE: C SPCH 1311 – Introduction to Speech Communication+ SPCH 1318 – Interpersonal Communication OR SPCH 2333 – Discussion and Small Group Communication	
TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 16		
D	SEMESTER 4	ACTION ITEMS
♦	C BIOL 1409 Biology for Non-Science Majors II*	<input type="checkbox"/> After reviewing your final program of study, apply for Graduation. ○ Meet with your advisor to apply for the Associate of Arts degree. ○ Sign up for commencement. <input type="checkbox"/> Request final transcripts to be sent to the college or university to where you will transfer. <input type="checkbox"/> Join the Alumni Network!
♦	C GOVT 2306 – Texas Government	
♦	CHOOSE TWO: C SPCH 1315 – Public Speaking++ SPCH 1321 – Business and Professional Communication++	
♦	SPCH 1342 – Voice and Diction SPCH 2335 – Argumentation and Debate	
♦	SPCH 2341 – Oral Interpretation	
TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 13		
AA DEGREE MINIMUM: 60 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS PATHWAY TOTAL: 60 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS		

¹ Degree plans may change in later catalogs. You may use this pathway if you entered one of the seven colleges on or before this date.

² Students must earn at least 25% of the credit hours (15 hours) required for graduation through instruction by one of the seven DCCCD colleges awarding the degree.

³ This is not an official degree plan. For official degree requirements, [click here](#).

C This course counts for the Core Curriculum at any public college or university in Texas.

* There are several options to fulfill this requirement. See your academic advisor for a specific list.

See your academic advisor for assistance with course selection as elective courses should be selected according to the university you intend to transfer to.

@ All college students with fewer than 12 credit hours of successful college credit (grade of "C" or above) must take a student success course in the first semester.

+ Select TWO courses from: SPCH 1311, 1318, 2333. If you selected SPCH 1311 for your Core course, then you must select two other courses from this list.

++ Select TWO courses from: SPCH 1315, 1321, 1342, 2335, 2341. If you selected SPCH 1315 or 1321 for your Core course, then you must select two other courses from this list.

You must earn a grade of "C" or better in English 1301 and the selected college-level mathematics course and receive a GPA of at least 2.00 on all college-level course work.

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