

**COMMUNICATION STUDIES  
ASSOCIATE OF ARTS: 609**

**Total Credits: 60  
Catalog Edition: 2017-2018**

**Program Description**

The AA in communication studies provides students with an academic core basic to a liberal arts education and facilitates ease of transfer to communication programs at four-year institutions. The degree provides analytical and critical thinking skills that render recipients to be effective members of their communities, both professionally and personally. A strength of the communication degree is that it allows students to target their studies toward areas of interest within the field. Areas such as public relations, rhetoric, political communication, interpersonal communication, organizational communication, mass media, and others are popular at four-year colleges and universities.

Students are encouraged to seek assistance from Communication Studies faculty in making course selections to suit their academic and career goals. Completion of the curriculum requirements will lead to the award of the AA.

For more information please visit:

<https://cms.montgomerycollege.edu/acl/communication/>

**Program Outcomes**

Upon completion of this program a student will be able to:

- Research, analyze, organize, and deliver oral and written presentations appropriate for diverse audiences, purposes and occasions.
- Solve problems and work effectively in groups and teams.
- Demonstrate knowledge of communication theory, research and application.
- Employ communication skills to be an effective group member or leader.
- Analyze cultural similarities and differences as they affect and are in turn affected by the process of communication.
- Identify and articulate ethical perspective within and across various contexts and cultures.

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## Suggested Course Sequence

A suggested course sequence for full-time students follows. All students should review the [Advising Worksheet](#) and consult an advisor.

### First Semester

- COMM 108 - Foundations of Human Communication *3 semester hours (GEIR)*
- OR
- COMM 112 - Business and Professional Speech Communication *3 semester hours (GEIR)*
- ENGL 101 - Introduction to College Writing *3 semester hours \**
- MATH 117 - Elements of Statistics *3 semester hours (MATF)*
- Arts distribution *3 semester hours (ARTD)*
- World language elective or Humanities Distribution *3 semester hours (HUMD) †*

### Second Semester

- English foundation *3 semester hours (ENGF)*
- Behavioral and social sciences distribution *3 semester hours (BSSD) \*\**
- Natural sciences distribution with lab *4 semester hours (NSLD)*
- Program elective *3 semester hours ‡*
- World language or general education institutional requirement (ARTD, HUMD, or HLTH) *3 semester hours (GEIR) †*

### Third Semester

- COMM 250 - Introduction to Communication Inquiry and Theory *3 semester hours*
- Behavioral and social sciences distribution *3 semester hours (BSSD) \*\**
- Program elective *3 semester hours ‡*
- Program elective *3 semester hours ‡*
- World language or elective *3 semester hours †*

### Fourth Semester

- LING 200 - Introduction to Linguistics *3 semester hours*
- Natural sciences distribution *3 semester hours (NSND)*
- World language or elective *3 semester hours †*
- Elective *5 semester hours*

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## Advising Notes

\* ENGL 101/ENGL 101A, if needed for ENGL 102/ENGL 103, or general elective.

\*\* Behavioral and Social Science Distribution (BSSD) courses must come from different disciplines.

‡ Choice of 3 from the following program electives: TVRA 105, COMM 121, COMM 204, COMM 220, COMM 251, or COMM 252. Two courses must be at the 200 level.

† World language or elective: Some transfer schools, including UMCP, have a Global Engagement/World Language requirement that may be fulfilled in ways other than taking language courses at MC. Review the policy and discuss with UMCP Communication advisor: [www.arhu.umd.edu/undergraduate/globalengagement](http://www.arhu.umd.edu/undergraduate/globalengagement).

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Name:

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<b>GENERAL EDUCATION: FOUNDATION COURSES</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Grade</b>
English Foundation (EN 102/ENGL 102 or EN 109/ENGL 103)		3	
Math Foundation	MA 116/ <b>MATH 117</b>	3	

<b>GENERAL EDUCATION: DISTRIBUTION COURSES</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Grade</b>
Arts Distribution (ARTD)			
Humanities Distribution (HUMD)			
Behavioral & Social Sciences Distribution (BSSD) **		3	
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Natural Sciences Distribution with Lab (NSLD)		4	
Natural Sciences Distribution without Lab (NSND) or Natural Sciences Distribution with Lab (NSLD)			
General Education Institutional Requirement (GEIR)		3	
ARTD or HUMD or HLTH (GEIR) <small>Choose course from general education HLTH or ARTD or HUMD. Discuss appropriate course choice with counselor/advisor</small>			

<b>PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Grade</b>
<b>ENGL 101 or ENGL 101A</b> (if needed for ENGL 102/103 or Elective)*		3	
	SP 250/ <b>COMM 250</b>	3	
	LG 200/ <b>LING 200</b>	3	
<b>Program Elective ‡</b>			
<b>Program Elective (200 Level) ‡</b>			
<b>Program Elective (200 Level) ‡</b>			
<b>World Language or Elective †</b>			
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<b>Elective (as needed to reach 60 credits)</b>			

**Has student completed the Global Perspectives requirement?**  Yes  No

Overall GPA of 2.0 is required to graduate

Global Perspectives Course:

Total Credits:

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[Communication Studies Website](#)

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Advising Worksheet Contact:  
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## Transfer Opportunities

Montgomery College has partnerships with multiple four-year institutions and the tools to help you transfer. To learn more please visit: <http://cms.montgomerycollege.edu/Transfer/> or <http://artsys.usmd.edu/>

## Get Involved at MC!

Employers and Transfer Institutions are looking for experience outside the classroom.

## MC Student Clubs & Organizations

<https://cms.montgomerycollege.edu/edu/plain.aspx?id=2439>

## Related Careers

According to the Learn How To Become [website](#), the U.S. Census Bureau reports that lifetime earnings for individuals holding a bachelor's degree totaled \$2.33 million, while those with a professional degree are expected to earn close to \$3.5 million. The majority of entry-level jobs in communication can be attained with a bachelor's degree, while those looking to hold executive positions may be expected to complete a master's degree. Individuals aspiring to research or teaching jobs should consider a Ph.D. Because the field is so vast, individuals with varied interests, working styles, and professional goals can find a position suited to their needs.

There are several career pathways one may explore. The following pathways have been adapted from *Great Jobs for Communications Majors*, Second Edition, by Blythe Camenson.

### Path 1: Corporate Communication

Possible Job Titles: Community relations specialist, Event coordinator, Patient advocate, Press secretary, Public information officer, Public relations manager, Spokesperson

### Path 2: Consumer Communication

Possible Job Titles: Account specialist, Advertising director, Art director, Broadcast production manager, Creative director, Media director, Producer, Publicist

### Path 3: Media

Possible Job Titles: Art director, Editor, Bureau chief, Bureau reporter, Publisher, Writer, Announcer, Associate news director, Correspondent, Director, Disc jockey, Filmmaker, Music director, News announcer, Production manager, Social media director

### Path 4: Communication Disorders

Possible Job Titles: Speech-language Pathologist, Hearing therapist

## Career Services

<http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/career>

## Career Coach

A valuable online search tool that will give you the opportunity to explore hundreds of potential careers or job possibilities in Maryland and the Washington D.C. metropolitan area.

Get started today on your road to a new future and give it a try. Visit the website listed below:

<https://montgomerycollege.emsicareercoach.com>

## Notes: