

Degree Pathway

A.A. in Liberal Arts and Sciences – Communications Studies Concentration – Catalog Year 2024-25

The number of credits you take each year will determine when you graduate. To graduate on time, you are strongly encouraged to enroll in at least 30 credits toward your degree during the calendar year, including fall and spring semesters and winter and summer sessions. This Degree Pathway is designed for students who place into **ENGL-101 and MA-321**. An additional pathway is available for students who must complete developmental math or English. Please see the degree website or your advisor for more information.

Courses in **Bold Text** are prerequisites for later courses or only offered in the Fall or Spring semester and should be taken where indicated in the sequence.

Fall Semester #1

Courses	Credits	Prerequisites and Corequisites ¹
ENGL-101 English Composition I (Required Core 1A: English Composition)	3	Prerequisite: Complete developmental requirements in English
MA-321 Mathematics in Contemporary Society (Required Core 1B: Mathematical and Quantitative Reasoning)	3	Prerequisite: Complete developmental requirements in math
One Foreign Language course - placement required	3-4	Check individual courses for prerequisites and corequisites
SP-101 Introduction to Communications Studies	3	None
HE-101 Personal Health and Wellness or HE-102 Health, Behavior and Society	1-2	Prerequisite: None
Total credits for the term	13-15	

Spring Semester #1

Courses	Credits	Prerequisites and Corequisites ¹
ENGL-102 English Composition II (Required Core 1A: English Composition)	3	Prerequisite: ENGL-101 or placement
SP-211 Speech Communication	3	None
Foreign Language (next in sequence)	3-4	Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in previous course
One course from Flexible Core 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, or 2E ²	3	Check individual courses for prerequisites and corequisites
One course from Flexible Core 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, or 2E ²	3	Check individual courses for prerequisites and corequisites
Total credits for the term	15-16	

Fall Semester #2

Courses	Credits	Prerequisites and Corequisites ¹
One course from the ENGL-200 series	3	Prerequisite: ENGL-102
Communication Studies Concentration: Take one course from table below ⁵	3	See table below
HIST-110, HIST-111, or HIST-112 ³	3	Corequisite: ENGL-101
One course from Required Core 1C: Life & Physical Sciences	3-4	Check individual courses for prerequisites and corequisites
Science Laboratory course ⁴	0-1	Corequisite: 3-credit Science course in Required Core 1C
One course from Flexible Core 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, or 2E ²	3	Check individual courses for prerequisites and corequisites
Total credits for the term	16	

Spring Semester #2

Courses	Credits	Prerequisites and Corequisites ¹
One course from Flexible Core 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, or 2E ²	3	Check individual courses for prerequisites and corequisites
Communication Studies Concentration: Take one course from table below ⁵	3	See table below
One course from Flexible Core 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, or 2E ²	3	Check individual courses for prerequisites and corequisites
One course from Flexible Core 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, or 2E ²	3	Check individual courses for prerequisites and corequisites
One course in Phys. Ed. or Dance, from PE-400, PE-500 or DAN-100 series	1	None
Free Electives to reach 60 credits	0-3	Check individual courses for prerequisites and corequisites
Total credits for the term	13-16	
Total credits required for the A.A.	60	

Notes:

1. Prerequisites for a course must be passed before taking the course. Corequisites must be passed before taking the course or taken in the same term as the course.
2. Students must complete one course from each of the Flexible Core categories (2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, and 2E) and one additional course from any one of the categories.
3. If HIST-110, HIST-111, or HIST-112 is taken for Flexible Core 2A, take one additional course from SP-213, SP-214, SP-215, SP-216 or TH-153.
4. This course is not required for students who take a 4-credit STEM variant course in Required Core 1C.
5. If any of the Communication Studies courses are taken as a part of common core, students must elect courses from the list to complete the 8-9 credits in the concentration.

Students must complete a minimum of 48 Liberal Arts and Sciences courses for this program. [Please see the catalog](#) for course subjects that fall into that category.

All students must complete two (2) WI designated classes to fulfill degree requirements.

Communication Studies Concentration – Students must take SP-101 (Introduction to Communication Studies) and two courses from the following table (9 credits total).

Take two courses from:

Courses	Credits	Prerequisites and Corequisites
SP 212 - Interpersonal Communication	3	Corequisite: ENGL-101
SP 213 - Intercultural Communication	3	None
SP 214 - Communication in a Professional Setting	3	None
SP 215 - Phonetics	3	None
SP 216 - Introduction to Language Science and Linguistics	3	None
SP 321 - Oral Performance for the Actor and Speaker	3	None
TH 153 - Voice and Speech for the Actor	3	None