

Communication Studies

Award

Communication Studies Transfer Pathway A.A. Degree. . . 60 cr

Campus Contact For This Program

Shiloh Gideon-Sjostrom, sgideon@inverhills.edu

COMMUNICATION STUDIES TRANSFER PATHWAY

A.A., 60 CREDITS

Communication Pathway Curriculum	12 cr
Additional General Education	28 cr
Health and Physical Education	2 cr
General Electives	18 cr

Purpose

This transfer pathway offers students a powerful option: the opportunity to complete an Associate of Arts degree with course credits that directly transfer to designated Communication bachelor's degree programs at Minnesota State universities. The curriculum has been specifically designed so that students completing the pathway degree and transferring to one of the seven Minnesota State Universities* enter the university with junior-year status. All courses in the Transfer Pathway associate degree will directly transfer and apply to the designated bachelor's degree programs in a related field.

The Communication Studies Pathway consists of the Required Pathway Curriculum, the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC), and the Health and Physical Fitness Requirement, to bring your credit total to 60 credits.

**Universities within the Minnesota State system include Bemidji State University; Metropolitan State University; Minnesota State University, Mankato; Minnesota State University, Moorhead; Southwest Minnesota State University; St. Cloud State University; and Winona State University.*

Transfer Pathways

With this transfer pathway, you will be able to transfer to the following programs at:

- Metropolitan State University
Professional Communication – BA
- Minnesota State University, Mankato
Communication Studies – BS
- Minnesota State University, Moorhead
Communication Studies – BA
- Southwest Minnesota State University
Communication Studies – BA
Communication Studies, Public Relations Emphasis – BA
- St. Cloud State University
Communication Studies – BA
Communication Studies Interdepartmental – BS
Communication Studies Supplementary – BA
- University of Wisconsin, River Falls
Communication Studies – BA
- Winona State University
Communication Studies
(General, Leadership & Advocacy or Organizational) – BA

Additional Transfer Pathway agreements have been established by various MN private colleges. Visit mnprivatecolleges.org/transfer for the most up to date information.

Required Communication Pathway Curriculum 12 credits

Communication courses beyond the four recommended courses are not guaranteed to transfer into a Communication major at a Minnesota State university. The courses below must be completed successfully according to the university's grade standards AND address the required outcomes in the transfer pathway for Communication.

- COMM 1100 Interpersonal Communication 3
- COMM 1110 Public Speaking 3
- COMM 2230 Small Group Communication 3
- COMM 2240 Intercultural Communication 3

General Education Requirements 28 credits

The Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) requires a minimum of 40 credits, some of which will be satisfied by the required pathway curriculum. You must complete the MnTC courses that are specifically designated below. You may choose the other courses from each goal area from the list located at: inverhills.edu/MnTC

To streamline your degree, you are encouraged to choose MnTC Goal 1-6 courses that also meet MnTC Goal areas 7-10.

Goal 1 Communication. 3 courses

- ENG 1108 Writing & Research Skills
- ENG 1111, 1114 or 1130
- COMM 1100 Interpersonal Communication

Goal 2 Critical Thinking

- Satisfied by First Year Experience course or MnTC completion

Goal 3 Natural Science (1 course must include lab) 2 courses

- Goal 3a (Life Science) course
- Goal 3b (Physical Sciences) course

Goal 4 Mathematical/Logical Reasoning. 1 course

- Goal 4 course

Goal 5 History/Social Sciences/Behavioral Sciences. . . 3 courses

- COMM 2240 - Satisfied by Transfer Pathway
- Goal 5 courses
- Goal 5 courses

Goal 6 Humanities/Fine Arts/Literature 3 courses

- Goal 6a (Fine Arts) course
- Goal 6b (Humanities/Literature) course
- Any additional Goal 6 course

Goal 7 Human Diversity

- Satisfied by Transfer Pathway

Goal 8 Global Perspective

- Satisfied by Transfer Pathway

Goal 9 Ethical and Civic Responsibility 1 course

- Goal 9 course

Goal 10 People and the Environment 1 course

- Goal 10 course

Health/Physical Education 2 credits

For a list of the requirements and courses, go to: inverhills.edu/MnTC

- Health 1
- Physical Education 1

General Electives 18 credits

Any courses numbered 1000 level or higher from any discipline. This may include additional courses from the MnTC and/or Health & Physical Education.

Total Credits 60

Full-Time Recommended Course Of Study

Note: Not all courses will be available every semester. For a complete list of Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) Goal Area course choices, please visit: inverhills.edu/MnTC

Semester 1 15-16 credits

- COMM 1100 Interpersonal Communication* (Goal 1b, 7) 3
- ENG 1108 Writing & Research Skills (Goal 1a) 4
- MnTC Goal 5 course 3
- MnTC Goal 6a course 3
- Health & PE Course 1
- First Year Experience course (Goal 2) 1-2

Semester 2 15 credits

- COMM 1110 Public Speaking* (Goal 1c) 3
- ENG 1111 Research Writing (Goal 1c) or
- ENG 1114 The Research Paper or
- ENG 1130 Writing & Research for the Professions 2-3
- MnTC Goal 4 course 3-4
- MnTC Goal 6b course 3
- MnTC Goal 9¹ course 3

Semester 3 15 credits

- COMM 2230 Small Group Communication* (Goal 1c) 3
- MnTC Goal 3a course 3
- MnTC Goal 5 course 3
- MnTC Goal 6a or 6b course 3
- MnTC Goal 10¹ course 3

Semester 4 14-15 credits

- COMM 2240 Intercultural Communication* (Goal 5, 8) 3
- MnTC Goal 3b course 3-4
- General electives 7-8
- Health & PE Course 1

Total Credits 60

* Course required for major

¹ These credits may be taken as electives if Goal Areas 9 and 10 are completed as part of another course.



A MEMBER OF MINNESOTA STATE

INVERHILLS.EDU • 2024-2025 CATALOG