

AREA: Liberal Arts:
Communication Specialization

DEGREE: Associate of Arts and Sciences Degree

LENGTH: Four semesters (two-year) program

PURPOSE: The associate of arts and sciences degree program in communication is designed for students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university to complete a baccalaureate degree program, usually the bachelor of arts degree in communication or related fields. Students in the communications specialization may wish to major in the following fields: communication, creative writing, journalism, mass media, popular culture, radio and telecommunications, speech or theatre arts.

TRANSFER GUIDELINES: The associate of arts and sciences degrees (AA&S) offered by LFCC provide freshman and sophomore level course work toward the completion of a baccalaureate degree. The AA&S degree programs require students to take essentially the same courses as required by their university/four-year college counterparts in the areas of English, health/physical education, humanities, mathematics, science and social science.

To help facilitate the transfer process, each state-supported college and most private colleges in Virginia produce a Virginia Community College Transfer Guide. These transfer guides provide specific information about the transferability of courses and/or programs to their respective institutions. Transfer guides can be obtained directly from the college of interest or can be referenced in the Office of Student Success on both the Fauquier and Middletown Campuses. Students may also download many Virginia transfer guides online at the following address: <http://www.myfuture.vccs.edu/transfer/>.

Students should begin preparing for transfer as early as possible. Steps in this process include: making a career decision, identifying colleges which offer the intended program of study, examining available transfer guides and college catalogs, talking with transfer representatives, identifying program prerequisites, researching the academic competitiveness of the institutions and program under consideration, attending open house events offered by the colleges and exploring financial aid and housing opportunities.

LFCC offers many services and programs to assist the transfer student. Students are encouraged to seek the assistance of their faculty advisor or counselor to gain additional information to plan a successful transfer experience.

Course#	Title	Credits
First Semester		
ENG 111	College Composition I	3
ENG 120	Survey of Mass Media or approved communication elective ³	3
HIS 111	History of World Civilization I (or HIS 121)	3
MTH 151	Mathematics for the Liberal Arts I (or MTH 163 or 271)	3
SDV 100	Science with laboratory ¹	4
	College Success Skills	1
	Total	17
Second Semester		
CST 100	Principles of Public Speaking	3
ENG 112	College Composition II	3
HIS 112	History of World Civilization II (or HIS 122)	3
MTH 152	Mathematics for the Liberal Arts II (or MTH 271 or 272)	3
	Science with laboratory ¹	4
	Total	16
Third Semester		
ENG	Literature I ⁷ (ENG 241, 243, or 251)	3
ENG, CST	Approved communication elective ³	3
	Approved humanities elective ²	3
	Approved social science elective ⁴	3
PED/HLT	Physical education (or health) ⁵	2
	Total	14
Fourth Semester		
ENG	Literature II ⁷ (ENG 242, 244, or 252)	3
ENG, CST	Approved communication electives ³	6
	Approved elective ⁶	3
	Approved social science elective ⁴	3
	Total	15
	Program Total	62

¹ A one-year sequence of biology, chemistry, geology or physics is recommended; however, depending on the requirements of the four-year institutions, two one-semester courses in different sciences may be substituted with advisor approval.

² Students may select humanities electives from the approved list.

³ To be selected from the following: ENG 121-122; ENG 211-212; any course with CST prefix including: CST 116; CST 130; CST 131-132; CST 136; CST 233-234; CST 229

⁴ Students may select social science electives from the approved list.

⁵ Students are encouraged to determine, with their advisors' help, transferability of health courses to specific four-year institutions.

⁶ ITE 115 will satisfy this requirement. Students are required to 1) complete a computer course such as ITE 115 or equivalent or 2) demonstrate proficiency in using a Windows-based operating system along with word processing, spreadsheet, database management, presentation and communication software by passing an LFCC computer competency exam. Students eligible for option two may select any appropriate elective. Please consult your academic advisor.

⁷ A one-year sequence of literature is recommended.