CSCU Pathway Transfer Degree: Communication Studies, A.A.
Manchester Community College
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These requirements are effective if you declared the Transfer Ticket: CSCU Pathway Transfer Degree: Communication Studies. A.A. major for the 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20, or 2020/21 academic years.

With this degree you will be able to transfer to the following majors. Follow this link for important information about when and how to apply for transfer to a State University or Charter Oak State College.

At Central Connecticut State University:
- Strategic Communications, B.A.
- Media Studies – Digital Filmmaking and Television Production Emphasis, B.A.
- Media Studies – Media Analyst Emphasis, B.A.
- Media Studies – Multimedia Production and New Technologies Emphasis, B.A.

At Eastern Connecticut State University:
- Communication, B.S.

At Southern Connecticut State University:
- Communication – Advertising and Public Relations, B.S.
- Communication – Film, Television, and Digital Production, B.S.
- Communication – Personal and Professional Communication, B.S.

At Western Connecticut State University:
- Communication – Communication Studies, B.A.
- Media Arts – Media Production Option, B.A.

At Charter Oak State College:
- General Studies – Communication Concentration, B.A.

Here is the recommended course of study for the CSCU Pathway Transfer Degree: Communication Studies, A.A. If you are studying part time, simply follow the order of the courses listed here. Note that not all courses will be available every semester. You will notice that in many instances you will be able to choose the specific course you will take from within a category. For a list of the courses from each category that you can choose from, go to Appendix (PDF).

First Semester: 15 credits

- ENG 101 Composition 3 credits
- Choose one from the following:
  - COM 172 Interpersonal Communication 3 credits
  - COM 173 Public Speaking 3 credits
- Choose one Historical Knowledge and Understanding course 3 credits
- Choose one Aesthetic Dimensions course 3 credits
- One Unrestricted Elective* 3 credits

Second Semester: 15-16 credits

- COM 101 Introduction to Mass Communication 3 credits
- Choose one Written Communication II course 3 credits
- Choose one Scientific Reasoning course 3-4 credits
- Choose one Quantitative Analysis course 3 credits

You must complete either COM 172 or COM 173 for the degree. You may choose to complete both. If you use one of these courses for the Oral Communication requirement, you will have an additional 3 credits of unrestricted electives to complete.
One Unrestricted Elective* 3 credits

Begin the transfer application process in your third semester or the semester before you plan to graduate. FAFSA becomes available October 1.

Third Semester: 15-16 credits

Choose one of the following that you haven’t take 3 credits
- COM 166 Video/Filmmaking
- COM 172 Interpersonal Communication
- COM 173 Public Speaking
- COM 213 Electronic Publishing
- COM 222 Reporting and Writing News Stories
- COM 225 Photojournalism
- COM 240 Broadcast/TV Production

Choose one Scientific Knowledge and Understanding course 3-4 credits
Choose one Social Phenomena course 3 credits
Choose one Additional General Education I – Creativity course 3 credits
One Unrestricted Elective* 3 credits

During your last semester at MCC, apply for graduation by the dates found here.

Fourth Semester: 15 credits

Choose one Oral Communication course 3 credits
Choose one Continued Learning and Information Literacy course 3 credits
Choose one Additional General Education II – Global Knowledge course 3 credits
Two Additional Communication courses 6 credits

Here is another way to look at the degree, by requirements

General Education Requirements: 36-37 credits

Unless a course is specifically designated, such as ENG 101 Composition for Written Communication I, you will have a choice about which course you take. For a list of the courses from each category that you can choose from, go to Appendix (PDF).

Written Communication I:
ENG 101 Composition 3 credits

Written Communication II (select one):
3 credits

Scientific Reasoning (select one):
3-4 credits

Scientific Knowledge and Understanding (select one):
Note: You must complete one science course that includes a lab. It can be in either science category.
3-4 credits

Quantitative Reasoning (select one):
3-4 credits
Historical Knowledge and Understanding (select one): 3 credits
Social Phenomena (select one): 3 credits
Aesthetic Dimensions (select one): 3 credits
Oral Communication (select one): 3 credits
Continued Learning and Information Literacy (select one): 3 credits
Additional General Education I – Creativity (select one): 3 credits
Additional General Education II – Global Knowledge (select one): 3 credits

Major Program Requirements: 15 credits

COM 101 Introduction to Mass Communication 3 credits
Choose two of the following: 6 credits
   COM 166 Video/Filmmaking
   COM 172 Interpersonal Communication
   COM 173 Public Speaking
   COM 213 Electronic Publishing
   COM 222 Reporting and Writing News Stories
   COM 225 Photojournalism
   COM 240 Broadcast/TV Production

Two Additional courses in communication 6 credits
Unrestricted Electives:* 9 credits

*You are free to choose any courses at or above 100-level to complete unrestricted electives, although you may need to use these credits to take courses that prepare you for required courses in the degree program. You should also consider using unrestricted electives to meet foreign language requirements at Central, Eastern and Western Connecticut State Universities or to begin work on completing a minor. Central Connecticut State University will require that you complete a minor by earning at least 18 credits in one area outside your major field; you must complete at least 9 of those minor credits at Central. You can also complete other General Education requirements for CCSU, SCSU, WCSU, and COSC— but not ECSU. You are encouraged to meet with your advisor to determine which courses to select.

CSCU Pathway Transfer Degree: Communication Studies, A.A. Credit Total: 60-61 credits

In order to graduate and be guaranteed admission to a State University or to Charter Oak State College, you must earn an overall 2.0 grade point average.