

PROGRAM OF STUDY

Communication (AA-T) AA-T Degree

Merritt College

Communication skills are essential to forming and maintaining personal relationships, acquiring and excelling in a job, and relating to the world around us. Through the study and practice of interpersonal, professional, and intercultural communication skills, students will learn how their perceptions and self-esteem affect their interactions with others. Beyond this, students will improve their abilities to speak, write, and present information effectively, whether in face-to-face interactions or in public or mass-media settings. The Communication program prepares students to transfer to a four-year college or university to obtain a degree in Communication or a related Social Science field. The courses in the program also improve job attainment and performance skills, providing students with the training necessary for public speaking, customer service, conflict resolution, and interviewing. Students who complete the AA degree requirements in Communication will learn and practice cultural awareness, situation analyses, and goal-oriented solutions to practical problems, giving them valuable assets in their future relationships and workplaces. Lastly, this course of study improves students' logic and reasoning skills, thus providing the foundation for understanding math and science, the world around them, and the skills and insights necessary to think through ethical issues and achieve their goals. The AA degree in Communication will be awarded upon satisfactory completion of the Major course requirements and the General Education requirements.

Career Opportunities in

Customer Service Representative Salesperson Nonprofit Organizer Consultant Focus Group Facilitator Interviewer Human Resource Representative

List A

Required 3 Courses (9 units)

		Units
COMM 045	Public Speaking	3
	and	
COMM 004	The Dynamics of Group Discussion	3
	and	
COMM 020	Interpersonal Communication Skills	3

List B

Any 2 Courses (6 units)

		Units
COMM 006	Intercultural Communication	3
COMM 019	Survey of Mass Media	3
COMM 3	Introduction to Human Communication	3

List C

Any 1 Course (3 units)

		Units
COMM 013	Ethnic Perceptions in the Mass Media	3
	or	
COMM 018	Aging and Communication	3
	or	
ANTHR 003	Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology	3
	or	
PSYCH 001A	Introduction to General Psychology	3
	or	
SOC 001	Introduction to Sociology	3
	or	
COMM 010	Gender and Communication	3
	or	
ENGL 001B	Composition and Reading	4

ENGL 005

or

Critical Thinking in Reading and Writing

3

Total Units

18 - 19

PID 329