

COMMUNICATION (AA)

Associate of Arts

Transfer Program

Interest Areas:

Arts, Comm. and Humanities

Communication is a discipline that teaches vital skills for success in today's society and provides professional preparation in communication. Communication provides the link for using all other technical skills and knowledge acquired in one's lifetime. Few assets are more valuable to a career or community than a basic understanding of communication dynamics.

Communication is an area of study that is not limited to public speaking. Communication includes studying how people interact in relationships and groups and public presentation situations. The course of study offered at NIC allows students to explore various areas of communication. Completing the following courses results in an associate degree and generally fulfills the first half of the baccalaureate degree requirements in communication. Course selections should be tailored to match the requirements of the intended transfer institution.

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Program Website (<https://www.nic.edu/programs/communication/>)

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
General Education Requirements		
GEM 1 - Written Communication		6
GEM 2 - Oral Communication		3
GEM 3 - Mathematical Ways of Knowing		3-5
GEM 4 - Scientific Ways of Knowing		7-8
GEM 5 - Humanistic and Artistic Ways of Knowing ¹		3
GEM 6 - Social and Behavioral Ways of Knowing ²		0
GEM 7W - Wellness		1-3
Select one of the following:		3
GEM 7F - First Year Experience		
GEM 7I - Institutionally Designated		
Program Requirements		
COMJ-140	Mass Media in a Free Society	3
COMM-209	Argumentation	3
COMM-220	Introduction to Intercultural Communication	3
COMM-233	Interpersonal Communication	3
COMM-236	Small Group Communication	3
Select one of the following:		2-3
COMM-103	Oral Interpretation	
COMM-111	Interview Techniques	

COMM-207	Dynamics of Social Media
COMM-212	Nonverbal Communication

Elective Requirements

Courses 100-level or higher	13-16
Total Credits	60-65

¹ This General Education Requirement is partially met by the Program Requirements.

² This General Education Requirement is met by the Program Requirements.

Recommended Electives

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COMM-103	Oral Interpretation	3
COMM-111	Interview Techniques	2
COMM-207	Dynamics of Social Media	3
COMM-212	Nonverbal Communication	3

Course Key



GEM



AAS
Institutionally
Designated



Gateway



Milestone

Program Outcomes

Upon completion of the program, students will be able to:

1. Organize, develop, and deliver audience-centered presentations that clearly articulate their ideas.
2. Analyze, construct, and critique arguments grounded in logical reasoning.
3. Identify and evaluate how interpersonal and intercultural communication principles influence communication and understand strategies for developing communication competence.
4. Identify foundational communication theories.
5. Identify the fundamentals of small group communication through experiential learning and critically evaluate their own and others' behaviors.

In addition to the program outcomes, students will meet the North Idaho College General Education (GEM) Requirements.