



Communication A.A.

Career Community: Communication, Journalism, and Language

Curriculum Code: 0136

Effective: Fall 2025 – Summer 2030

Purpose of the Major

This degree is designed for students who plan to transfer to a four-year university to pursue a baccalaureate degree in Communication with a variety of concentrations, including a major in Communication Disorders, as a junior. Students may also pursue Secondary Education Certification in Communication/Theater Arts in order to teach in Michigan public schools. Students completing this curriculum will satisfy the Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA) requirements for General Education between two and four-year institutions in Michigan and will qualify for the Transfer Studies Certificate of Achievement (1482).

Not all courses in this pathway transfer to all colleges. Students who wish to transfer to a four-year institution should select coursework indicated for that institution and may also complete coursework for a Communication, Journalism, and Language, Enhanced AA degree. The Enhanced AA option allows students to transfer additional credits toward the Bachelor's degree.

Milestone

In addition to the required General Education courses in Math and English, completion of COMM 120 with a 2.0 or higher is a key component for success in completing this program. Knowledge obtained in these courses is the foundation for learning in other required courses. Students are encouraged to contact their faculty if they need additional assistance with learning the concepts presented in these courses.

Additional Information

A student must earn a minimum grade of 2.0 in all courses.

Contact Information

For further information, including career options, course substitutions and waivers, etc., contact the Communication, Media and the Arts Department, Gannon Building, Room 1222, telephone number 517-483-1546 or the Academic Advising Department, Gannon Building - StarZone, telephone number 517-483-1904.

Major Required Courses—*Some courses meet General Education requirements for Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA). A minimum of 2.0 is required to meet LCC degree requirements for General Education courses and for all courses to transfer to other colleges (some colleges, and some programs within colleges, require a higher grade in a course.)*

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
ACAD 100	First-Year Experience	1 / 1
COMM 120	Dynamics of Communication	3 / 3

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
COMM 130	Fundamentals Public Speaking	3 / 3
COMM 200	Small Group Communication	3 / 3
COMM 240	Interpersonal Communication	3 / 3
COMM 260 or COMM 270	Nonverbal Communication Mass Communication	3 / 3 3 / 3
COMM 280	Intercultural Communication	3 / 3
DMAC 260 or THEA 110	World Cinema Introduction to Theater	4 / 4 3 / 3
ENGL 121 or ENGL 131	Composition I Honors Composition I	4 / 4 4 / 4
MATH 119 or MATH 120 or STAT 170	Math – Applications for Living College Algebra Introduction to Statistics	4 / 4 4 / 4 4 / 4

Notes:

ACAD 100 may be waived when students meet one of the following College-approved waiver criteria:

- Completion of 12 college-level credits with minimum grades of 2.0 shown on the LCC transcript (including transfer, if applicable), or
- Employment in the field of, or a field related to, the degree being sought, or
- For Health Careers students, successful completion of CHSE 100.

Students wishing to waive ACAD 100 should contact their advisor.

Students considering adding secondary certification in Communication and Theater Arts Secondary Education, choose THEA 110.

- Central Michigan University (BA) choose COMM 260, DMAC 260 or THEA 110, and MATH 120.
- Central Michigan University (BS) choose COMM 260, DMAC 260 or THEA 110, and STAT 170.
- Eastern Michigan University (Secondary Certification in Communication/Theater Arts) choose COMM 260, MATH 120, and THEA 110.
- Grand Valley State University (Communication BA) choose COMM 260, DMAC 260 or THEA 110 and MATH 120; (Communication BS) choose COMM 260, DMAC 260 or THEA 110, and STAT 170.
- Grand Valley State University (Communication Disorders), choose COMM 260 and STAT 170.
- Michigan State University choose COMM 260, DMAC 260, and MATH 119.

Major Required Courses, Limited Choice – Humanities and Fine Arts – *Select one course from a different discipline than the Humanities and Fine Arts course selected from the Major Required Courses listed above (DMAC or THEA). If a specific course is not indicated in the notes below, choose any recommended course below or choose from [General Education Transfer \(MTA\): Humanities and Fine Arts](#).*

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
ARTS 102	2D Design	3 / 4
HIST 212	U.S. History: 1877 to Present	4 / 4
HUMS 160	U.S. History: 1877 to Present	4 / 4
PHIL 101	Introduction to Philosophy	3 / 3
PHIL 151	Intro to Logic & Critical Think	4 / 4
PHIL 152	Introduction to Ethics	4 / 4
RELG 150	Intro to World Religions	4 / 4

Major Required Courses, Limited Choice – Natural Sciences – *Select two courses, from two different disciplines, as indicated for each transfer institution and major. One must be a lab course. Students considering moving into a Communication Disorders major are strongly encouraged to select the Science courses designated for that major. If specific courses are not indicated, select any two courses from different disciplines from [LCC General Education, MTA, Natural Sciences](#).*

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
ASTR 201	Introductory Astronomy	4 / 5
BIOL 120	Environmental Science	4 / 6
BIOL 121	Biol Foundation for Physiology	4 / 6
BIOL 125	Intro Biology for Non-Majors	4 / 6
BIOL 145	Intro Anatomy and Physiology	4 / 6
CHEM 135	Chemistry in Society	4 / 5
GEOG 206	Physical Geography	4 / 4
GEOG 220	Weather, Forecasting & Climate	4 / 4
GEOL 221	Physical Geology	4 / 6
GEOL 222	Historical Geology	4 / 6
GEOL 230	Environmental Geology	4 / 6
ISCI 131	Integrated Physical Science	4 / 6
PFHW 123	Human Nutrition	3 / 3
PHYS 120	The Art of Physics	4 / 5

For future transfer to:

- Central Michigan University, Eastern Michigan University, Grand Valley University (Communication Disorders) or Western Michigan University (Speech, Language, and Hearing Disorders) choose BIOL 125 and CHEM 135 or PHYS 120.
- Central Michigan University (Communication) choose BIOL 120 and any non-BIOL course.
- Ferris State University (Communication or Sports Communication) choose BIOL 125 and PFHW 123.
- Grand Valley State University (B.S. in Communication Disorders) choose BIOL 121 and PHYS 120.

Major Required Courses, Limited Choice – Social Sciences - Select one as indicated for each transfer institution and major. If specific courses are not indicated, select any course or choose from any non-COMM course from [LCC General Education Transfer Degrees: MTA Social Science](#). Students considering the possibility of adding Secondary K-12 Certification at some point in the future are strongly encouraged to select the courses indicated. These selections will satisfy requirements for admission to the Teacher Education program, required for certification, as well as satisfying Social Science General Education requirements and will prevent possible delay in degree completion.

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
ANTH 270	Cultural Anthropology	3 / 3
EDUC 204	Educational Psychology	3 / 3
EDUC 220	Intro to Education	3 / 3
POLS 201	Introduction to Political Science	3 / 3
POLS 240	Introduction to Public Policy	3 / 3
PSYC 200	Introductory Psychology	4 / 4
SOCL 120	Introduction to Sociology	4 / 4

For future transfer to:

- Central Michigan University, Eastern Michigan University, Grand Valley State University (Communication Disorders) or Western Michigan University (Speech, Language, or Hearing Disorders) choose PSYC 200.
- Central Michigan University (BS Communication) choose PSYC 200.
- Eastern Michigan University (BA Communication) choose ANTH 270.
- Eastern Michigan University (Secondary Certification in Communication/Theater Arts) choose EDUC 204.
- Grand Valley State University (Communication Disorders) choose PSYC 200.
- Michigan State University (Communication) choose PSYC 200.

General Education - Transfer Degrees (MTA)

- English Composition
Major Required Courses will meet this requirement.
- English Composition (second course) or Communication
Major Required Courses will meet this requirement
- Humanities and Fine Arts
Major Required Courses will meet this requirement
- Mathematics
Major Required Courses will meet this requirement
- Natural Sciences
Major Required Courses will meet this requirement.
- Social Sciences
Major Required Courses will meet this requirement

Elective Courses, Recommended Choices – *Select courses as needed to reach the 60 credits required for the degree. See the notes below for the courses indicated for each transfer institution and major. (For the full list of options, see [AA and AS Degree Electives](#).)*

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
ANTH 270	Cultural Anthropology	3 / 3
CHSE 120	Medical Terminology	4 / 4
COMM 110	Communication in the Workplace	3 / 3
COMM 270	Mass Communication	3 / 3
DMAC 120	Intro to Audio Production	4 / 4
DMAC 140	Pre-Production Design	3 / 3
DMAC 141	Ethics and Impact of the Media	3 / 3
EDUC 230	Exceptional Learners	3 / 3
ENGL 122 or ENGL 132	Composition II Honors Composition II	4 / 4 4 / 4
ENGL 260	African-American Literature	4 / 4
GRMN 121 or JAPN 121 or SPAN 121	Elementary German I Elementary Japanese I Elementary Spanish I	4 / 4 4 / 4 4 / 4
GRMN 122 or JAPN 122 or SPAN 122	Elementary German II Elementary Japanese II Elementary Spanish II	4 / 4 4 / 4 4 / 4
JAPN 201 or SPAN 201	Intermediate Japanese I Intermediate Spanish I	4 / 4 4 / 4
JAPN 202 or SPAN 202	Intermediate Japanese II Intermediate Spanish II	4 / 4 4 / 4
INSU 105	Prin of Managing Evolving Risk	3 / 3
JRNL 151	Newswriting and Reporting	3 / 3
JRNL 254	Opinion Writing	3 / 3
MGMT 224	Human Resource Management	3 / 3
MGMT 329	Advanced Mgmt Communication	3 / 3
PHIL 101	Introduction to Philosophy	3 / 3
PHIL 151	Intro to Logic and Critical Think	4 / 4
PHIL 152	Introduction to Ethics	4 / 4
PHOT 111	Digital Photography I	3 / 3
PSYC 202	Psychology of Personality	3 / 3
PSYC 203	Social Psychology	3 / 3
PSYC 205	Human Growth and Development	3 / 3
RELG 150	Intro to World Religions	4 / 4
SIGN 160	Intro to the Deaf Community	3 / 3
SIGN 161	American Sign Language I	3 / 3
SIGN 162	American Sign Language II	3 / 3
SIGN 163	American Sign Language III	3 / 3

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
SOCL 120	Introduction to Sociology	4 / 4
SOCL 260	Race and Ethnicity	4 / 4
STAT 170	Introduction to Statistics	4 / 4
THEA 181	Improvisation	2.5 / 4
THEA 220	Play Directing	3 / 4

Notes:

Due to limited transferability, DMAC 140, INSU 105, JRNL 254, and MGMT 329 should only be chosen if they are specifically indicated for an institution and program as noted below.

For future transfer to:

- Central Michigan University (BA in Communication) choose ENGL 122 and JAPN or SPAN 121, 122, 201, and 202.
- Central Michigan University (BS in Communication) choose ENGL 122, PSYC 202, PSYC 203, SOCL 120, and SOCL 260.
- Central Michigan University (BAA in Communication Disorders) choose COMM 270 and ENGL 122.
- Eastern Michigan University (BA in Communication) choose ANTH 270 or ENGL 260, ENGL 122, and COMM 270.
- Eastern Michigan University (BS in Communication Disorders with Communication Minor) choose CHSE 120, COMM 270, EDUC 230, and ENGL 122.
- Eastern Michigan University (Secondary Certification in Communication/Theater Arts) choose ANTH 270 or ENGL 260, COMM 270, EDUC 230, and ENGL 122.
- Ferris State University (Communication) choose, COMM 270 ENGL 122, and 2 from DMAC 141 or JRNL 151 or JRNL 254.
- Ferris State University (Sport Communication with Management and Leadership Concentration) choose COMM 270, ENGL 122, INSU 105, MGMT 224, and MGMT 329.
- Grand Valley State University (B.S. in Communication Studies) choose COMM 270, DMAC 141, PHOT 111, and STAT 170.
- Grand Valley State University (B.A. in Communication Studies) choose COMM 270 and 3 from JAPN or SPAN 121, 122, and 201.
- Michigan State University (Communication – variety of concentrations) choose COMM 270.
- University of Michigan Flint (Communication) choose COMM 270, and GRMN or JAPN or SPAN 121 and 122.
- Western Michigan University (Communication) choose COMM 110, COMM 270, ENGL 122, and GRMN or JAPN or SPAN 121 and 122.
- Western Michigan University (Speech, Language, and Hearing Disorders) choose COMM 110, COMM 270, and ENGL 122.

Minimum Total Credit Hours

60 credits / 60 billing hours

Recommended Course Sequence

Semester I (Fall)
ACAD 100
COMM 120 – Milestone
COMM 130
ENGL 121 or ENGL 131
Limited Choice – Natural Sciences

Semester II (Spring)
COMM 240
COMM 280
MATH 119 or MATH 120 or STAT 170
Limited Choice – Humanities and Fine Arts
Limited Choice – Social Sciences
Electives as needed

Semester III (Fall)
COMM 200
DMAC 260 or THEA 110
COMM 260 (if taking COMM 260 fall only)
Limited Choice – Natural Sciences

Semester IV (Spring)
Electives as needed
COMM 270 (if taking COMM 270 spring only)

LCC makes every effort to limit revisions to the pathways during their effective timeframe. However, the College reserves the right to update certificate and degree titles, and make course changes as needed, without prior notice. The College also reserves the right to discontinue programs when warranted.