Program Requirements Guide 2021-2022

Associate of Arts DEGREE
Communication Studies Transfer Pathway

Program Overview
The Communication Studies Transfer Pathway provides students with the opportunity to learn how to write strong messages and speak persuasively. Students will also build skills in networking, team building, and conflict management.

Career Opportunities
Students who successfully complete the Communication Studies Transfer Pathway will be prepared to transfer to a baccalaureate program in Professional Communications. With a degree in Communications you can work in a number of fields within the Arts, Audio-Video Technology and Communications sectors such as Communications Director, Customer Relations, Media Relations, Journalism and Sales.

Program Outcomes
1. Apply key concepts and principles of the communication discipline.
2. Apply learned skills in active listening, perception, disclosure and critical thinking.
3. Describe how gender and cultural identity influence communication.
4. Analyze spoken messages and provide feedback.
5. Demonstrate ethical written and oral communication skills.

Transfer Opportunities
Saint Paul College has a transfer articulation agreement between the following program and post-secondary institution for the baccalaureate degree program listed below.

For more information please go to saintpaul.edu/Transfer.

Communication Transfer Pathway AA
BA Professional Communication
Metropolitan State University
BS Communication Studies
Minnesota State University, Mankato
BA Communication Studies
Minnesota State University, Moorhead
BA Communication Studies
Southwest Minnesota State University
BA Communication Studies
St. Cloud State University
BA Communication Studies
Winona State University

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Program Requirements
☐ Check off when completed

Pathway Requirements
COMM 1710 Fundamentals of Public Speaking ............................................. 3
COMM 1720 Interpersonal Communication ................................................. 3
COMM 1730 Intercultural Communication .................................................... 3
COMM 1750 Small Group Communication ................................................. 3
Communications Studies Electives. ...................................................... 8
Any Mn TC course may be counted; however, the following are recommended:
COMM 1740 Mass Media & Communication- 3 cr
COMM 1770 Family Communication- 3 cr
COMM 1780 Gender Communication- 3 cr
Pathway Total ................................................. 20

MnTC Requirements
☐ Refer to the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Course List for each Goal Area
☐ Goal 1: Communication ................................................. 9
ENGL 1711 Composition 1 – 4 cr
ENGL 1712 Composition 2 – 2 cr
COMM 17XX- 3 cr Requirement met with Pathway COMM courses.
☐ Goal 2: Critical Thinking
Fulfilled when 10 goal areas (40 credits) are completed.
☐ Goal 3 Natural Science ................................................. 7
Two courses from two different disciplines, one of which must be a lab course.
☐ Goal 4: Mathematical/Logical Reasoning ............................................. 3
One course numbered between 1700-1799 or 2700-2799.
☐ Goal 5: History, Social Sciences and Behavioral Sciences ................................................. 9
Three courses from two different disciplines.
☐ Goal 6: Humanities & Fine Arts ................................................. 9
Three courses from two different disciplines.
☐ Goal Areas 7-10
Select courses to meet all 10 Goal Areas
MnTC Requirements Total ................................................. 40
Total Program Credits ................................................. 60

If courses are counted in both the Pathway Requirements and the MnTC Requirements students may need to complete additional classes to reach the 60 credit total.

Program Advisors
Pathway Advisors are the Academic Advisors for the Associate of Arts degree and are located in the Advising Center, Room 1340, Main Floor. For assistance or additional information, please call our Advising Center at 651.846.1739 or email: advising@saintpaul.edu

Additional Requirements
- At least 60 earned college-level credits (40 MnTC credits and 20 additional MnTC, pre-major or elective credits)
- A grade of “C” or better in ENGL1711
- Associate of Arts (AA) cumulative GPA of 2.0
- Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) cumulative GPA of 2.0
- Meet Saint Paul College residency requirement: 20 credits. This requirement may be reduced to 12 credits with transfer of at least 12 college-level credits from another Minnesota State College and University or the University of Minnesota.

Program Start Dates
Fall, Spring, Summer

Course Sequence
Students are allowed to take the courses in any sequence. However, all course prerequisites need to be followed. For specific suggestions, please speak with a Pathway Advisor or the program faculty. Students should consult with the Program Advisor each semester.
Not all courses are offered each semester, a selection of courses is offered summer term.

Minimum Program Entry Requirements
Students entering this program must meet the following minimum program entry requirements:

Reading: Score of 250+ or grade of “C” or better in READ 0722 or READ 0724 or EAPP 0900
Writing: Score of 250+ on Reading Comprehension or grade of “C” or better in ENGL 0922 or EAPP 0900
Arithmetic: Score of 200+

Assessment Results and Prerequisites:
Students admitted into Saint Paul College programs may need to complete additional courses based on assessment results and course prerequisite requirements. Certain MATH, READ, and ENGL courses have additional prerequisites.