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Communication Studies Transfer Pathway AA - 60 credits (Fall 2025)

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Program Description

The Communication Studies Transfer Pathway AA offers students a powerful option: the opportunity to complete an Associate of Arts degree with course credits that directly transfer to designated Communication bachelor's degree programs at most Minnesota State universities. The curriculum has been specifically designed so that students completing this pathway degree and transferring to one of the seven Minnesota State universities enter the university with junior-year status. All courses in the Transfer Pathway associate degree will directly transfer and apply to the designated bachelor's degree programs in a related field. Universities within the Minnesota State system include Bemidji State University; Metropolitan State University; Minnesota State University, Mankato; Minnesota State University, Moorhead; Southwest Minnesota State University; St. Cloud State University; and Winona State University.

Pre-program Requirements

To begin this program, you need to be at a specific skill level in English/reading and mathematics.

English/Reading:

- Eligible for ENGL 1106 – College Composition I, or
- Completion of ENGL/READ 0950/0955 (or equivalent or higher). ENGL/READ 0950/0955 may not be taken concurrently with Semester I coursework.

Required Courses

Mathematics:

A college level math course is required for graduation. Students must satisfy course pre-requisites for college level math courses, which may require more than one semester of additional math. Connect with your advisor for assistance with course placement.

There are other ways to qualify. Visit [Course Placement](http://lsc.edu/course-placement) (lsc.edu/course-placement) to find out more.

Course	Course Title	Credits	MnTC Goal Area	Term
FYE 1000	First Year Experience	1		
COMM 1105*	Interpersonal Communication	3	1	
COMM 1110*	Public Speaking	3	1	
COMM 1115*	Intercultural Communication	3	1, 7A	
COMM 1125*	Small Group Communication	3	1	
ENGL 1106*	College Composition I	3	1	
ENGL 1109*	College Composition II	3	1	
MCOM 1400	Intro to Mass Communication	3	9	
COMM 1120*	Media & Society	3	5, 8	
COMM 2205*	Relationship Communication	3	5	
or COMM 1600*	Communication in the Workplace	3	5, 7A	
	Goal 3: Natural Science (one course that also fulfills Goal 10)	6	3, 10	
	Goal 4: Mathematical/Logical Reasoning	3	4	
	Goal 5: History and the Social Behavioral Sciences – non COMM Course	3	5	
	Goal 6: Humanities & Fine Arts (must include 3 credit literature course)	9	6	
	HPER - Physical Education/Health course(s)	2		
	General Electives	9		

Total Credits **60**

*Courses may require a prerequisite

For interpretation of test results and selection of appropriate coursework;
or general information about the program, admissions, financial aid, and getting started at LSC,
contact the [professional advising team](mailto:advising@lsc.edu) (advising@lsc.edu) or 218-733-7601



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Program Outcomes

A student completing Lake Superior College's Minnesota State Communication Studies Transfer Pathway and transferring into a designated bachelor's program in communication at a Minnesota State university will have junior standing and may complete the bachelor's degree within an additional 60 credits. You will be able to transfer to the following designated majors at Minnesota State universities:

At Metropolitan State University:

Bachelor of Arts, Professional Communication

- Organizational Communication
- Public Relations

Minimum program admission requirement: Completed CMST – Transfer Pathway AA with minimum GPA of 2.0

At Minnesota State, Mankato:

Bachelor of Science, Communication Studies

Minimum program admission requirement: Completed CMST – Transfer Pathway AA with minimum GPA of 2.0

At Minnesota State, Moorhead:

Bachelor of Arts, Communication Studies

- Career-Adaptive Communication
- Event Planning and Promotion
- Communication Training and Development
- Sales Communication
- Sports Communication

Minimum program admission requirement: Completed CMST – Transfer Pathway AA with minimum GPA of 2.0

At Southwest State University:

Bachelor of Arts, Communication Studies

- General Communication Studies
- Public Relations

Minimum program admission requirement: Completed CMST – Transfer Pathway AA with minimum GPA of 2.0

At St. Cloud State University:

Bachelor of Arts, Communication Studies

- Relational Communication
- Intercultural Communication
- Persuasion and Advocacy
- Leadership and Organizational Communication
- Comprehensive Emphasis

Bachelor of Science, Communication Studies Interdepartmental

Bachelor of Arts, Communication Studies Supplementary

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At Winona State University:

Bachelor of Arts, Communication Studies

- General Option
- Leadership and Advocacy Option
- Organizational Communication Option

Minimum program admission requirement: Completed CMST – Transfer Pathway AA with minimum GPA of 2.4

In order to graduate and be guaranteed admission to a Minnesota State university's designated program you must earn an overall grade point average as indicated by the university to which you will transfer.

There are additional communication-related programs for which this pathway is not designed. If students are interested in a major not listed above, they are encouraged to contact the University directly to discuss transferring to that program.

Suggested course sequence for a full-time student averaging 15 credits per semester

First Semester 16 credits

FYE 1000 First Year Experience	1
COMM 1110 Public Speaking	3
MCOM 1400 Intro to Mass Communication	3
ENGL 1106 College Composition I	3
Goal 6 course	3
MnTC elective	3

Second Semester 15 credits

COMM 1105 Interpersonal Communication	3
ENGL 1109 College Composition II	3
Goal 3/10 course	3
Goal 5 Non COMM course	3
Goal 4 course	3

Third Semester 15 Credits

COMM 1125 Small Group Communication	3
COMM 1600 or COMM 2205	3
Goal 3 course	3
Goal 6 Literature course	3
MnTC elective	3

Fourth Semester 14 Credits

COMM 1115 Intercultural Communication	3
COMM 1120 Media & Society	3
HPER -Physical Education/Health course(s)	2
Goal 6 course	3
MnTC elective	3

Total Credits 60

For more information about the Communication Studies Transfer Pathway including course descriptions, course prerequisites, and potential career opportunities, see the [program website](https://www.lsc.edu/degrees/communication-transfer-pathway-aa/) (https://www.lsc.edu/degrees/communication-transfer-pathway-aa/) or contact faculty, [Brandon Leno](mailto:brandon.leno@lsc.edu) (brandon.leno@lsc.edu) at 218-733-7665



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