Associate in Arts in Communication Studies for Transfer Degree:

The Associate in Arts in Communication Studies for Transfer Degree is intended for students who plan to complete a bachelor's degree in Communication Studies or a related major in the California State University (CSU) system. It is accepted by some but not all CSU campuses. Students who complete this degree and transfer to a participating CSU campus will be required to complete no more than 60 units after transfer to earn a bachelor's degree. It may not be appropriate preparation for students transferring to a CSU campus that does not accept the degree.

Program Learning Outcomes:

Students who complete the Communication Studies for Transfer Program will be able to:

- Analyze contemporary socio-political issues by delivering speeches on select topics. Speeches are highly developed, outlined, and fully supported with research. Students must move beyond mere description and provide a rationale for their thought process.
- Use oral and written communication to advance ideas and advocate positions.
- Engage in speech activities such as persuasive speaking where they will advocate controversial ideas to others, adapt to audiences, and critically analyze contentious issues. Speeches are taped and students are expected to analyze their own performance as well as provide feedback for other speakers.

Students will be assessed through a combination of performance evaluations, written assignments, and written tests and quizzes.

Note: Students who plan to complete this degree should consult a counselor and visit www.assist.org for additional information about participating CSU campuses as well as university admission, degree and transfer requirements.

Award Notes:
Students are required to complete a maximum of 60 CSU transferable units with a minimum overall grade point average of 2.0.

Major: A minimum of 18 units with grade of "C" or better.

General Education: In addition to the courses required in the major, students must complete one of the following general education options:

- The California State University General Education Breadth pattern
- The Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum pattern

Note: Completion of the California State University American Institutions graduation requirement is strongly recommended prior to transfer.

Courses Required for the Major:		Units
COMS 103	Oral Communication	3
Category A: Select two of the following courses (6 units):		
COMS 135	Interpersonal Communication	3
COMS 160	Argumentation	3
COMS 170	Small Group Communication	3
Category B: Select two of the following courses, or any course not selected in Category A (6 units):		
COMS 104	Advanced Public Communication	3
COMS 111	Oral Interpretation	3
COMS 180	Intercultural Communication	3
Category C: Select one of the following courses, or any course not selected in Category A or B (3 units):		
ENGL 101	Reading and Composition	3
ENGL 105	Composition and Literature	3
ENGL 205	Critical Thinking and Intermediate Composition	3
ENGL 210	American Literature I	3
ENGL 211	American Literature II	3
ENGL 215	English Literature I: 800 – 1799	3
HIST 105	Introduction to Western Civilization I	3
HIST 106	Introduction to Western Civilization II	3
JOUR 200	Introduction to Newswriting and Reporting	3
JOUR 201	Advanced Newswriting and Reporting	3
JOUR 210A	Newspaper Production 1	2-3
JOUR 220	Principles of Public Relations	3
PSYC 112	Interpersonal Relations	3
MATH 119	Elementary Statistics **or**	
PSYC 258	Behavioral Science Statistics	3
		Total Units = 18

For graduation requirements see **Requirements for the Associate Degree** on page 96.

Electives as needed to meet maximum of 60 units required for the degree.