

Associate of Arts and Sciences Degree in Liberal Arts: Communication Specialization

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) and associate of science (AS) offered by LFCC are designed to provide freshman and sophomore level course work toward the completion of a bachelor's degree. The AA&S and AS degree programs require students to take essentially the same courses as required by their university/four-year college counterparts.

To help facilitate the transfer process, LFCC has created an online 'Transfer Guide' that provides detailed information such as tuition, GPA, application requirements, course equivalents, and other information that may be useful in the transfer process. The transfer guide can be found at www.lfcc.edu/transfer. The Virginia Community College System also offers a Transfer Planning Tool on the Virginia Educational Wizard, which can be found at www.vawizard.org.

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 information and college catalogs, exploring Guaranteed Admissions and Transfer agreements, 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 an advisor or counselor to gain additional information to plan a successful transfer experience.

Course#	Title	Credits
First Semester		
ENG 111	College Composition I	3
HIS	History Elective ^{1,2}	3
MTH	Math Elective ^{1,3}	3
SDV 100	College Success Skills	1
CST 114	Survey of Mass Media or Communication Elective ⁴	3
	Foreign Language Elective ¹	3-4
	Total	16-17
Second Semester		
ENG 112	College Composition II	3
HIS	History Elective ^{1,2}	3
MTH	Math Elective ^{1,3}	3
CST 100	Principles of Public Speaking	3
	Foreign Language Elective ¹	3-4
	Total	15-16
Third Semester		
CST, ENG	Communication Elective ⁴	3
	Social Science Elective ¹	3
PED/HLT	Physical Education or Health Science with Lab Elective ^{1,5}	4
ITE	Information Literacy Elective ¹	3
	Total	14
Fourth Semester		
ENG	Literature Elective ¹	3
	Science with Lab Elective ^{1,5}	4
	Global Studies Elective ¹	3
CST, ENG	Communication Elective ⁴	3
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	Total	16
	Program Total	61-63

¹ Lists of approved electives can be found on page 42.

² Students should check with the institution to which they are transferring in order to determine the most appropriate history course(s) to take at LFCC. A one-year sequence in Western Civilization (101/102), World Civilization (111/112), or American history (121/122) is recommended. However, depending on the requirements of four-year institutions, two one-semester courses in different sequences may be substituted with advisor approval.

³ Students should check with the institution to which they will be transferring in order to determine the most appropriate math courses to take at LFCC.

⁴ The following courses may be used as communication electives: ENG 121, ENG 122, ENG 211, ENG 212, CST (any course).

⁵ A One-year sequence of biology, chemistry, geology, or physics is recommended. However, depending on the requirements of four-year institutions, two one-semester courses in difference sciences may be substituted with advisor approval.