

COMMUNICATION AREA OF CONCENTRATION WITHIN ARTS AND HUMANITIES A.A. (TRANSFER)

Program website (<https://www.frederick.edu/programs/arts-humanities/communication.aspx>)

Program Description

Designed for students interested in all fields stressing human interaction. In addition to communication courses, a broad range of social science and humanities courses are recommended. The area of concentration is designed to prepare the student to transfer to a four-year institution.

Program Learning Outcomes

- Modify verbal and nonverbal communication appropriately given the purpose and the context of the communication.
- Plan, prepare, and deliver a well-organized, logical oral presentation that demonstrates critical thinking skills.
- Use appropriate presentation techniques (e.g. maintain eye contact, modulate voice, avoid distracting mannerisms, etc.)
- Employ appropriate discussion, negotiation, conflict resolution, and cooperation skills to work with people from a variety of experiences and backgrounds in the community and the workplace.
- Apply relevant criteria and standards when evaluating information, claims, and arguments.
- Use appropriate reasoning to evaluate problems, make decisions, and formulate solutions.
- Demonstrate appropriate methods of integrating and documenting outside sources.
- Demonstrate effective listening behaviors in both interpersonal and group situations.

Program Requirements

- Students must complete their credit **English and Mathematics** within the first 24 credits.
- One course must meet the cultural competence graduation requirement (<https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#cultural>).
- **CORE: The General Education CORE** is that foundation of the higher education curriculum providing a coherent intellectual experience for all students. Students should check with an advisor or the transfer institution (ARTSYS) before selecting General Education CORE requirements. <http://artsys.usmd.edu/>
- In some General Education categories (Mathematics, Biological & Physical Sciences), a 4-credit course selected from the GenEd course list will satisfy the requirement in place of a 3-credit course. Students should check with an advisor before selecting these courses.
- For the Physical Education, Health, or Nutrition requirement, a 3-credit PHED, HLTH, or NUTR course may satisfy the requirement in place of a 1-credit course. Students should check with an advisor before selecting this course.

- Students must earn a grade of "C" or better in ENGL 101 English Composition.
- Students must complete a minimum of nine credits at the 200-level.

Code	Title	Credits
English		
ENGL 101	English Composition	3
Mathematics		
Mathematics Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#mathematics)		3
Social & Behavioral Sciences		
Social & Behavioral Sciences Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#social-behavioral) - select two courses from different disciplines		6
Arts & Humanities		
Arts Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#arts)		3
Humanities Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#humanities)		3
Communication Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#communication)		3
Biological & Physical Sciences		
Biological & Physical Sciences Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#biological-physical)		3
Biological & Physical Sciences Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#biological-physical) (Lab course)		4
General Education Elective		
Arts & Humanities Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#arts-humanities) - select one Arts & Humanities course from Music, Theatre, Visual Arts, English, Languages, or Philosophy		3
Physical Education, Health, or Nutrition Requirement		
Select one PHED, HLTH, or NUTR course		1
Concentration Courses		
Complete the following courses ¹		12
COMM 101	Introduction to Communication Studies	
COMM 103	Public Speaking	
COMM 105	Small Group Communication (satisfies cultural competence requirement)	
COMM 201	Foundations of Communication Theory (Spring)	
Electives		
Select 16 credit hours ^{1,2}		16
Total Credits		60

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Students should check with an advisor or transfer institution (ARTSYS) before selecting their courses.

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Depending on the transfer institution, recommended electives may include: COMM 107 Career Communication, electives in the Social Sciences, English, Film & Video, or World Language disciplines.

Transfer Note

For more information on careers and transfer, contact the Career and Academic Planning Services office at 301.846.2471 or visit Transfer Services (<https://www.frederick.edu/student-resources/counseling-advising/transfer-services.aspx>).

Guided Pathway to Success (GPS)

Suggested schedules map your path to degree completion.

Students should meet with an advisor each semester to carefully select and sequence courses based on their specific academic goals and interests. Visit Jefferson Hall or call 301.846.2471 for advising.

Fall, Spring, Summer - courses with a Fall, Spring, or Summer notation indicate the course is offered in the specified semester only.

Recommended First Semester		Credits
ENGL 101	English Composition ¹	3
COMM 101	Introduction to Communication Studies (Milestone)	3
Mathematics Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#mathematics) ¹		3-4
Humanities Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#humanities)		3
Communication Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#communication)		3
Credits		15-16
Recommended Second Semester		
COMM 103	Public Speaking (Milestone)	3
Biological & Physical Sciences Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#biological-physical) w/lab		4
Social & Behavioral Sciences Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#social-behavioral)		3
Arts Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#arts)		3
Choose an elective in consultation with an advisor		3
Credits		16
Recommended Third Semester		
COMM 105	Small Group Communication (Milestone)	3
Biological & Physical Sciences Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#biological-physical)		3-4
Social & Behavioral Sciences Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#social-behavioral) (in a different discipline from first)		3
Choose an elective in consultation with an advisor		3
Arts & Humanities Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#arts-humanities) - choose from Music, Theatre, Visual Arts, English, Languages, or Philosophy		3
Credits		15-16
Recommended Fourth Semester		
COMM 201	Foundations of Communication Theory (Spring)	3
Choose an elective in consultation with an advisor		3
Physical Education, Health, or Nutrition Requirement		1,3
Choose an elective in consultation with an advisor		3
Choose an elective in consultation with an advisor (credits may vary to fulfill 60 credits for degree)		4
Credits		14-16
Total Credits		60-64

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Take this course within the first 24 credits.

Part-time Students

Part-time students should complete courses in the order listed on the pathway. Please contact program manager for questions about part-time status.

Students who take fewer than 15 credits each semester or who require developmental English or Math coursework will need additional semesters to complete their degrees. Summer term and January session classes may help students to make faster progress.

Pathway Legend

Milestone - courses with the Milestone notation should be taken within the recommend credit range to stay on track for program completion.