



Communication, Journalism, and Language G.A.

Career Community: Communication, Journalism, and Language

Curriculum Code: 1823

Effective: Fall 2025 – Summer 2030

Purpose of Major

This degree is designed for students wishing to work in a field related to Communication. Pathways included in this Career Community are Communication, Journalism, Sign Language Interpreter, and World Languages. The degree includes a common set of courses applicable to the Communication and Language majors listed above and to many transfer institutions. Students beginning college in this degree program are encouraged to work with academic and program advisors throughout their first few semesters of study to determine their specific major area and transfer institution (if transfer is a goal).

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

Completion of the required English and Mathematics courses with a 2.0 or higher is a key component for success in completing this program. Students are encouraged to contact their faculty if they need additional assistance with learning the concepts presented in these courses.

Contact Information

For further information, including career options, course substitutions and waivers, etc., contact the Communication 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.

Communication, Journalism, and Language Career Community Courses – *These courses are required for all Communication, Journalism, and Language programs (Communication, Journalism, Sign Language Interpreter, and World Language). They should be taken before other Major Required or Limited Choice 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

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
COMM 120 or COMM 130 or COMM 200 or COMM 240 or COMM 260 or ENGL 122 or ENGL 132 or SIGN 160	Dynamics of Communication Fundamentals Public Speaking Small Group Communication Interpersonal Communication Nonverbal Communication Composition II Honors Composition II Intro to the Deaf Community	3 / 3 3 / 3 3 / 3 3 / 3 3 / 3 4 / 4 4 / 4 3 / 3
DMAC 260 or ENGL 200 or ENGL 261 or JAPN 121 or SIGN 161 or SPAN 121 or THEA 110	World Cinema Introduction to Literature Creative Writing I Elementary Japanese I American Sign Language I Elementary Spanish I Introduction to Theater	4 / 4 3 / 3 3 / 3 4 / 4 3 / 3 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.

For future major areas:

- Communication choose DMAC 260 plus one of the following: COMM 120, ENGL 122, or ENGL 132.
- Communication (Secondary Education certification) choose THEA 110 plus one of the following: COMM 120, ENGL 122, or ENGL 132.
- Sign Language Interpreter choose SIGN 160 and SIGN 161.
- World Language (including Secondary Education certification) choose JAPN 121 or SPAN 121, plus one of the following: COMM 120, COMM 130, COMM 200, COMM 240, COMM 260, ENGL 122, or ENGL 132.

Major Required Courses, Limited Choice – Humanities and Fine Arts or Social Sciences or Applied Social Sciences- *Select one as indicated for each transfer institution and major or choose one from [LCC General Education: Social Sciences](#). A minimum of 2.0 is required for General Education courses.*

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
ANTH 270	Cultural Anthropology	3 / 3
ANTH 271	Medical Anthropology	3 / 3
COMM 270	Mass Communication	3 / 3
COMM 280	Intercultural Communication	3 / 3
EDUC 204	Educational Psychology	3 / 3
EDUC 220	Foundations of Education	3 / 3
POLS 201	Intro to Political Science	3 / 3
POLS 240	Introduction to Public Policy	3 / 3
POLS 260	Comparative Political Systems	3 / 3
POLS 270	International Relations	3 / 3
PYSC 200	Introduction to Psychology	4 / 4
PSYC 205	Human Growth and Development	3 / 3
PSYC 221	Child Psychology	3 / 3
SOCL 120	Introduction to Sociology	4 / 4

Notes:

- For Communication choose COMM 280.
- For Journalism choose COMM 270.
- For Sign Language Interpreter, choose COMM 280 or SOCL 120.

Major Required Courses, Limited Choice – Natural Sciences or Applied Sciences and Technology Lab - *Select one lab course as indicated for each transfer institution and major or choose one from [LCC General Education: Applied Degrees, Natural Sciences Lab or Applied Sciences and Technology Lab](#). A minimum of 2.0 is required for General Education courses.*

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

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
ISCI 131	Integrated Physical Science	4 / 6
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.
- Central Michigan University (Communication) choose any non-BIOL course.
- Ferris State University (Communication or Sports Communication) choose BIOL 125.
- Grand Valley State University (B.S. in Communication Disorders) choose BIOL 121

Major Required Courses – Limited Choices - *Select 35 credits. Work with an Academic Advisor or Program Advisor to select the most appropriate courses or to select a field-specific major or transfer major that meets your educational and career goals. Some courses meet General Education requirements for MTA. A minimum of 2.0 is required 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
ANTH 120	Introduction to Anthropology	3 / 3
ANTH 270	Cultural Anthropology	3 / 3
ANTH 271	Medical Anthropology	3 / 3
ARTS 102	2D Design	3 / 4
ARTS 151	Color	3 / 4
ARTS 162	Type Communications	3 / 4
ARTS 171	Adobe Photoshop	3 / 4
ARTS 173	Web Design I	3 / 4
ARTS 175	Creative Design and Publishing	3 / 4
BIOL 120	Environmental Science	4 / 6
BUSN 118	Introduction to Business	3 / 3
CHEM 135	Chemistry in Society	4 / 5
CHSE 120	Medical Terminology	4 / 4
COMM 110	Communication in the Workplace	3 / 3
COMM 120	Dynamics of Communication	3 / 3
COMM 130	Fundamentals Public Speaking	3 / 3
COMM 200	Small Group Communication	3 / 3
COMM 240	Interpersonal Communication	3 / 3
COMM 260	Nonverbal Communication	3 / 3
COMM 270	Mass Communication	3 / 3
COMM 280	Intercultural Communication	3 / 3
DMAC 120	Intro to Audio Production	4 / 4
DMAC 130	Intro to Video Production	4 / 4
DMAC 131	Digital Cinematography I	4 / 4

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DMAC 132	Video Post-Production I	4 / 4
DMAC 141	Ethics and Impact of the Media	3 / 3
EDUC 204	Educational Psychology	3 / 3
EDUC 220	Foundations of Education	3 / 3
EDUC 226	Foundations of Literacy	3 / 3
EDUC 230	Exceptional Learners	3 / 3
ENGL 122 or ENGL 132	Composition II Honors Composition II	4 / 4 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
HIST 212	U.S. History: 1877 to Present	4 / 4
HUMS 160	Mythology	4 / 4
INSU 105	Prin of Managing Evolving Risk	3 / 3
ISCI 131	Integrated Physical Science	4 / 6
JRNL 151	Newswriting and Reporting	3 / 3
JRNL 254	Opinion Writing	3 / 3
MGMT 223	Supervisory Skills	3 / 3
MGMT 224	Human Resource Management	3 / 3
MGMT 329	Advanced Mgmt Communication	3 / 3
MKTG 140	Principles of Advertising	3 / 3
MKTG 200	Principles of Marketing	3 / 3
PFHW 123	Human Nutrition	3 / 3
PHIL 101	Introduction to Philosophy	3 / 3
PHIL 151	Intro to Logic & Critical Think	4 / 4
PHIL 152	Introduction to Ethics	4 / 4
PHOT 111	Digital Photography I	3 / 3
PHYS 120	The Art of Physics	4 / 5
POLS 201	Intro to Political Science	3 / 3
POLS 240	Introduction to Public Policy	3 / 3
POLS 270	International Relations	3 / 3
PSYC 200	Introduction to Psychology	4 / 4
PSYC 202	Psychology of Personality	3 / 3
PSYC 203	Social Psychology	3 / 3

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PSYC 205	Human Growth and Development	3 / 3
PSYC 221	Child Psychology	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
SIGN 166	Fingerspelling	3 / 3
SIGN 167	Beginning Sign to Voice	3 / 3
SIGN 170	Expressive/Receptive ASL	3 / 3
SIGN 200	Sign Practicum Seminar	2 / 2
SIGN 260	Linguistic Principles of ASL	3 / 3
SIGN 263	Intermediate Sign to Voice	3 / 3
SIGN 266	Post-Secondary Interpreting	2 / 2
SIGN 267	Sign Practicum I	3 / 3
SIGN 268	Sign Practicum II	3 / 3
SIGN 270	Advanced Interpreting	3 / 3
SIGN 271	Advanced Sign to Voice	3 / 3
SIGN 293	Principles of Interpreting	3 / 3
SOCL 120	Introduction to Sociology	4 / 4
SOCL 260	Race and Ethnicity	3 / 3
STAT 170	Introduction to Statistics	4 / 4
THEA 120	Introduction to Acting	2 / 3
THEA 181	Improvisation	2.5 / 4
THEA 220	Play Directing	3 / 4

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 CHEM 135 or PHYS 120.
- Central Michigan University (Communication) choose BIOL 120.
- Grand Valley State University (B.S. in Communication Disorders) choose PHYS 120.

General Education – Applied Degrees

- English Composition or Applied English
Career Community Courses meet this requirement.
- English Composition (second course) or Communication or Applied Communication
Career Community Courses meet this requirement.
COMM 120, COMM 130, COMM 200, COMM 240, COMM 260, ENGL 122, and ENGL 132
meets General Education MTA requirements.
SIGN 160 meets General Education Applied Degree requirements but does not satisfy

MTA. SIGN 160 is a required course for the Sign Language Interpreter A.A.A. degree and transfers to Bachelor's degree programs articulated with LCC.

- Humanities and Fine Arts or Social Sciences or Applied Social Sciences
Major Required Limited Choice Courses meet this requirement
- Mathematics or Applied Mathematics
Career Community Courses meet this requirement.
- Natural Sciences or Applied Sciences and Technology Lab Course
Major Required Limited Choice Courses meet this requirement.

Additional Credits

After completing the course and credit requirements as noted on this pathway, students who fall short of the 60-credit minimum required for an Associate Degree may select any course(s) needed to reach 60 credits, except those courses noted in number 7 in the [Institutional Requirements for Associate Degrees](#). Students are encouraged to use Degree Works and meet with an Advisor to ensure all requirements are met and for course recommendations.

Minimum Total Credit Hours

60 credits / 60 billing hours

Recommended Course Sequence

College-ready Full-time

Semester I
ACAD 100 (if waived, substitute a Career Community course)
ANTH 270 or ANTH 271 or COMM 280 or EDUC 204 or EDUC 220 or POLS 201 or POLS 240 or POLS 260 or POLS 270 or PSYC 200 or PSYC 205 or PSYC 221 or SOCL 120
ENGL 121 or 131
Limited Choice – Natural Sciences Lab or Applied Sciences and Technology Lab

Semester II
COMM 120 or COMM 130 or COMM 200 or COMM 240 or COMM 260 or ENGL 122 or ENGL 132 or SIGN 160
DMAC 260 or ENGL 200 or ENGL 261 or JAPN 121 or SIGN 161 or SPAN 121 or THEA 110
MATH 119 or 120 or STAT 170
Students who have decided on an academic program within the Communication, Journalism, and Language Career Community should select that program through the Change of Program Request form and follow the coursework outlined for the associated pathway.

Semester III
Limited Choice courses for students completing the Communication, Journalism, and Language GA

Semester IV
Limited Choice courses for students completing the Communication, Journalism, and Language GA

College-ready Part-time

Semester I
ACAD 100 (if waived, substitute a Career Community course)
ANTH 270 or ANTH 271 or COMM 280 or EDUC 204 or EDUC 220 or POLS 201 or POLS 240 or POLS 260 or POLS 270 or PSYC 200 or PSYC 205 or PSYC 221 or SOCL 120
ENGL 121

Semester II
COMM 120 or COMM 130 or COMM 200 or COMM 240 or COMM 260 or ENGL 122 or ENGL 132 or SIGN 160
MATH 119 or 120 or STAT 170

Semester III (Summer – optional)
DMAC 260 or ENGL 200 or ENGL 261 or JAPN 121 or SIGN 161 or SPAN 121 or THEA 110
Limited Choice – Natural Sciences Lab or Applied Sciences and Technology Lab
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Semester IV
DMAC 260 or ENGL 200 or ENGL 261 or JAPN 121 or SIGN 161 or SPAN 121 or THEA 110 (if no Summer enrollment)
Limited Choice – Natural Sciences Lab or Applied Sciences and Technology Lab (if no Summer enrollment)
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Semester V
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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.